



4-6 February 2019 The Esplanade Hotel, Newquay TR7 1PS

This year's speaker

We're delighted to welcome as our conference leader **Revd Geoff Colmer**, Regional Minister Team Leader for the Central Baptist Association and one of the founder members of the Order for Baptist Ministry.



This year's theme

This year's conference will take the form of a retreat, with Geoff leading us in reconnecting personally with God and seeking nourishment for the soul as we step aside from ministry for a precious couple of days. There will intentionally be less spoken input from up front and more time for allowing God to do some work in us, using guided questions and conversation starters.

During the free periods in the conference, Geoff and a few others will be available for one-to-one reflection conversations of up to 45 minutes for those who would find this helpful. You will be able to sign up for this at the conference.

About our speaker

Geoff Colmer has been the Regional Minister/Team Leader of the Central Baptist Association since 2004, where he has a particular responsibility for pastoral care of churches and ministers. Previous to this he served churches in Rye and Melton Mowbray. In what seems like a former life, Geoff was a professional musician, playing bassoon in the English Northern Philharmonia, the orchestra of Opera North. Music continues to be a passion and he still enjoys playing occasionally as part of the Horizon Ensemble. He has a particular interest in spirituality and has trained as an Ignatian Spiritual Director.

Geoff is married to Cazz, a primary school head, and they have two married sons, two granddaughters and a grandson. He loves Italy, food, cooking and baking, among other things!

The Esplanade Hotel & environs

We will be staying at the Esplanade Hotel in Newquay. The modern hotel is situated overlooking Fistral Bay with lovely views over the sandy bay from the lounge, dining room and many of the bedrooms. All bedrooms have en-suite bathrooms, TV, wifi access and tea/coffee making facilities. Meals will be served in the Dining Room with a choice of breakfasts, three-course evening meals and lunch buffets. Special diets are catered for.

The programme is arranged to allow plenty of free time when you can enjoy the comfy lounge with lovely sea views, the bar and indoor swimming pool. The Esplanade is situated just off the South West Coast Path with walks on the doorstep.



Booking

Costs for Resident guests are

Minister £175

Spouse £115

Costs for Day Visitor guests are

Monday afternoon/evening: £50

Tuesday all day: £70

Wednesday morning: £40

Online payment You can access our online booking system at

<https://bookwhen.com/swbaptists/e/ev-s1y4-20190204000000>

Once you've completed the online booking you will be invited to make your payment by card. If you prefer to pay by cheque or bank transfer this is also possible - details are given on the payment page.

Paper booking form If you'd prefer to book by completing and returning a paper booking form with payment that's fine too— a form is attached to our email.

Confirmation of booking Your Conference place will be confirmed once we have received your booking form and payment.

Bookings deadline To help with administration and in particular the allocation of bedrooms, please book your place by **Friday 11th January**.

Assisted places We have a limited number of part-funded places. If you would like to come, but feel that cost may be an issue, please contact Nigel Manges: nigel@swbaptists.org.uk 01392 433533 for a confidential chat, or ask your Treasurer to do so.

Donations If you would like to make a donation to help another minister/spouse to come, this will be much appreciated. There is the option to make a donation when you book.

Room allocation policy We appreciate that most people would like to have a sea view room but only around half the rooms at the hotel have a sea view. In order to try and treat everyone fairly we apply the following policy when allocating rooms:

Room allocations are made at least two weeks before the start of the Conference. Any bookings received after Mon 14th January will be allocated an inland-facing room.

We will try as far as possible to ensure that if you did not have a seaview room last year then you will have one this year. It follows, therefore, that if you had a seaview room last year you may well not have one this year. In this way we will aim to ensure that everyone has a sea view on alternate years. Your understanding in this is much appreciated!

Cancellation and refund policy Cancellations more than 7 days before the start of Conference will normally be refunded up to 75% of total paid.

Cancellations less than 7 days before the start of the Conference will not be refunded as the hotel will charge us for your place in full.

Please email Kathy: kathy@swbaptists.org.uk if you do need to cancel or think you may need to. Even if you are ill on the day, it's helpful to know you're not coming.

Timings

We'll begin at 3:00pm on **Monday 4 February** and end with lunch together on **Wednesday 6 February**.

More information about sessions and programme timings will be available on our website.

We look forward to seeing you there!

SWBA Team