

Booking Form

Name(s)

Address

Email address

Telephone numbers

Home

Work

Mobile

To which organisation/church do you belong?

Any special needs, including special dietary needs? Please give details

Three groups in order of preference (1 being first choice)

1)

2)

3)

Please post this form, with your full payment, to:
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October 1 - 3 2004

from 4.00pm Friday

Highgate House, Creaton, Northampton, NN6 8NN

A conference celebrating **2004—The 10th Anniversary of the International Year of the Family**

Hosted by **FLAME** (Family Life and Marriage Education) and **CTF** (Churches Together for Families—Co-ordinating group of Churches Together in England)

Chaired by **David Gamble**, Co-ordinating Secretary for Legal and Constitutional Practice, of the Methodist Church

Keynote speakers

Duncan Dormor

Dean of St. John's, Cambridge and lecturer in the sociology of religion. Author of 'Just Cohabiting' (January 2004) and co-editor of 'Anglicanism: the answer to modernity' (2003)

Helen Cameron

Member of the Territorial Strategy Council of the Salvation Army, consultant on voluntary sector management and social policy, author of many articles on the organisation of local churches and managing volunteers

Groups

Which groups would you most like to join? Write your top three choices on the booking form, numbering them in order of preference.

1. Families suffering domestic violence
2. Enriching marriage
3. Blending families
4. Families with children who are carers
5. Interchurch/interfaith families
6. Adoption/fostering children
7. Supporting families with learning difficulties/disabilities
8. Single people and families
9. Prisoners' families and parenting courses
10. Involving dads
11. Families with early year children (toddler groups, parenting courses etc)



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with families in the 21st century



Focussing on families

The aim of this conference is to explore ways that Churches can work with families in all their diversity and complexity, whilst being faithful to Christian scripture, tradition and experience. The conference will also explore the problem of finding volunteers to help, issues of accreditation and problems of generating enthusiasm for this work in a climate of decreasing resources and increasing loss of confidence.



What will we do?

After hearing two keynote speeches, the conference will divide into small working groups for the rest of the weekend. Aided by a facilitator, they will spend time exploring the experiences of a real family who has been willing to share their story. The group will then spend the rest of the weekend developing a strategy and some guidelines to aid local churches who wish to respond to the needs of the families represented. The results of the working groups will be put together into a resource pack that may be prepared for publication. So there will be plenty of work for everyone to do!

There will also be times for worship, relaxation, socialising, and enjoying the facilities.

The venue

Highgate House is a high class conference centre with swimming pool, sauna and gym, in a rural location. The comfortable en-suite rooms are all individually decorated. The food is of a consistently high standard, and special diets can be catered for individually. Hot and cold drinks, biscuits, fruit and ice cream are available for guests to enjoy throughout the day.

The cost

£140 Early bird rate if you book before 1st June

(£160 afterwards)

£225 Early bird for couples sharing

(£260 afterwards)

£75 for non-residential

(but including food and use of facilities)

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