Welcome

A very warm welcome to the ninth Brighton Celebrate Weekend. We are delighted that you have come to be with us.

Many of you came in 2016, but if you are new to Celebrate you are especially welcome.

Brighton is one of 13 regional weekends that happen up and down the country throughout the year. The Celebrate vision is to offer a faith-filled and fun event which combines good Christian teaching, inspirational speakers and celebration of the liturgy, where young and old alike join together in a vibrant atmosphere to celebrate the love of God.

Most of us at Celebrate are Catholics but we especially welcome those from other Christian traditions including Archie Coates, our speaker on Saturday, and Sue Whitehead who, with her husband Charles, founded Celebrate 23 years ago. We are delighted that both Charles and Sue will be leading workshops.

The theme of our weekend is based on Matthew 6:33

**“Seek First His Kingdom*”***

We are very fortunate to be holding Celebrate at Cardinal Newman School,  
Hove. The Head Teacher and staff have been very supportive and generous to us. We want you to enjoy the wonderful facilities we have on offer -  
please help us to take care of this lovely school.

**Please take a few moments to read this programme.**It has been designed to help your conference run smoothly. If there is  
anything we can do to help you get the best out of Celebrate please do  
ask - we will always try to help.

**Please ensure that you wear your badges at all times.**You will not be admitted to any part of the conference without one. This  
is for security reasons - thank you for understanding.

We look forward to meeting you over the weekend and we pray that we are  
open to all that the Lord has for us - may He bless our time together.

*Helen, Nick, Glenda, Roger, Gerry, Richard & Peter*

**The Brighton Celebrate Core Team**

Practical Info  
**The Registration Desk** (in the Octagon) will be manned throughout the  
conference if you need help with anything.

**In the event of a fire** please assemble on the top field next to Newman College. Children will be accompanied to this point by their stream leaders.

There is a **map** on the inside back page of this booklet which shows you  
which buildings we are using on the site.

Please note smoking is not permitted on the school premises or grounds.

**Meals and Refreshments**During breaks there will be tea and coffee available in the Octagon  
and in the Common Room opposite the Main Hall. We are offering an evening meal for those who requested one on their booking form. This will be served in the Canteen. Our caterers will be serving a large number of people so please be patient to allow this to be done as smoothly and quickly as possible. Families first please. Thank you.

Packed lunches on Saturday and Sunday may be eaten in the Canteen, the Common Room or outside. Please dispose of your rubbish in the bins provided.

Archie & Cathy Cameron from **Agape Ministries** will be recording the main talks and some of the workshops - please listen out for details as to how to order your copies. These will enable you to listen again or hear something you may have missed or maybe even buy copies to give away to friends and family.

**The Market Place**

Make sure you take some time to visit the Market Place which is in the Octagon alongside Reception. We have Good News Books with a great selection of wonderful reading material and music - speak to Toni & Gerard Pomfret for recommendations and listen out for announcements!

We also have some displays in the Common Room.

You can grab a tea or coffee in the Octagon and in the Common Room.

***Sessions and Speakers  
The Programme***We welcome to the main stage **, Maria Heath, Archie Coates and Canon David Oakley.**

We will also be having times of prayer and praise led by **One Hope Project** and Drama from **RISE Theatre.**

We have a great programme of workshops from which to choose, designed to support and equip us in our Christian walk. Please see the detailed list set out in this programme to help you decide which to attend.

Outside of the main sessions, please take an opportunity to visit the Market Place in the Octagon, where you will find **Good News Books**, along with other materials on display.

**The timetable for the weekend is in the middle of this booklet.**

Main Speakers

**Maria Heath** - Saturday morning

**'Keep calm and seek first the Kingdom'.** Exploring some of the opportunities and challenges offered to us by this year's conference theme.

**Archie Coates** – Saturday Evening

**'The River Of Life, from John 7:37-39'.** Everything we need in order to flourish in our lives God has already made available in his spirit. But how can we tap into his resources? How can we best position ourselves to access all that he has for us?".

**Canon David Oakley** – Sunday Morning

**'From Jerusalem to Brighton'.** This talk will explore the Gospel roots of “Seek First the Kingdom” and how we might receive the Lord’s invitation in our lives today.

*Eucharists and Prayer*

*Mass times*Saturday (at 11:55am) - Father Angelus Houle, Father Chris Benyon & Father Kevin Dring  
Sunday (at 2:15pm) - Canon David Oakley, Fr. Chris Benyon

We welcome Christians from other denominations to join us during our Eucharistic celebrations. It is with sadness that at present intercommunion with other Christians is not permissible but we warmly invite our brothers and sisters to come forward for a prayer of blessing.

*Reconciliation*Saturday 1:15pm – 2:15pm: Fr. Kevin Dring, Fr. Chris Benyon  
Saturday 2:15pm - 3.15pm: Fr. Chris Benyon

Saturday 3:45pm – 4:45pm: Fr. Bruno Witchalls

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be in NG17 and NG18**Fr. Chris Benyon has written the following as an encouragement to us all:  
*“This Sacrament is a wonderful opportunity to renew or even start again our real life, the life of the Spirit and to experience the love of God. It is our (the priests) wonderful privilege of being able to serve you and, through the Love of God, give you that experience.”*

*Prayer Ministry and Quiet Time*After the Saturday evening and Sunday morning sessions there will be an opportunity for people to receive prayer. An invited team has been trained and authorized to minister during this time. You will know who they are by the coloured stickers on their badges. Please respect our decision to entrust this ministry to certain people - we hope you understand that this has been done in the best interests of all.

**Room NG16** has been set aside as a **chapel** which is available throughout the weekend for personal prayer.

*Children & Young People*

We have a team who have been busy preparing a fun packed, faith-filled experience for our children and young people. Please remember, unless arranged otherwise, when the children are not in their streams, they are your responsibility.

To make the weekend as safe and enjoyable as possible please note:

**Children in the creche must be accompanied by a parent/ guardian.**

The creche will have baby changing facilities and will be open throughout the conference with a video and audio link to the Main Hall.

If your child has **special needs or allergies** you must inform their stream leader.  
For the younger streams, you will be asked to complete a **health questionnaire** for your child when you register them with their stream.

If your child needs you, we will use the projector in the Main Hall to inform you. Please inform stream leaders which workshops you will be attending.

**Parents need to collect children at all breaks and at meal times. If your child can leave their stream on their own to return to you, please inform the Stream Leader.**

***Stream Information***

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| **Stream** | **Age Group** | **Rooms** | **Stream Leader** |
| **Creche\*** | Ages 0-2 | MF8 |  |
| **Little Fishes** | Ages 3-4 and Reception | MF7 | Amy Burgess |
| **Heavenly Host** | Years 1, 2, & 3 | MF2 | Paul and Veronica Langford |
| **Fired Up!** | Years 4, 5 & 6 | MG7, MG8 | Sarah and David Beresford |
| **Saints** | Years 7, 8 & 9 | MS1, MS8 | Bryony Wells |
| **Obadiah’s Octagon (OOs)** | Years 10 - 13 | MS3, MS6 | Fran Carbone |

\*This room has been set aside for use by parents and babies/toddlers. There is a video and audio link to the Main Hall.

***Drama***

We welcome John Bosco and Katie Krane from **RISE Theatre.**

RISE Theatre CIC is a professional Christian theatre company with a passion for delivering exciting, original, transformative theatre. RISE Theatre is run as a not-for-profit Community Interest Company. We work at schools, churches, events and festivals across the UK with the aim of inspiring people of all ages to realise their full potential in life.

We are passionate about creating faith based stories that spark the imagination and speak to hearts and minds.

Through multi-creative platforms we create opportunities for people of all ages to explore their sense of identity and purpose in the world.

***Saturday Programme***

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| 08:30am | Registration, Tea & Coffee | 8:30am | Registration |
|  |  | 09:15 | Streams begin |
| 09:30am | Session 1 (Maria Heath) |  |  |
| 11.25am | Break |  |  |
| 11.55am | Mass |  | Streams join for Mass |
| 1:00pm | Lunch | 1:00pm | Streams pause |
|  |  | 2:05pm | Streams resume |
| 2:15pm | Saturday Workshops 1 |  |  |
| 3:15pm | Break |  |  |
| 3:45pm | Saturday Workshops 2 |  |  |
| 4:50pm | Family Evening Meal starts | 4:50pm | Streams pause |
| 5:00pm | Main conference Evening Meal |  |  |
|  |  | 6:30pm | Streams resume |
| 6:40pm | Session 2 (Archie Coates) |  |  |
|  |  | 9:00pm | Streams conclude |
| 9:30pm | Evening concludes |  |  |

***Sunday Programme***

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| 8:45am | Registration  Tea and Coffee | 8:45am | Registration |
|  |  | 9:15am | Streams begin |
| 9:30am | Session 3 (Canon David Oakley) |  |  |
| 11:25am | Break |  |  |
| 11:55am | Sunday Workshops |  |  |
| 1:00pm | Lunch | 1:00pm | Streams End |
| 2:15pm | Family Mass | 2:15pm | Family Mass |
| 4:00pm | Conference closes | 4:00pm | Conference closes |

**Please hand in your badges as you come into the Main Hall for the final Family Mass on Sunday.**

*Workshop Information*

*Saturday 1 2.15pm*

**50 Years of Amazing Grace – Charles Whitehead Main Hall**

This seminar will look at the events of the 20th century, often called "the century of the Holy Spirit, which saw the beginning of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal in 1967. Charles will also consider what this Renewal and the Baptism in the Holy Spirit is all about, look at the attitudes of the Church authorities and at the ecumenical significance of what took place, and ask what the Spirit is saying to us now about the way ahead."

**'Restoration in the Kingdom' – Mary Matthews NG1**

Come and join Mary as she draws lessons from the life of Naomi.

**Bible Journalling - Sarah Beresford NG2**

A prayerful, creative workshop exploring our conference theme. Great for doodlers, dreamers and people who think in colour and pictures.

**"And all these things will be given to you as well" (Matt 6:33): the kingdom of God and the common good – Nicholas Townsend NG3**

What does our faith teach us about 'the common good'? What does this mean in practice? This workshop will look at these questions, and also introduce the work of Together for the Common Good.

*Saturday 2 3.45pm*

**Eucharistic Healing Service - Fr. Angelus Houle Main Hall**

**What is the Kingdom of God? And how would we know if we have found it? David Matthews NG1**

We will take a brief but interesting look at the Hebrew thinking beyond the expression Kingdom of God. We will then explore ways of 'finding' it.

**Experiencing The Big Picture - Sue Whitehead NG2**

Been there, done that? I've so enjoyed having my faith challenged, clarified and affirmed; sharing and hearing other's insights. It's more than "all about Scripture" - come and see!

**You, the Bible and God's Big Plan – Tim Stevens NG3**

How to bring the Bible alive in your daily prayer and how to help others do the same. Come along to this fun and practical workshop to empower you wherever you are at. There is some great news to be shared and DVD clips to be shown. This seminar includes a FREE parish/group bible resource

*Sunday 11.55am*

**Put out into deep waters: becoming a missionary parish -**

**Maria Heath NG1**

This workshop will help us to reflect on our call to become missionary parishes, exploring practical ways we can respond to this call.

**Matthew and the Kingdom - David Beresford NG2**

Going deeper into Matthew's version of the Sermon on the Mount and what Matthew thought the Kingdom of God was about. This workshop will be a specifically biblical focus on our conference theme and will be a balance of teaching, group discussion and prayer.

**The Catholic Charismatic Renewal and the Unity of Christians: a roadmap for the *next* fifty years – Revd Tim Watson NG3**

Speaking at the 50th anniversary of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal in Rome last month, Pope Francis reminded us all that the Renewal was "born ecumenical!". What ecumenical graces has the Church received through the Renewal movement over the past 50 years? What are the ecumenical challenges that the Renewal has faced during that time, and what can we learn from them? And: what is the Holy Spirit saying to the Churches about how they should now walk together into the future, on the path towards unity in Christ?

*Workshop Speakers*

**Charles & Sue Whitehead**

Charles and Sue began the main week-long Celebrate Conference in 1994. Charles wears a number of hats in the many areas he has responsibility for: Chairman of the International Charismatic Consultation ([ICC](http://www.iccowe.com/)); Past President of International Catholic Charismatic Renewal Services ([ICCRS](http://www.iccrs.org/)); Life Member of the English National Service Committee (NSC) for Catholic Charismatic Renewal; Co-chairman of the Charismatic and Pentecostal Leaders Conference. He is also been made a Papal Knight of St. Gregory the Great. Sue deals with all the administration of the Celebrate week in Devon as well as using these talents for many other conferences such as the [Harvesters Weekend](http://www.harvesters.org.uk/weekends.htm) at Woldingham and other interdenominational conferences. She is a regular contributor to the Good News Magazine with her article 'The Other Half'.

**David & Mary Matthews**

David & Mary were both born and brought up as Protestant Evangelicals in Belfast. They have been involved in Catholic Charismatic Renewal since the early 1970s when David, along with other Christian Leaders pioneered an ecumenical charismatic community of Catholics and Protestants in Belfast. David also served as senior pastor in New Harvest Community Church in Brentwood, Essex until they both retired in November 2009. They now live on the South Coast near to their four grown-up children and five grandchildren. David continues to preach at Renewal conferences in the UK and Mary’s gifting is in teaching and writing. They have both recently become members of the Roman Catholic Church.

**David & Sarah Beresford**

David & Sarah (here with their daughter Molly) are leading our Fired Up! Stream. They are the Directors of the Catholic Bible School and work across England and Wales with Church groups, Primary and Secondary Schools to engage people with the Scriptures in lively and imaginative ways. They have a stall in the marketplace being looked after by Catholic Bible School volunteers. They have been working in professional ministry roles all their adult lives and love to share the creative genius of God and his message to all.

**Nicholas Townsend**

Nicholas has worked in the private sector, in Parliament, and in teaching Christian ethics and political theology, including at Sarum College, Salisbury, and St Augustine’s College of Theology in London. He has written on Catholic Social Teaching for the VPlater Project based at Newman University, Birmingham ([www.virtualplater.org.uk](http://www.virtualplater.org.uk/)). He lives inDevon.

**Tim Stevens**

A former police officer, Tim is now a full time member of the CaFE team assisting film production; bringing retreats and missions; and providing resources to parishes. Tim is on the main Celebrate Core Team and a regular speaker at the regional weekends. He is a director of the UK charity Welcome Home Ministries Tanzania that funds the Karibu Nyumbani orphanage.

**The Revd Dr Tim Watson**

Tim is an Anglican priest and member of the Chemin Neuf Community. He is currently Continuing Ministerial Development Officer for the Diocese of Chichester, and leader of the Chemin Neuf Community Mission in Brighton & Hove.



