

THE HYMN SOCIETY
OF
GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND

ANNUAL CONFERENCE



22nd July – 25th July 2025

Highgate House Conference Centre
Grooms Lane, Creaton
Northampton
NN6 8NN

BOOKING FORM

For your Information

Our 2025 three-day Conference is taking place at Highgate House Conference Centre, Northampton, part of the Christian Conference Trust. The Centre is readily accessible by train to Northampton, followed by a taxi ride. There is plenty of parking space for cars. The campus is compact, level, with all facilities readily accessible.

Conference

Dates: Tuesday, 22nd July (Arrive from 2.30 pm) to lunchtime Friday, 25th July.

Accommodation: All rooms are ensuite and should be available as either single or twin/double.

Festival of Hymns: This will take place at St Matthew's Church, Northampton. The Commentator will be Michael Garland, and the Organist will be Thomas Moore, Director of Music at St Matthew's.

The Conference Pack: The full programme, and other information, will be sent out in early July either by post or email.

Conference Speakers

Rosalind Brown: *What if Jane Austen had sung hymns?*

Victoria Johnson: *A vocation to praise: why we need to sing*

Iain McLarty: *God welcomes all*

Mark Porter: *For the warming of the earth: repurposing hymns in a time of ecological crisis*

Philip Price: *Gospel Bells - how they ring*

Ian Sharp: *Made to Measure: A composer's reflection in writing hymn tunes*

Martin Tel: *How can we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?*

Gillian Warson: *Northamptonshire Church Music in the late 18th century plus:* Wednesday afternoon visit to the Cowper Newton Museum in Olney

Cost: The Conference has been planned as **fully residential** at £390.00.

Day Visitors are welcome but numbers are limited. A separate booking application is included. The cost for Day Visitors for the full conference is £250.00, with pro-rata fees according to length of stay and the day/s attending.

Additional nights before or after Conference are not available this year.

Bursaries

Bursaries are available due to the generosity of some of our members.

Highgate House also offers bursaries for those who would otherwise either find it difficult, or be unable, to attend. Please apply for a Bursary to the Treasurer who can provide further information.

Booking

To register, please send a non-returnable deposit of £100.00 **by 30th April**.

The balance must be paid by 15th June. Cheques should be made payable to **'The Hymn Society'** or payment by Bank Transfer to:

The Hymn Society of Great Britain & Ireland, Lloyds Bank plc,

Sort Code: 30-92-75 Account No: 19749060

Please send both the completed booking form and insert to:

The Revd Canon Michael Garland, 6 Whimbrel Road, Gloucester GL2 4LJ

Email: michaelgarland368@btinternet.com

Phone: 07974066929

CONFERENCE BOOKING FORM

RESIDENTS

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

A Title, Name(s) and Address

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Email:

Phone No:

B Number of residential places required:
(please tick one of the boxes below):

Single occupancy rooms ☐ Double/Twin occupancy ☐

C **PAYMENT:** (please indicate as appropriate):

Deposit (£100.00 per person)

or Full fee (£390.00 per person)

add £15.00 per person for Olney trip

***Cheque enclosed / *Payment by Bank Transfer**
(*Delete as appropriate)

D Please send an email receipt in acknowledgement of this
booking
(if required please tick) ☐

For those wishing to come as DAY VISITORS see overleaf

NON-RESIDENTS (DAY VISITORS)

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

A Title, Name(s) and Address:

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Email:

Phone No:

B Day Visitors for whole Conference ☐
(please tick as appropriate)

C Occasional visitors for part of Conference
(please tick boxes below as appropriate):

Tuesday afternoon/evening (£40.00)	☐
Wednesday morning/afternoon/evening (£90.00)	☐
Thursday morning/afternoon/evening (£90.00)	☐
Friday morning (£30.00)	☐

D **PAYMENT:** (please indicate as appropriate):

Deposit per person (£50.00)

or full fee for period of attendance:

add £15.00 per person for Olney trip
(Wednesday 23rd July)

***Cheque enclosed / *Payment by Bank Transfer**
(*Delete as appropriate)