

The National Network of Pastoral Musicians 2024

Summer Conference: 26-28 July

Christ, be our light

'Shine in our hearts, shine through the darkness'

The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Derbyshire, DE55 1AU

About this weekend

This event is organized by the **National Network of Pastoral Musicians***. All are welcome. *Either* come for the whole weekend, *or* just for Saturday 27 July, an open day of workshops, worship & song.

**The NNPM is an informal group of people of many denominations whose aim is to meet to learn from each other and experience prayer and music in common. This year the title and subtitle of the conference are taken from the chorus of Bernadette Farrell's famous hymn*

**** Bring a young person or sponsor one to come****

*** To join the NNPM (£15 for two years) visit nnpn.org**



Keynote speaker Saturday: John Bell

Jesus, be our Way

Work I've done on hymnody indicates a dearth of much regarding the life of Jesus. There are reasons for this; you can neither sing about the birth or death (of which there are songs aplenty) unless you know what the life was like which we are called to emulate and which resulted in his crucifixion. I will take a few angles on it, some lightly theological, some biblical, and some musical.



Keynote speaker Sunday: Tina Beattie

The Dark Night and the Flickering Light

I shall explore questions of how liturgical worship, including music, might allow space for those struggling with faith and those on the margins, either because they are seeking meaning or because they are alienated by their experiences of church.

Workshop leaders

Chris WALKER Backwards or forwards? Where is church music going?

Tina BEATTIE Listening to Silence: exploring prayer when there's nobody there

Nick BATY Illuminating the word with song

Marty HAUGEN Drawn toward the light



Rebekah Okpoti: Saturday at 3pm

We are delighted to welcome Rebekah to the NNPM for this Saturday afternoon slot, usually reserved for a Big Sing.

Dr Rebekah Okpoti lectures in Musicology at Liverpool Hope University and is a Concert Organist and Associate Organist at Leeds Cathedral, UK. She studied at Chethams School of Music and the Royal Northern College of Music. She then completed her MA in Music Practice followed

by a PhD in Sonic Installation Art and Composition.

You can see Rebekah perform in recitals throughout the UK. The 'Girly Organist' is inspiring organists old and new around the UK. Most recently she has been leading the Choir Church Project from Blackburn Cathedral, and The Choir Church Foundation as Choir Church Coordinator managing the Choir Church Innovation Project in Lancashire. She will explain more about this at the NNPM, or you can go to <https://www.rebekahokpoti.co.uk/>

TIMETABLE

FRIDAY 26 July

5.00 on Arrivals and registration

6.30 Dinner

8.00 Welcome & opening worship
Big Sing with Chris Walker

SATURDAY 27 July

7.30 Morning Prayer

8.00 Breakfast

DAY VISITORS

8.30 Registration starts

9.15 Welcome for day visitors

9.30 Keynote talk: John Bell

10.30 Coffee/tea break

11.00 Workshop One

12.05 Workshop Two

1.00 Lunch

2.00 Workshop Three

3.00 Rebekah Okpoti

4.00 Coffee/tea break

4.30 Final worship

6.00 Catholic Mass (Fr Joe Wheat)

7.00 Dinner

8.00 Entertainment

SUNDAY 28 July

7.30 Anglican Eucharist (Rev.Helen Thake)

8.15 Breakfast

9.15 Morning Prayer

10.00 Keynote talk: Tina Beattie

11.00 Coffee/Tea Break

11.30 NNPM Forum

12.10 Final Worship

1.00 Lunch and departure

COURSE FEES

Weekend, residential £295

* £45 Deposit required. Group rate (10+) £250

Non-residential £190 - with meals

Saturday only £50

(includes refreshments and lunch)

Saturday visitor aged 25+ under £15

BOOKING FORMS TO FOLLOW. To get on the mailing list, and/or reserve a place, contact Jennifer Burrige, 1 Mount Pleasant, Felindre, Swansea, SA5 7PH (01792 775598) jburrige@mac.com