

Saffron Walden and Villages Team Ministry

WEEKEND AWAY

• 12 - 14 JUNE 2020 •

SHARING GOD'S LOVE: COME AND SEE



SPEAKER:

ROGER MORRIS,
BISHOP OF
COLCHESTER

WHERE:

BELSEY BRIDGE
CONFERENCE CENTRE,
DITCHINGHAM, SUFFOLK

What is it?

Our Weekend Away is a great opportunity for people of all ages and from all churches in the team to meet together in a relaxed setting. Whether you are relatively new to the church or an established member you will be able to enjoy getting to know others better.

Alongside the main programme, we are running a youth programme for secondary age children and a children's programme for the under 11s. We will all join together for worship on Sunday.

The weekend starts with dinner at about 7.30pm on the Friday night and finishes with afternoon tea at about 3.30pm on the Sunday.

Our speaker

Roger Morris - Area Bishop of Colchester

Roger became Area Bishop in 2014. He was Archdeacon of Worcester before coming to Chelmsford.

Where is it?

Belsey Bridge Conference Centre, Ditchingham, Bungay, which is owned and managed by the Christian Conference Trust. It is located on the Norfolk / Suffolk border about 1½ hours' drive from Saffron Walden.

Accommodation and facilities

It offers single, twin, double, family and disabled rooms, and the majority are en-suite.

Facilities include comfortable lounge areas, bar, sports facilities including an outdoor swimming pool, children's play area, and free Wi-Fi. It is set in 20 acres of grounds. It is well known for its excellent quality of food and provides for special diets.

How much will it cost ...?

...For the whole weekend

The cost will be £170 per adult for an en-suite room and £140 per adult for a non en-suite room for the weekend full board. This includes dinner on Friday evening; breakfast, lunch and dinner on Saturday; and breakfast, lunch and afternoon tea on Sunday.

Under 18s are **FREE**. 11 to 17 year olds may come unaccompanied.

...For a day

You are welcome to come just for the day. The day rate for Saturday or Sunday is £30 which includes morning coffee, lunch and afternoon tea. If you wish to stay for the Saturday evening meal the total cost is £37.

The costs have been kept as low as possible but if the price is a problem, help is available. Please speak in confidence to your vicar.

How do I apply?

Please complete the attached booking form and return it, with your deposit to the Parish Office. We will ask you to pay the balance of the cost by 1st May 2020. You may also pay by bank transfer but please return the completed form to the office or email it to office@stmaryssaffronwalden.org

If you are booking for the youth programme (age 11-17 years), please complete the separate application form. Families with participants on both programmes should complete two forms.

Provisional Outline Programme

Friday:

Arrival and registration is from 5pm onwards to give you time to settle in your room before dinner at around 7.30pm. Opening worship will be followed by an informal social evening.

Saturday:

In the morning, Bishop Roger will speak. The children's and youth programme will run throughout the morning. The afternoon will be free for walks, games, sport, and exploring the local area with others or just doing your own thing. In the evening, there will be a social event for all ages and the day will end with a campfire followed by night prayer.

Sunday:

After an early morning act of worship and breakfast, there will be a variety of workshops for adults and children, which contribute towards the Sunday communion service in the afternoon. The weekend will close with afternoon tea at about 3.30pm.

Children's Programme:

Creche facilities will be available for babies and toddlers.

Primary aged children will follow their own programme on Saturday morning. On Saturday afternoon and in the evening the children will be able to join in activities with their families and friends. The Sunday workshops will be suitable for all ages.

Youth Programme:

This will run parallel to the main programme.

We will come together for joint services on both days.

NB: please note that all programmed sessions are optional- you are free to participate in as many or as few as you wish.