

## Conference Fees & Payment

The full conference fee for a Monday–Thursday resident is £245\*

We realize that many ministers are on tight budgets and we do not want people to be unable to attend the conference due to the cost. If you are unable to afford the £245 fee, but could pay between £120 and £245, then please feel free to pay what you are able. In the event that you are not able to afford this, please contact John Rawlinson at the Edinburgh office to apply for financial assistance.

\*This represents a subsidy of about £50 per person from the Trust. If you are in a position where you are able to pay the unsubsidized cost, we would appreciate that.

Please tick below as applicable:

Full-time resident – I enclose a cheque for £

Monday Visitor, including dinner – I enclose a cheque for £45

Tuesday Visitor, including lunch and dinner – I enclose a cheque for £60

Wednesday Visitor, including lunch and dinner – I enclose a cheque for

Thursday Visitor, including lunch – I enclose a cheque for £35

Please make cheques payable to ‘The Banner of Truth Trust’

**To pay by debit or credit card, please use online booking,** or call the Banner office on 0131 337 7310.

Further queries can be emailed to [info@banneroftruth.co.uk](mailto:info@banneroftruth.co.uk)

### Conference Contact List

Some delegates value a list of names and addresses for those men attending the conference. **If you are happy for your details to appear on such a list, please tick the box below.** Lists can be obtained from the conference **Book Room**. The list will be made available only at the conference to other attendees. The Banner of Truth cannot be responsible for any use to which the list is subsequently put by those receiving it.

If acknowledgement is required, please include a S.A.E.

## Pressing On in Ministry

There must for a lengthened ministry be spiritual *growth*, and therefore spiritual *variety*. If there is the same man in the pulpit, with the same people in the pews for many years, there is a great risk of his rehearsing the same thoughts to unimpressed listeners. Now, while reading and study and other means are necessary to variety, and largely conducive to it, there is nothing so helpful as personal spiritual growth, because there is no such sameness as the sameness of death. Life is variety; death is sameness.

—ALEXANDER MOODY STUART (1809–1898)  
in his address ‘The Spiritual Condition of the Ministry and Its Influence on the People’ (see *Alexander Moody Stuart: A Memoir*, p. 262)



We must cultivate the highest degree of godliness *because our work imperatively requires it*. The labour of the Christian ministry is well performed in exact proportion to the vigour of our renewed nature. Our work is only well done when it is well with ourselves. As is the workman, such will the work be. To face the enemies of truth, to defend the bulwarks of the faith, to rule well in the house of God, to comfort all that mourn, to edify the saints, to guide the perplexed, to bear with the froward, to win and nurse souls — all these and a thousand other works beside are not for a Feeble-mind or a Ready-to-halt, but are reserved for Great-heart whom the Lord has made strong for himself. Seek then strength from the Strong One, wisdom from the Wise One, in fact, all from the God of all.

—C. H. SPURGEON (1834–1892)  
in his address ‘The Minister’s Self-Watch’ (see *Lectures to My Students*, p. 13)

## Venue

Situated in the village of Yarnfield in Staffordshire, and easily accessible from the M6, Yarnfield Park is a purpose-built conference centre and is well-equipped with modern facilities, has an excellent standard of catering, internet access, and an on-site Costa coffee bar.

Accommodation is in ensuite bedrooms, each equipped with a desk, tea and coffee making facilities, and wi-fi. Towels are provided.



## Who is it for?

The conference is arranged for men who are (or who have been) in pastoral charges, or who are theological students in training for the ministry, and for men who are serving in missionary work at home or overseas. Please do not apply if you do not fit into one of these categories.

## Day Visitors

Everyone must register in advance, even those attending for only one session.

## Arrival

Unless special arrangements are made, no one should arrive before 2.00pm on Monday. Registration of conference members will be from 3.00pm to 4.45pm in the atrium. Thereafter keys can be collected from reception. The full address for the venue is **Yarnfield Park, Yarnfield Lane, Yarnfield, Staffs, ST15 0NL**. The nearest railway stations are Stoke and Stafford. Please visit [yarnfieldpark.com](http://yarnfieldpark.com) for further travel information.

NB. If approaching Yarnfield Park from the south, on leaving the M6 J14 your SatNav may direct you up the A5013/Eccleshall Road. However the quickest way is to take the A34 north towards Stone and enter Yarnfield Lane at the Wayfarer pub on the left.

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# A Lifetime in the Ministry

Starting out, pressing on, finishing well



**7–10 April 2025**

**Yarnfield Park, Staffordshire**



## Ministers' Conference 2025



The theme for this year's conference is *A Lifetime in the Ministry*. The sessions on Starting Out, Pressing On, and Finishing Well will be accompanied by addresses on other topics that will complement these main themes and help to fill out the picture of what a fruitful and God-honouring gospel ministry looks like over the long haul, and how we can both achieve it and maintain it.

It seems hardly possible to overstate the importance of this subject. Our adversary the devil is busy at every stage of our life-work, seeking to discourage and destroy. Through every phase of it, too, we have to carry a heart that is only too susceptible to sin and error. Many have begun well and sadly fallen. Others are weary and ready to throw in the towel. For the glory of God and the blessing of others we want to be among the many who have pressed on, notwithstanding struggles and temptations, and have finished well. It is the prayer of the conference organizers that through our days together the Lord will be pleased to help us to that end.

Image: Ploughing Scene in Suffolk by John Constable (1776–1837)  
Credit: Yale Center for British Art, Paul Mellon Collection



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**GARRY WILLIAMS**  
Pastor of Ebenezer  
Chapel, Luton; Director  
of the Pastors' Academy at  
London Seminary



**DAVID JOHNSTON**  
Retired minister of the  
Presbyterian Church  
of Ireland; Preaching  
Associate, Belfast



**DAVID CAMPBELL**  
Minister of North Preston  
Evangelical Church,  
Preston



**WARREN PEEL**  
Minister of Covenant  
Christian Fellowship  
(Reformed Presbyterian  
Church), Galway

Various representatives will also present updates on overseas ministries.



### Conference Book Room

The Book Room will be stocked with all Banner's titles at special conference prices, providing ministers and students with the opportunity to build their libraries with excellent material, and to purchase good books to give to church members.

### Conference Exhibition Area

This is an excellent way to find out about different organizations operating in the UK and further afield. A number of those in attendance, representing a range of organizations, will be exhibiting displays and literature.

Space is limited, so if you would like to bring a display, please contact John Rawlinson (johnr@banneroftruth.co.uk) before the conference for more details.

## Programme

### Monday 7 April

5.15 pm Opening Sermon *Andrew Lucas*  
8.15 pm Starting Out *Mark Dever*

### Tuesday 8 April

7.25 am Conference Prayer Time  
9.15 am The Lifetime Ministry of the Son of God (1) *Garry Williams*  
11.15 am Lessons in Life and Ministry:  
A Biblical Perspective *David Johnston*  
5.00 pm The Lifetime Ministry of the Son of God (2) *Garry Williams*  
8.15 pm Pressing On *Mark Dever*

### Wednesday 9 April

7.25 am Conference Prayer Time  
9.15 am Lessons in Life and Ministry:  
A Personal Reflection *David Johnston*  
11.15 am When a Call Comes to a New Ministry (1) *David Campbell*  
5.00 pm Global Updates  
8.15 pm Finishing Well *Mark Dever*

### Thursday 10 April

7.25 am Conference Prayer Time  
9.15 am When a Call Comes to a New Ministry (2) *David Campbell*  
11.00 am Closing Sermon *Warren Peel*

### Meals and Refreshments

Breakfast, 7.00 am to 8.15 am | Coffee, 10.45 am  
Lunch, 12.30 pm | Afternoon Tea, 4.15 pm | Dinner, 6.30 pm

**\*\* Book Room open outside of session times \*\***

## Booking Form

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You can book online at [conferences.banneroftruth.org](https://conferences.banneroftruth.org) and pay by card.

Alternatively, please complete both sides of this form, detach and send to the Edinburgh office before 7 March. Please ensure that your payment is enclosed.

Places are limited and are allocated in order of the receipt of applications. We look forward to seeing as many as possible.

Full name:

Address:

Post code:  Daytime tel:

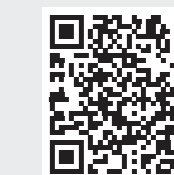
Email:

Tick as appropriate:  Pastor  Missionary  Theological Student

Name of church/college:

In the event of needing to cancel your booking, please contact the Edinburgh office. Cancellations arriving at the office before 7 March will receive a full refund; after this date we will refund the conference fee, LESS the amount we are charged by the conference venue.

Scan to book online:



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