

*Chaplains as Builders of the Kingdom:
school chaplaincy in 2019.*



TISCA CHAPLAINS' CONSULTATION

**ELIM CONFERENCE CENTRE,
WEST MALVERN
4-6 MARCH 2019**



OUR SPEAKERS:

Rev. Angus MacLeay

Angus is married to Sue who teaches Geography at Sevenoaks School, and they have two grown up children. He has been Rector of St. Nicholas, Sevenoaks since 2001, having previously served in Carlisle for nine years. Before ordination he worked worked as a Solicitor in London. He has published commentaries for preachers on 1 Timothy, 1 & 2 Thessalonians and 1 Peter.



Mrs Lizzie Nesbitt is Principal of Emmanuel Christian School in Oxford. After school at Dean Close, she studied Classics and History at Worcester College, Oxford. She taught Classics at three London schools before moving to South Africa in 2008. There she was Head of Latin for six years at St. John's College, Johannesburg. She writes: "There's a nice quote by a Russian educationalist, Lev Vygotsky: 'Children grow into the intellectual life of those around them' so I've appropriated that in saying, 'If that's true, what does it look like to create a Christian culture for children to grow into?'



Mr. Thomas Garnier has been Headmaster of Pangbourne College since 2005. Before that, he taught Physics and served as a Housemaster at Abingdon School. He was educated at Sandroyd and Radley, and served as an officer in the Royal Navy before becoming a teacher. Looking back on his time at Radley, he told a TISCA meeting in 2010: *"My housemaster, Peter LeRoy, came in after prep during the first week of my first term and dragged us all down to Christian Forum, believing that we needed to experience it in order to decide whether to go to it – I liked it, and I carried on going, but I bet I wouldn't have unless he had introduced me to it; as I got older, some Sixth Form Bible studies were started, one of which was led by Michael*

Cuthbertson – I still use the NIV which he purchased for me".

Kingdom Builders

Jesus spoke much about the way the kingdom grows. He also used the analogy of



building on several occasions in his teaching. This image is developed in several of the other parts of the New Testament, being applied both to the process by which the Church of God is built up and also to the way in which faith grows in the lives of those who put their trust in Christ. So it seems fitting and appropriate to have as the theme of our conference as we examine ways in which chaplains can be more effective in their task of being Kingdom Builders

in schools in the environment of independent schools in 2019.

Angus MacLeay will open up the Scriptures to us in a series of four Bible Readings over the three days of the conference, while our special speakers will each deal with a separate aspect of chaplaincy and its application. Lizzy Nesbitt will share her experiences of 'Creating a culture for learning shaped by the gospel', while Thomas Garnier will look at ways in which the Chaplain and the Head can work together on the task of Kingdom Building. In addition, we plan to have a session when we take a detailed look at Apologetics and how it can be worked out in a school context.

We shall also have our usual session for sharing best practice and ideas with each other, and will close with a united service of Holy Communion.

All of us need a time away, even in the midst of a busy term and all the pressures that school life brings. This conference provides the ideal opportunity for that. We have a first-rate set of speakers, and a programme that will prove stimulating, challenging and relevant to what chaplains face in schools. Elim Conference Centre is a beautiful venue for a consultation of this type—easy to reach yet peaceful, comfortable and well-equipped. All the rooms are *ensuite* and the food is excellent. There will be opportunities to relax in the grounds, or to walk on the Malvern Hills. Best of all will be the opportunity to interact with other chaplains in other schools in a constructive, friendly, non-threatening environment. This will be the latest in a series of TISCA Chaplains' Consultations that we have been holding at intervals of roughly 18 months ever since 2005: each of the conferences has proved to be a time of blessing and encouragement for those who were able to attend.

Please come to the conference if you can, and let us know if you require any further information: tisca@btinternet.com



The conference will start with supper at 6.00 pm on Monday 4 March and will conclude with lunch on Wednesday 6 March 2019.

To book your place, please use the response form provided below.

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It is easily accessible from the M5 (Junction 7) or by rail (Great Malvern or Malvern Link Stations). There are fine views from the centre and easy access to the Malvern Hills at the top of the campus. This will be our third conference in this beautiful site. Please see directions for travel below.

4th - 6th March, 2019

Cost £255 per person

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Further parking is available - follow the signs for Elim International Centre when you arrive at Croft Bank. Overflow car parking may also be available at Regents Theological College off West Malvern Road - entrance opposite St James's Church.

By rail

The nearest stations are Great Malvern and Malvern Link. Taxi services are available from both stations to the Conference Centre.



How to find us

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M5 – Junction 7

From southbound turn right at roundabout onto A44	Go left at next roundabout onto A449 sign-posted Malvern	At the top of the hill follow the A449 round to the left and go straight over the traffic lights, after 200 yards take the first sharp right onto North Malvern Road (B4232) sign-posted West Malvern
From northbound turn left at roundabout onto A44	Follow signs for A449 Malvern through Powick	Stay on the B4232 for approximately 2 miles, Elim Conference Centre is at the crossroads of Croft Bank and Westminster Bank
Turn left at next roundabout onto A4440	After approximately 4 miles, approach roundabout (Morrisons to the left) and go straight over. Continue through Malvern Link, up the hill with park on the left hand side	
Go straight over the next 2 roundabouts (2nd exit)		

As School Chaplains, we often find ourselves in a lonely position as kingdom-builders, and even if we enjoy fellowship with Christian colleagues, often it is in the context of giving rather than receiving. It is also the case that unlike most of our colleagues, few of us have any formal training for the peculiar role that we undertake. We tend to learn as we go along, often from our mistakes. Clearly therefore, one can happily justify this gathering of chaplains as serious INSET... we have much to learn, and it is encouraging that so many people are willing to help us out.

TISCA CHAPLAINS' CONFERENCE: GREAT MALVERN

from Monday 4 March 6.00 pm to Wednesday 6 March 2019 2.00 pm

The Response

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