

Telling our stories to EWARC* ...

... *working together to improve the pastoral care of interchurch families*

Our Weekend this year provides a chance for AIF members to hear from, and tell their stories to, members of the ***English and Welsh Anglican Roman Catholic Committee (EWARC)** which is one of the formal dialogues between the Anglican and Roman Catholic churches at national level. Each EWARC committee sits for five years and in 2017 the outgoing committee recommended that pastoral support of interchurch families be improved. This recommendation has been taken forward by the new committee (of which Doral Hayes is a member) which has accepted an invitation to join us at Swanwick and hear about the reality of our lived experiences of being interchurch families in a range of different circumstances. Do join us for this one-off opportunity to be heard by members of this important body and to influence their thinking.

Our guests from EWARC will include:

- **Bishop Christopher Foster**, Bishop of Portsmouth and Anglican Co-Chair of EWARC
- **Canon Anthony Churchill**, Roman Catholic Co-Secretary of EWARC
- **Patricia Whitney**, Member of the Focolare Community and EWARC
- **Fr Stephen Parkinson**, Parish Priest in the Diocese of Salford and member of EWARC
- **Revd Dr Callan Slipper**, National Ecumenical Officer for the Church of England

- The voice of Free Churches is also important in our discussions over the weekend and we will therefore be joined by **Rev. Dr Paul Goodliff, Baptist Minister and General Secretary for CTE.**

During our time together we will:

- Hear from members of the committee about the work of EWARC.
- Talk with EWARC members in plenary and groups about the pastoral needs of interchurch families.
- Work together on the drafting of an improved "information resource" (web-pages) specifically aimed at helping clergy to improve their pastoral response to interchurch families.

The weekend will also include bible study and, as always, opportunities for joining in worship and prayer, time for fellowship, sharing experiences and learning together. We are delighted that **Fr Dominic Robinson SJ**, will once again be joining us over the weekend.

How much does it cost?

Fees for the Weekend include all meals. All rooms have en-suite facilities.

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| • Adult in standard en-suite accommodation | £131 |
| • Young person aged 14+ | £77 |
| • Child aged 6-13 | £48 |
| • Child age 5 and under | £24 |

Would you like help with the cost? We hope that as many members as possible will join us (including you). If the cost would prevent you from coming, please remember that help is available from a dedicated fund that has given over £2,000 in grants and loans in recent years. One recipient of a grant said:

"My heartfelt thanks for giving us the opportunity to attend the weekend. We got so much out of it – it was a big, greatly appreciated, spiritual refreshment."

If you think we might be able to help you too, please contact the fund administrators, Andrew & Helen Granger-Bevan (by 31 August) at andrew.granger-bevan@ntlworld.com or on 01273 779022. All requests will be treated in total confidence

AIF WEEKEND 2020 Booking Form

Please give details of everyone attending the weekend:

Name	Children's ages	Fees	Address, Phone No, & email details of person making the booking.
			Name:
			Address:
			Post code:
			Email:
		Donation	Phone:
		Total	

AIF subsidises each participant by £60-70. Donations are therefore most welcome and can be enhanced by Gift Aid.

How to Book and Pay We would prefer you to pay by BACS (option 1) but you can also pay by cheque (option 2). Please put a cross in one of the boxes to indicate how you intend to pay:

1. **By BACS transfer** to the AIF Bank account Sort Code: 405240 Account Number: 00028543

If you pay by this method please add a reference stating your surname and "Weekend 2020".

You should also download this form, complete it as a Word document and send it to the office email address at the foot of the page (or send it by post as for option 2).

2. **By cheque.** If paying by this method please print a copy of this form, fill it in by hand and send it, together with your cheque, to the office address at the foot of the page.

We would appreciate payment in full when you book. However, you can secure your booking by sending a non-returnable deposit of £25 and the balance by 31 August 2020. Bookings can be cancelled until 31 August and fees above the £25 deposit will be refunded.

Accommodation Requirements (please put a cross to indicate your room preference):

Family Room	
Double Room	
Two adjacent rooms for adults and children	

Any special requirements (eg diet or access)?

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Note: the information you provide on this form will only be used for arranging your attendance at the AIF 2020 Weekend. It will not be shared with any third parties.