

## Booking form

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## Revival

### – Spiritual renewal in the Bible, history and today

#### **Bible Readings – Rend the Heavens!** (Simon Vibert)

Do you feel the sense of urgency and hunger for God, that he might 'rend the heavens and come down?' Oh how we need it! But we cannot engineer Revival, it is God's sovereign work. These talks will help you focus your intercessions: and to keep praying for Revival!

#### **Calling the Church back to God in the First Millennium** (Bob Evans)

Over the course of her first thousand years, the Church repeatedly found herself called to keep coming back to God. This session will explore several key examples, focusing primarily on the growth of 'reform' movements in the early medieval west.

#### **JC Ryle's Revival Lessons** (Andrew Atherstone)

Bishop Ryle's *Christian Leaders of the Last Century* (1869) is a classic study, loved by generations of evangelical readers. It offers lively lessons from the Anglican revivalists of the eighteenth century, from George Whitefield and William Grimshaw to John Berridge and Henry Venn.

#### **Jonathan Edwards and the Great Awakenings** (Eddie Scrase-Field)

In this session, we will be looking at what happened during the Great Awakenings (1730s and 1740s), and asking what we can learn about revival for our own day when much of our focus is on church reform rather than on making more Christians.

**The Fellowship of Word and Spirit** conference is committed to reformed theology and its application to the whole of life, and we seek to encourage and help each other wrestle with its challenges. We aim for genuine fellowship, with plenty of time for spiritual encouragement and prayer, for cultivating friendships old and new, and for resting from the usual frantic pace of ministry.

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## Fellowship of Word and Spirit Conference



### – Spiritual renewal in the Bible, history and today

**5th – 7th February 2024**

**King's Park, Northampton**



## Programme

### Monday 5th February

- 12.30pm Arrival  
12.45pm Lunch  
2pm **Welcome**  
**Bible reading – Rend the Heavens 1**  
Simon Vibert  
3.30pm Tea  
4.30pm **Calling the Church back to God in the First Millennium** Bob Evans  
6.45pm Dinner  
7.45pm **Interview with speaker, Q&A, discussion groups** Lee Gatiss & Bob Evans

### Tuesday 6th February

- 8.30am Breakfast  
9.30am **Bible reading – Rend the Heavens 2**  
Simon Vibert  
**Communion**  
11am Coffee  
11.30am **JC Ryle's Revival Lessons** Andrew Atherstone  
12.45pm Lunch  
4.30pm **Interview with speaker, Q&A, discussion groups** Lee Gatiss & Andrew Atherstone  
6.45pm Dinner  
7.45pm **Jonathan Edwards and Great Awakenings**  
Eddie Scrase-Field

### Wednesday 7th February

- 8.30am Breakfast  
9.30am **Interview with speaker, Q&A, discussion groups** Lee Gatiss & Eddie Scrase-Field  
10.45am Coffee  
11.15am **Bible reading – Rend the Heavens 3**  
Simon Vibert  
**Prayer & reflection**  
12.45pm Lunch  
1.45pm **Pastoral Charge** Bishop Rob Munro

**King's Park Conference Centre**  
Kings Park Road, Northampton NN3 6LL

## Speakers



**Revd Dr Simon Vibert** has been vicar in Virginia Water since 2017. Before that he was vice principal and tutor in Preaching and Leadership at Wycliffe Hall, University of Oxford. He is a mentor for Gordon-Conwell's DMin programme, and has authored several books, including, forthcoming, a commentary on Exodus.



**Revd Dr Bob Evans** did his curacy at Christ Church Cambridge before becoming Chaplain of Christ's College Cambridge. His research specialised in late antiquity and the early middle ages, and he has lectured in both theology and history. In 2023 he became a boarding school chaplain and history teacher at Radley College.



**Revd Dr Andrew Atherstone** is Latimer Research Fellow at Wycliffe Hall, Oxford. His latest book is *The Oxford Handbook of Christian Fundamentalism* (OUP 2023, co-editor), and his next is *JC Ryle on the Christian Life* (Crossway).



**Revd Dr Eddie Scrase-Field** has been the Vicar at St John's Blackheath in SE London for eight years.

One distinctive of the conference is that we make time to confer. Following each of the main sessions, there will be a seminar where **Lee Gatiss** will interview the speaker and then give time for questions and discussion groups.

We hope it will be a time of genuine spiritual and physical refreshment for both clergy and lay people.

## Booking form

### Residential

£230 per person

### Day visitors

Monday £50 (including lunch and dinner)

Tuesday £55 (including lunch and dinner)

Wednesday £35 (including lunch)

**Total payment £ .....**

**Please note** that in many dioceses, the FWS conference will qualify for a ministerial development or retreat grant.

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