

Archdiocese of Thyateira & Great Britain
Deanery
Conference & Festival 2026

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

Conference & Festival venue:

HIGH LEIGH CONFERENCE CENTRE
Lord Street, Hoddesdon, Hertfordshire EN11 8SG
phone 0300 111 4444 **email** highleigh@cct.org.uk

Registration information:

Arrival – and registration - on Friday 22nd May 2026 is from 3 p.m., at the earliest: bedrooms should be ready, but if not then please relax with a tea/coffee from the free machines. **Dinner is at 6.30 p.m.,** and we hope to start the first talk at 8.00 p.m.. (If time is short, **you may leave your luggage – temporarily - in a room that is just off the Reception area.**) Your key, name badge, copy of the final programme and a site map will all be given to you on registration. **If you expect to arrive later than 10.30 p.m., then please let us know.**

Arrival at other times – please contact

either Carol Graves **phone** 07790 807 606 *or* Fr Ian Wallis **phone** 07792 589 317

Helpers will have **red** dots on their badges

Helpers with the Children's Programme will have **blue** dots on their badges

NB We will be sharing the centre with other smaller groups, but will have our own designated rooms for worship, talks and workshops, as well as reserved tables in the dining room.

Residential details:

- **Towels and soap** are provided (not shampoo) all rooms have showers
- **Hairdryers** are provided - but if used, it is best to open windows and use away from the heat detector in the room
- All rooms have bedside lamps, but we recommend that you **bring a torch**
- **Hot drinks** - rooms have their own kettle
- The centre asks us **not to bring private supplies of food:** the Centre has a shop on the ground floor that sells confectionery and sundries.

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Facilities at the Centre:

Bar - will be open every evening from 6 to 10.30 p.m., **payment by card only**.

Smoking - is **not permitted inside the Centre**: there are designated places to smoke outside the building.

Exterior doors – these can be opened using the key for your room.

Internet - free wireless internet should be available across the Centre: select CCTWIFI, no password is required, but you must be 18 years or over to use WiFi.

Photocopying - is available for A4 and A3 – for a small charge - but it is not possible to print out documents stored on a memory stick.

Sports facilities – some sports equipment *may be available by special arrangement with the staff* - there are open spaces for games and nature walks.

NB Please bring any **favourite toys and games to share** during the Children's Programme, and/or any **musical instrument** that your child plays.

Talks, workshops, mealtimes, badges etc.:

Talks - attendance at talks is voluntary, but as a courtesy to speakers, please come on time; questions and comments will be invited from the audience at the end of talks.

Workshops – attendance at workshops is also voluntary; please check the lists of the participants' names in the Reception area to confirm which workshop is yours; the locations of the various workshops will be announced.

Mealtimes - please use the tables set aside for our Deanery; those who have notified us of their special dietary needs should have their meals on request to catering staff.

Badges – name badges plus room keys - on yellow lanyards- will be provided for adults; small children will have yellow wristbands. Please wear your badge at all times, it is your ID for meals etc. and helps us to get to know one another.

Bookshop – will be open during the free time on Saturday and Sunday: **payment preferably by card** - but cash or cheque also accepted.

Sunday evening party. Please do not bring your own wine or other drinks: we will order bottles of wine, beer etc. direct from the bar at the centre, and they will provide free squash for children. However, your **donations** are needed and welcomed: please give to Carol beforehand or during the party.

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Contact information:

All queries **before the 22nd May** email ianoutwest@aol.com

Our contacts **for emergencies on site** will be Carol Graves **phone 07790 807 606**
&/or Fr Ian Wallis **phone 07792 589 317**

Departure information:

Bedrooms must be vacated by 9.30 a.m.,

There will be **a room near the Reception area where any luggage can be safely stored**. If there are exceptional circumstances where you need your room beyond 9.30 a.m. on Monday, then please tell us by **7th May** so that we can notify the Centre.

Name badge & key card - please hand in to Reception when you leave, so they can be reused.

Lifts to Broxbourne railway station – these are usually arranged informally, or people may share a taxi.