



**Congregational
Federation**

Invitation to the Annual Assembly

Friday 13th May & Saturday 14th May 2022

Carrs Lane Conference Centre, Birmingham

Dear All,

I would like to invite you to this year's May Assembly, a time when we can come together face to face once again and a time to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Congregational Federation! Due to circumstances beyond our control, we have had a change of venue, we will be meeting in Carrs Lane Conference Centre, in the heart of Birmingham city centre. We will be streaming live through the Facebook page so if you are unable to make it in person you can still be part of the day.

It will be a time of celebration and worship, discussion, and presentations but most importantly a time of fellowship with each other. Our weekend starts with an event for those in Ministries on Friday afternoon and finishes with worship on the Sunday morning.

The main event of course is on Saturday at Carrs Lane when doors open at 9.45am. Carrs Lane is modern church fully accessible next to Moor Street train station and 5 minutes' walk from New Street station. There are plenty of car parks close by too. There are a few car park spaces on site but you will need to book these. The theme this year will be "*Hope*" on which Mark Taylor will base his Presidential address.

I am thrilled to share that this year there will also be a Children's and Youth Assembly led by Luzia Watt our Church Support Worker. There will be 2 groups one for children aged 4 - 11 years old and a youth assembly for those aged between 11 -18 years. This is new opportunity so please do bring your children and encourage those in your church to attend for the day if possible.

In this document is all the information you need but please contact me if you have any questions

I look forward to seeing you there

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Friday 13th May 1pm – 3pm, Ministries Gathering

Ladypool Road Congregational Church, 196 Ladypool Road, Sparkbrook, Birmingham, B12 8JS

We will be holding a session on effective story telling. Our speaker will help us tell bible stories in a new and interactive way. This is also a time for fellowship with others in ministries within the Congregational Federation. Those involved with Youth and Children's work are also welcome to attend.

Friday 13th May 7pm – 9pm, Fringe event, Ladypool Road Congregational Church

This will be a celebration of our 50th Anniversary – we will hear the story of the Congregational Federation told in a new and unique way and it will be an opportunity to share stories with each other; stories of our faith, our church, and our involvement in the Congregational Federation. Please bring along any photos you may have, and we will create a display.

Saturday 14th May - The Church at Carrs Lane, Carrs Lane, Birmingham, B4 7SX.

9.45 – 10.25am – Tea and Coffee and biscuits will be served,

1pm – 2pm - Lunch time with tea and coffee available

4pm - Tea and Coffee will be served and celebration cake

There is a full hour for lunch to chat and catch up with friends old and new. You can pre-order a packed lunch bag for £7 or you can bring your own lunch or there are lots of places nearby. All dietary needs will be catered for if you pre-order so just state on the form enclosed. There will also be a range of information stands to browse around.

Directions.

Visit the website for more detailed instructions www.carrslane.co.uk/conference-centre

By rail – New Street Station is a 5 minute walk and Moor Street Station is across the road

By air – Birmingham airport is 10 miles to the east of the city centre and approximately a 25 minutes drive to Carrs Lane.

By car use **B4 7UG** for your Sat Nav and this will take you to the limited car park at the back. There are some spaces which you will need to book for those with mobility needs otherwise please park at NCP car park round the corner on high street, Dale End, **B4 7LN**. Parking will be £12 for 12 hours.

Lunch is £7 which includes a sandwich, drink, cake, crisps and fruit - Please see attached order form and state any dietary requirements

Children's work and Youth work - We ask you to pre-register if possible for numbers and safeguarding.

Saturday evening hosted by Hay Mills Congregational Church, Waterloo Road, B25 8LD

We invite you to Hay Mills CC. Starting at 7pm with the meal followed by an evening of fun with the comedian Paul Kerensa. Paul is a writer for BBC1's Miranda and Not Going Out. A decade into his stand up career, Paul's one month show has played to packed out churches and other venues over the last few years including festivals from spring harvest to Greenbelt.

It will be a chance to relax and be entertained.

Saturday evening Gofrit Reunion, Waterloo Road Chapel, Waterloo Road, B25 8JR

This event starts at 5pm – 7pm and it is a privilege to have Gail Stephens Tuffee and Matthew Waddington once again host Gofrit. This will be an evening of fun and reunion for anyone who was involved in Gofrit over the years.



Sunday 15th May –

11am - service at Hay Mills CC, Waterloo Road, B25 8LD

11am – service at Ladypool Road Congregational Church

Birmingham Hotels

It is advised to book a hotel as soon as you can although there are plenty in and around the Birmingham area

Staff and Guests are staying in

Travel Lodge, Birmingham Central, Moor Street, B4 7SS

Other Hotels include

Holiday Inn Express (3*) Birmingham South A45 (opposite Hay Mills CC)

Clayton Hotel (4*) Albert Street, B5 5JE

Staying Cool at Rotunda (4*) New Street Birmingham

Premier Inn, Birmingham City Centre (3*) New Street