



Invitation to the Annual Assembly

Friday 10th May & Saturday 11th May

West Park, Dundee, Scotland

Dear All,

I would like to invite you to this year's May Assembly, this year to be held in West Park Conference Centre, Dundee which is a few minutes from the city centre.

It will be a time to worship and discussion, presentations and a time of fellowship with each other. I hope you might be able to spend more time in Scotland and maybe able to enjoy a little mini break. Our weekend starts with an event for Ministers and leaders on Friday afternoon and finishes with worship together on the Sunday morning at Gilfillan Congregational Church, Whitehall Crescent, DD1 4AY.

The main event of course is on Saturday at West Park when doors open at 9.30am. West Park is fully accessible with lots of free parking. The theme this year will be "*Shaping the future*" on which Rev Janet Wootton will base her Presidential address.

There will be a children's programme running for all under 10's and provision for those 11 plus years old so please invite all ages to attend.

In this document should be 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 10th May 1pm – 4pm, Ministers and Leaders Gathering



We welcome a representative from the Bible Reading Fellowship to talk about their Discipleship programmes involved with Messy church and general resources including Holy Habits. This is a time for fellowship with other Ministers within the Congregational Federation. Those involved with Youth and Children's work are also welcome to attend.

Friday 10th May 7.30pm – 9pm, Fringe event

A presentation from the Presidents reflecting on the Open Space events - *"How can we shape the Congregational Federation in the future?"* There will be time for discussion and debate. A further presentation will also be made on the Saturday.

Saturday 11th May

West Park Dundee, 319 Perth Road, Dundee, DD2 1NN.

9.30 – 10.25am – Tea and Coffee and pastries will be served,

12.50pm – 2pm - Lunch time,

4.20pm - Tea and Coffee will be served.

There is over a full hour for lunch to chat and catch up with friends old and new. Lunch is set by the venue and has to be pre-ordered. All dietary needs will be catered for so just state on the form enclosed. Unfortunately they will not allow our own food to be eaten on premises but there is an area in the gardens outside if you bring your own and there are some local shops a few minutes' walk away.

There is also a range of information stands to browse around.

Directions.

By rail – Dundee is on the main East Coast rail line. Direct services to major cities in Scotland (Aberdeen, Edinburgh and Glasgow) are just over an hour away. The railway station is only a five minute drive from West Park (£6 in a taxi)

By air – Dundee airport is 3 miles to the west of the city centre. The airport is only a five minute drive from West Park.

By car from South A90 from Perth/Edinburgh - At the first roundabout on the approach to Dundee take the third exit onto Riverside Drive. Continue along Riverside Drive (A85) for approximately one mile until you reach the next roundabout. Signposted for West Park from this point. Take the first exit (up a steep hill) and then take the first right onto the Perth Road. Continue along the Perth Road, passing Fernbrae Hospital on your left; travel a further few hundred yards and West park is located on the left hand side.

By car from the North A90 from Aberdeen –Entering Dundee from the A90, at the traffic lights turn right onto Kingsway (A90). Follow the road until you reach the Swallow roundabout (4th roundabout) then take the first exit onto Riverside Drive (A85) for approximately one mile until you reach the next roundabout. Signposted for West Park from this point. Take the first exit (up a steep hill) and then take the first right onto the Perth Road. Continue along the Perth Road, passing Fernbrae Hospital on your left; travel a further few hundred yards and West park is located on the left hand side.

Lunch is £8.50 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.

Saturday evening hosted by Congregational Federation Scotland

We invite you to Gilfillan Congregational Church for a 3 course meal and Ceilidh. Starting at 7pm with the meal and coffee followed by a Ceilidh at 9pm.

The meal will be £10 and I ask you to please book your place on the booking form for catering purposes. If you just wish to come to the Ceilidh you are welcome of course just arrive at 9pm!

It will be a chance to relax and enjoy Scottish hospitality at its best.



Sunday 12th May –11am - service at Gilfillan Congregational Church led by their Minister Lee Raynor.



Dundee Hotels

It is advised to book a hotel as soon as you can (please note there is no accommodation available at West Park at the time of the Assembly)

Staff and Guests are staying in

Premier Inn Dundee City Centre, Discovery Quay, Riverside Drive, DD1 4XA.

Other Hotels all in walking distance of the Railway station and Gilfillan Congregational Church

Holiday Inn Express (3*) 41 Dock Street, Dundee, DD1 3DR

Best Western Queens Hotel (3*) 160 Nethergate,

Apex City Quay Hotel (4*) 1 West Victoria Dock Road

Sleeperz Dundee (3*) 2 South Union Street