

Information about Father's House Encounter weekends

These weekends have been developed by Father's House, Shaftesbury to minister healing and freedom to hearts and provide an atmosphere where people can encounter God's love and be filled with the Holy Spirit. As well as worship and teaching all those attending have the opportunity of individual time with a prayer facilitator.

Our prayer is that the Encounter Weekend will be a significant time for you to discover the depths of God's love, and His power to change our hearts. We would very much like it to be a safe place for you to relax and rest, and to be free to experience His healing anointing.

We are all in the process of being changed by the work of the Holy Spirit – none of us have 'made it', because it is a life-long journey; God has committed to finish what He started, because His Son won it all for us at the cross. However, we would like you to have every opportunity to encounter the lasting changes that God wants for you this weekend. To enable this to happen, at the end of some of the teaching sessions, there will be a chance for you to have some time with a prayer facilitator. This time will normally happen in your room, unless you are sharing with someone, when we will find another private space for you.

The facilitators are not professional counsellors, but they have already worked through the different truths that this weekend covers. They are all chosen because they have experienced God's powerful work in their lives, and because they are trustworthy and mature in praying with others. They also respect confidentiality.

No one will pressurise you to open up your heart beyond your own boundaries, although our experience has been that the Holy Spirit does help us to process the hurts and wounds that often lie below the surface. If there are some situations that you don't feel comfortable to open up with your facilitator, you are welcome to talk to those leading the weekend instead. Alternatively, you may want to seek out help of a more mature Christian, or an experienced counsellor; either way, we encourage you to not let go of any issue that the Holy Spirit reveals to you.

Subjects covered include:

A: forgiveness, judgements, hearts of stone, inner vows and ungodly beliefs.

B: the perfect Father, shame to honour, the orphan heart and sonship

Timetable – meal times are definite, all other timings are approximate

Friday **7.00 pm Dinner**

8.00 pm Opening meeting

Saturday 8.30 am Breakfast

9.30 am Worship

10am Teaching with a coffee break 12.00 1:1 time with facilitators

1pm Lunch

2.30pm Teaching with a coffee break5.00pm 1:1 time with facilitators

6.30 pm Dinner

Approx.7.30 pm Evening session

9.30 pm Finish

Sunday 8.30 am Breakfast

10 am Gather for coffee10.30am Worship and teaching

1.00 pm Lunch

Information

Meal Times: Meals are served in the cabin. At mealtimes, don't worry if you are being ministered to, meals are self-service, when you are ready, please just go in and serve yourself.

Drinks are available at all times in the Meeting Room and Upper Room. Please help yourself to tea and coffee which is free of charge. You will find cans of cold drinks and water in the fridge in both rooms. Please place the money for these in the honesty box – the charge is 50p. If you are resident on site, facilities are also available in your room to make drinks (Courtyard rooms) or in the Farmhouse kitchen (Farmhouse bedrooms). If you run out of milk etc., please see the person on duty.

Internet: There is wireless available in all rooms.

Vehicles: to be parked in the two car parking areas only for safety purposes. They are left at the owner's own risk. **Personal possessions**: at your own risk.

At the end of your stay... make sure you leave the key to your room *in the door*, and check that you have not left any of your personal possessions behind.

Caroline