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Description automatically generated**BHS and CBS Summer Conference 14-16 July 2025**

**Alcester, Warwickshire**

The Baptist Historical Society together with the Centre for Baptist Studies is planning a conference to be held in Alcester, Warwickshire, on 14-16 July 2025 which will focus on the theme: ‘Baptist Spirituality’.

In order to reduce the cost of the conference, and to encourage ‘day visitors’ to join with us, we are organizing the conference in a different way. Our meetings will be hosted by Alcester Baptist Church, which traces its beginnings to 1640 and is located in the centre of this old market town. The church and the town have a rich history which we will have an opportunity to learn more about during our conference. We do hope that you will consider joining us for all or part of the conference. Our keynote speakers will be: Dr Craig Gardiner, Dr Ruth Gouldbourne and Dr Peter Morden.

Proposals for shorter papers are invited and may be submitted to the BHS secretary, Stephen Copson at secretary@baptisthistory.org.uk. In submitting your proposal, please include the title and short abstract of the paper. All papers will be considered for publication in the *Baptist Quarterly*.

**Conference Details**

**Day Conference Fee: £10 including lunch and coffee/tea or with evening meal £30**

**The full conference fee is £230.00 per person**. This includes two nights in the Travelodge, a continental breakfast, lunch, coffee and tea throughout each day and two evening meals (excluding drinks) at a local restaurant or pub**. The conference begins at 2pm on 14th July and ends with lunch on 16th July. (Please note that lunch will not be provided on the 14th July.)**

**Notes on the accommodation**: We have prebooked fifteen double rooms in the local Travelodge at a group rate. (This allows us to accommodate couples at no extra charge.) The Travelodge rooms may be cancelled at no charge no less than a month before the conference. If you wish to make your own arrangements, there is a country hotel, as well as bed and breakfast establishments in the vicinity.

**Travel arrangements**: Alcester is located off the A46 just eight miles west of Stratford-on-Avon. For those travelling by car there is parking in town near the church and at the Travelodge. Those coming by train may arrive at Wilmcote (7 miles) and take a taxi or bus 25/26 to Alcester or arrive at Redditch (9 miles) and a taxi or bus 246/247 to Alcester.

**Registration for the Conference**

Name:

Address:

Email:                                  Tel/mobile:

Emergency contact: name:           Tel:

\_\_\_I am booking for the entire conference and wish to reserve a room at the Travelodge

\_\_\_ I would like to have the continental breakfast at the church

\_\_\_I am attending the entire conference but will make my own arrangements for accommodation and breakfast.

\_\_\_ I plan to be a day visitor at the conference on \_\_ Monday, \_\_Tuesday, \_\_Wednesday

(Please indicate the days that you plan to attend).

\_\_\_I plan to have an evening meal on \_\_\_Monday, \_\_\_Tuesday

I understand that if I reserve a room with the BHS for the Travelodge, I am liable for payment of the room unless I notify the BHS of the need to cancel the room by 1st June. 2025.

Please note any specific dietary requirements\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Any other personal requirements \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Closing Date for registration is 1 June 2025.**

**Please send the registration form to Karen Smith**.

By email: kesmith22000@yahoo.co.uk

By post: Dr. K.E. Smith,

      59 Sinderberry Drive,

           Northway,

Tewkesbury GL20 8SB

           Gloucestershire

**Payment for the conference should be made to John Howes by 1 June 2025.**

By cheque made payable to ‘The Baptist Historical Society’ and sent to The BHS treasurer:

Mr John R. Howes.

                                       The Old Bakery,

                                        Lewes Road,

                                       Ringmer, BN8 5QD

or by direct bank transfer. Please contact the treasurer for details at treasurer@baptisthistory.org.uk