# FORGE SUMMER CAMP 2024 RELATING TO GOD, EACH OTHER AND THE WORLD

16-19 August 2024 Ashburnham Place, East Sussex

## Welcome! It's wonderful to have this long weekend together at Ashburnham as Forge family of churches.

There are three words that sum up Forge: they are move, create, relate. This weekend we want to emphasise relate!

Everything we do is rooted in and flows out of our relationship with God. So, there will be opportunities to encounter God together.

As this is our first Forge event, we also want to create space for us to begin and develop relationships with one another, as individuals and as churches.

Our prayer is that everyone who comes, from children to adults, are blessed, equipped, inspired and filled afresh to engage and relate to those in God's world who don't know Him yet.

Alongside all this, we hope that you will gain a better sense of who we are as Forge, seeking to support one-another as we live out the life of God in our own situations.

Please come with your hearts open to God, ready to meet new people, and open to Spirit inspired personal changes to relate to the world more effectively.

God bless Phil Norris



## **GUEST SPEAKER**



#### **COLIN BARNES**

Colin is a lively and engaging speaker, who is passionate about helping people relate well with Jesus. He has been a church leader for many years, leading a multi-site church from Maidenhead, before taking on Refresh Church in London.

He loves to study the scriptures and is working towards his masters with WTC Theology. His passion is to see the relational nature of the biblical story and its God impact the way we live and speak about the gospel. Inviting people into the life of this God, whether for the first time or more deeply, is his joy.

You will not be disappointed to encounter Colin. It is highly likely you will see and experience his dancing shoes (!) and be inspired to love Jesus more, enter His life, and share with others. In his spare time Colin loves to explore the mountains, with the Lake District a favourite haunt. He also loves Nepal, which has a few big mountains too!





Forge Youth is excited to bring you a fully loaded programme of fun, fellowship, and faith which will be set against a backdrop of laughter and love.

The youth programme is designed to deepen our relationships with one another, with God, and with the world around us as we explore our theme RELATE.

Picture this: a vibrant, creative atmosphere buzzing with excitement as friendships are forged through thrilling games and team-building activities. From high-energy competitions to heartwarming icebreakers, every moment is a chance to forge lasting bonds with others. Our passionate worship leaders will guide us in a spirit filled journey of connection with God.

Get ready for thought-provoking talks from an array of diverse, engaging speakers that delve into the theme of our camp: RELATE. Discover the profound significance of relating to one another, to God, and to the world that was created for us to inhabit.

From campfire stories to memorable moments, every corner of Forge Youth at this year's family camp is infused with the spirit of joy and celebration.



Welcome to an unforgettable Christian kids camp experience where joy, laughter, and faith intertwine in a spectacular adventure!

Get ready for a week of excitement at "Forge Family Camp," where the theme is RELATE — a journey of connecting with one another, with God, and with the world around us.

Immerse yourself in a world of fun and games that will spark friendships and create memories to last a lifetime. From high-energy team challenges to creative workshops, every moment is an opportunity to learn, grow, and build lasting connections. Children will discover the joy of teamwork, the thrill of competition, and the importance of relating positively to those around them.

Dynamic speakers will share stories and lessons that resonate with the theme of RELATE, encouraging the children to reflect on their relationships, their connection to God, and their role in the world.

"Forge Kids" aims to be a transformative experience where friendships are forged, faith is strengthened, and a sense of belonging to a bigger purpose is discovered. Join us for a week of laughter, learning, and love as we embark on a journey to deepen our connection with one another, God and the world.



As well as the various gatherings, we will be providing a number of activities to give us plenty of opportunity to meet and get to know one another!

Including seminars, a quiz, a late-night fire pit and an all-age fun run! We hope to add more, so please check bask soon!

## **VOLUNTEERING**



We are really looking forward to our summer camp, gathering all the churches in Forge!

We have never done this before and so we need everyone to help and serve one another in some way.

Our desire is that many people will serve over the weekend. This helps in building relationships and community, and the reality is we simply cannot afford to do it any other way!

Our intention is to give some rebates (between £20-£50) after the event to those who serve.

There are many areas in which you can serve at Ashburnham. Please could you indicate where you could serve on the booking form.

### **BOOKING**



There are a variety of ways to be part of our Summer Camp!

#### Stay in the House

Ashburnham offers full board accommodation with a selection of ensuite rooms or rooms with shared facilities.

#### Camping

We are also offering camping, as there is plenty of space! You can camp and have all your meals in the House, or you can self-cater.

#### **Day Visitor**

You may wish to choose your own off-site accommodation and come as a day visitor. You can sign up for meals in the house.

Please book online at: forgesphere.org/booking

#### **Please Note**

The prices are our EARLY BIRD rate and apply until the end of 31 March 2024. After this date, prices will increase by £10 per person for those staying on site (House or Camping) and by £5 per person for Day Visitors.

We are pleased to be able to offer some flexibility on cancellations and refunds up until 21st July. We will unfortunately not be able to offer refunds on cancellations after that date.

Rooms with double beds, family rooms, and accessible rooms have limited availability. These will be allocated on a first-come-first-serve basis.

All children under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a responsible adult for the duration of the event.

#### **Questions?**

If you have any questions about your booking, or any aspect of the event, you can contact us at: **summer24@forgesphere.org**