



# Bridge Pastoral Foundation

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Anyone with mobility problems should be aware that Swanwick is a big site with significant distances between various venues. It is very important to us that we understand, in advance, the full extent of any special needs you may have. Unfortunately BPF itself cannot offer any personal care for people with particular needs so please contact the office, in confidence, when applying if you feel this applies to you.

## ROOMS

En-suite rooms are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Standard rooms have hand basins in them and showers and toilets within a short distance. **Arrivals and Registrations not before 2pm** but room availability cannot be guaranteed before 3.30pm.

## BOOKING ARRANGEMENTS

### FEES

	<i>BPF Members</i>	<i>Non BPF members:</i>
En-suite:	£400	£430
Standard:	£350	£380
En-suite Shared:	£625	£655
Standard Shared:	£525	£555

*A reduction of £15 is available to all those paying the full fee by June 17th 2010*

Please send a non-refundable booking fee of £225 or full fee with your application form. Prompt booking would be appreciated. Balance is due by Monday 5th July 2010. **There can be no refunds after 12th July 2010.** Balance paid after Monday 19th July 2010 will be subject to a surcharge of £15. **All fees must be paid before attendance at the conference. No monies can be taken at the conference itself.**

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Please note that the views presented at this conference by different speakers do not necessarily represent those of BPF.

NB - All applicants must be aged 18 or over at the time of submitting the application. For full terms and conditions please refer to BPF website.

2010  
**Annual Conference**  
explores

**'FORGIVENESS'**

with  
**Julie Nicholson and Fr Edmund Power OSB**

Monday 26th July – Friday 30th July  
2010

Hayes Conference Centre,  
Swanwick, Derbyshire  
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## Forgiveness: Simple Truths and Complex Realities "Everyone says forgiveness is a lovely idea until he has something to forgive."

C S Lewis



*JULIE NICHOLSON is an ordained priest in the Church of England. Her career has spanned nursing, teaching and, more recently, writing and broadcasting. Julie is a devotee of the arts and has had extensive experience working with communities in the field of theatre arts. Until 2005 Julie was Priest in Charge of an East Bristol parish. Following the death of her eldest daughter Jennifer, in what has become known as the 7/7 London Bombings, Julie stepped aside from parish ministry and is currently working as Theatre Arts Director in the Diocese of Bristol. This work provides creative space for people to meet with others and to engage with questions of life, death, fall and redemption, love and betrayal. In 2008 she co-authored and presented a programme for Radio 4, "In Search of Forgiveness", which explored the meaning of forgiveness from varying perspectives, ranging from the theological to the psychological to the sociological. The programme also engaged with people who have faced the challenge of forgiveness in their personal lives.*

*Julie's first book - 'A Song for Jenny' is due in May 2010.*

## Reconciliation with oneself, the tension in the human heart, and weakness and strength in spiritual growth. Reflections on the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



*FR EDMUND POWER OSB, born in 1952, entered Douai Abbey and gained degrees in philosophy and theology as well as a PhD in theology. In 1978-89, he was involved in teaching and pastoral work at Douai School and from then until 1991 his ministry was in youth work in the Catholic diocese of Portsmouth. From 1991-93 Fr Edmund taught monastic theology and was active in monastic formation at the international Benedictine university of Sant' Anselmo in Rome. 1993-1997 saw him as headmaster of Douai School and in*

*1997 he became prior of Sant' Anselmo, where he remained until 2004. From 2005 to date, he has been Abbot of St Paul's outside the Walls in Rome.*

*Fr Edmund is the author of two books - "Blessed Be God", 2009 (a short collection of meditations on texts of St Paul) and in 2008 on St Paul, not yet published in English.*

## CONFERENCE DETAILS

The conference begins Monday 26th July at 2.30pm with the AGM. 'First Timers' are invited to a short introductory session at 3.30pm. The conference will finish on Friday 30th July with lunch.

## WHO IS THIS CONFERENCE FOR?

The conference is open to all, whether members of BPF or not, clergy or lay, professionals working in the 'talking' professions or those engaged in pastoral visiting within their local church or community. If you are seeking space for reflection and personal growth in an ethos of Christian spirituality, then this conference is for you.

## CONFERENCE FORMAT

The work of the conference takes place within evening plenaries, daily small personal growth groups, afternoon workshops, morning and evening worship and social occasions.

- **PERSONAL GROWTH GROUPS** - Meeting daily in the same group is an integral part of the conference. Working with experienced facilitators, members of the group are invited to explore personal issues which have been raised during the conference or specifically brought with them. The group provides the opportunity for members to develop a safe and trustworthy environment where they can creatively explore and work through current or past experiences which constrict or limit their lives and relationships. People work at many different levels appropriate to their own experience and current circumstances. This is a rich and therapeutic space where people have gained great personal insight. However, if you are unfamiliar with small group work, please note that this can be an intense experience as strong emotions and feelings may be expressed and this can trigger deep issues. Personal matters raised in the group are confidential and we work within ethical boundaries. Group facilitators are supervised each day during the conference. *\* Anyone unsure or currently under medical/psychiatric care or taking significant medication is asked to make contact with the office before applying.*
- **WORKSHOPS** – You will have the opportunity to participate in up to three workshops. Workshops may relate to the theme of the conference, focus on theological or psychological issues and/or be experiential in content. Full details will be sent to you in due course.
- **DAILY WORSHIP** – The life of the conference is held and sustained through meditation, communion & prayers. There are opportunities for experiencing many forms of worship from traditional through to contemporary.
- **SOCIAL OCCASIONS** – Dinner on Thursday evening will be a more formal celebration followed by the traditional last night Barn Dance and Ceilidh, the latter providing an opportunity (for those who wish) to share in singing, poetry, dance – in fact anything you would like to contribute – so come prepared!
- **PLENARIES** – These will take place on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings when our speakers will address the conference.