

St Matthews BRISTOL



Discovering the Heart of God

Church weekend away

24th - 26th April 2020

Brunel Manor, Torquay

Frequently Asked Questions

What is a Church weekend away?

This is an opportunity for rest, recreation, fellowship and Christian teaching, with our church family. There will be three or four teaching sessions, prayer and worship, delicious meals, and plenty of time to chat, enjoy the recreational facilities, or go for walks.

What is Brunel Manor – and where is it?

Brunel Manor is a Christian Holiday and Conference Centre near Torquay, Devon, with wonderful gardens and other facilities, including a library and tennis court, and access to woodland walks and beaches. This elegant Victorian building was originally designed and built as the retirement home for Kingdom Isambard Brunel, but he died before it was completed.

Brunel Manor is known as a place where people meet with God. It is renowned for good fellowship, tranquil surroundings, magnificent location, excellent food and comprehensive facilities. Situated in the midst of Brunel's historic woodland sanctuary, the Manor commands a prime position on the English Riviera and is adjacent to the awe-inspiring rugged beauty of Dartmoor and the spectacular coastline.

For more information: <https://www.brunelmanor.com/>

What's the accommodation like?

Comfortable bedrooms with complimentary tea/coffee making facilities, and all linen and towels provided – bring your own toiletries. Most bedrooms are fully accessible. All have hot/cold running water.

There are also meeting rooms, a large dining room, a tea shop and library, and lots of places to sit or walk in the 12-acre grounds. There are board games to borrow, and for the energetic there is a tennis court and games lawn.

How do I get there?

By car or train. Lifts can be arranged, either from Bristol, or from the railway station (Torquay): please contact Deborah Tomkins for more information, and to sign up.

How much does it cost?

Adult: £153. Children 0-17 – depending on age, £0/£38.25/£76.50 (see booking form).

St Matthew's Church weekend away, from Friday 22nd April to Sunday 24th April 2020, is an unmissable opportunity to enjoy each other's company and to learn more about the Christian life. All are welcome! We do hope you can come.

As well as some teaching sessions, there will be lots of other activities, including prayer, worship, games, entertainment, as well as time to relax and enjoy each other's company.

Our speaker will be Rev'd Canon Mike Peters, a former prison chaplain who worked in Bristol for many years. Mike is now retired and lives in Somerset.

The cost includes all meals and accommodation, together with tea and coffee with home-made cake and biscuits at elevenses and tea-time. The weekend will begin on Friday afternoon at 4pm – in time for tea and cake! – and will end after roast lunch on Sunday. Food preferences can be catered for – please see the booking form.

There will also be activities for children and young people, and – we hope – home-grown Saturday night entertainment.

If you find that it will be a struggle to meet the full cost, please speak to Ian Tomkins or Richard Pendlebury (our clergy), or Chris Smith or Laura Pendlebury (our churchwardens), in confidence.

If you are able to help subsidise the cost for someone who might otherwise be unable to come, please also speak to Ian Tomkins or Richard Pendlebury. Donations will go into the Vicar's Discretionary Fund