

foundations

restoring the Church to its roots

*Your people will rebuild the ancient
ruins and will raise up the age-old
foundations (Isaiah 58:12)*

Monday 1st – Friday 5th October 2012

A weekday residential conference

Quinta Christian Centre, Quinta Hall, Weston Rhyn, Oswestry SY10 7LR

FOUNDATIONS 2

Holy Days - Holiday

INTRODUCTION PACK



www.saffronplanet.net

VISION

We knew, after Foundations 1, that we had to do another one.

We had our own agenda for the last conference, but God had other plans. We intended a "Church" focus for the weekend, we ended up with an "Israel" focus. This seems to be the heart of God for future conferences.

Where, when and what? The Feast of Tabernacles seemed to be the perfect time, Quinta seemed the perfect place, Israel and the feasts seemed the perfect subject. And then, despite the odds (Quinta is usually fully booked then) it all came together ...

We wanted to learn from the last conference, do more of what worked, do less of what didn't. We wanted some solid teaching, lots of interactivity, but also lots of rest and freedom.

We wanted the right delegates, people with a hunger to go deeper with God, willing to learn together, laugh together, be comfortable with each other ...

... that bit is up to you!

TEACHING

The Biblical feasts (of Leviticus 23) are wonderful teaching aids and pointers to the Life and Mission of Jesus our Messiah. By studying them together we will see their connection in a very real and exciting way and our knowledge of God's plans will be greatly enriched.

The story of the Jews and the origins of the conflict in the Middle East are very confusing to most of us. This is why we have prepared very visual presentations, using maps and Powerpoint (even drama!), to explain all. We promise you many surprises and revelations!

FOUNDATIONS 1

Last January we held our first conference, Foundations 1. It was held over a weekend, also at Quinta, and attracted 55 people. It was a roaring success (go to www.gofoundations.com for testimonials) and the vast majority of delegates voted for more and more conferences.

Here are some comments ... brilliant weekend ... when and where is the next one? ... God is doing a very special thing ... a great God-inspired idea ... a new way of seeing things ... being part of something new and significant ... I was very blessed ... the presence of the Lord was very much in evidence ...



WHAT IS FOUNDATIONS 2?

In a nutshell, it's for those who feel a calling or a curiosity about Israel, the Jewish people and their connection to the Church and individual Christians. Whether you are a veteran (in which case be prepared to share some of your knowledge) or a newcomer, the programme will have something for you, as we explore these important issues with like-minded people in a relaxing environment.

In our discussions, we will focus on three questions:

- 1. How do we share these Hebraic teachings with our fellow Christians?*
- 2. How do we effectively pray for Israel and the Jewish people?*
- 3. How do we teach the UK Church to understand Israel and the Jewish people?*

The five days will include:

- teaching from Chris Hill, one of the most experienced Bible teachers in the UK, speaking on subjects dear to his heart.
- multimedia seminars from Steve Maltz, the most prolific author in the UK on Israel and the Church.
- group discussions led by Saffron Planet, the award-winning Christian web discussion team.
- small informal discussion groups to help us to network with other like-minded people
- lots of time for relaxation and fun, fellowship and chilling out. There's plenty of leisure activities at Quinta.
- Either just soak in the discussions and teaching, or bring your gifts and knowledge and take a more active role. Expect the unexpected as the Holy Spirit leads us into exciting places.
- Come as an individual or a church group and benefit from mixing with like-minded Christians from a variety of fellowships.
- Lots of surprises planned and special features, including workshops, displays, film shows, presentations, drama, Passover seder night, building of Succot booths etc.
- There will also be a limited programme for children (probably 7 and above)

MORE AT www.qofoundations.com

WHO IS ...?

Saffron Planet



We are a group of Christian friends who meet up occasionally for a chat about things that really matter, sometimes with a special guest (e.g. Tony Pearce or John Mackay). All chats (and there's loads of them) are freely available at www.saffronplanet.net. Saffron Planet won the coveted 'People's choice' award at the 2008 Christian Blog and Web Awards competition, as well as being 'highly commended' by the Christian Broadcasting Council that same year.

Chris Hill



Chris has been a Bible teacher for more years than he would care to admit to! After his theological training he has been a curate, a director of Pilgrims Hall centre, Principal of Christian Life College and resident Bible teacher at Mulberry House. He has led over eighty tours of Israel and has preached and taught extensively. He is the author of many books, CDs and DVDs. Find out more at www.clministries.org.uk.

Steve Maltz



Steve is a Christian author with 10 books under his (considerable) belt. As well as writing about Israel, the Jews, God, Jesus and evangelism, he is perhaps best known for his recent trilogy about the Church, 'How the Church Lost the Way', 'How the Church Lost the Truth' and 'To Life!'. He is also the founder of Saffron Planet and Saltshakers, the oldest (and best) web messianic ministry at www.hebrewroots.com.

Quinta



Quinta is a Christian conference centre situated in a beautiful 50 acre estate in Shropshire. It is run by a Christian charity and is set up primarily to serve those who accept the sufficiency and authority of the Scriptures in their teaching and practice. It's a very popular place, usually fully booked all year round, so we thank God that we are able to use these wonderful facilities. You can find out more at www.quinta.org.

WHAT IS THE COST?

The cost is **£200** (all inclusive) or **£120** for day visitors (including lunch/dinner/refreshments) or **£20** a day (only including refreshments).

WHAT IS THE BENEFIT?

- To be able to have a chance for your specific concerns to be addressed
- To be able to contribute to the conference (if you wish) with your gifts and understanding
- To meet like-minded people
- To experience true fellowship, for those who may currently be un-churched
- To gain an understanding of Israel and the Jewish people
- To be introduced to resources that will help you to grow in your Christian walk
- To chill out and have fun in beautiful surroundings

All this, and ...

- All meals provided (including tea/coffee/refreshments all through the day)
- Accommodation provided within the conference centre (where possible)
- Course notes provided
- Full use of Quinta facilities – see www.quinta.org

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME (subject to tweaking)

MONDAY:

5pm Arrival and registration

6:00pm Introduction

6:30pm Passover Seder night (Steve Maltz)

TUESDAY (Theme: Word and Spirit)

7am Prayers

8am Breakfast

9am PASSOVER/SHAVUOT teaching (Chris Hill)

11am Tea/Coffee

11:15am Small groups

12:30pm Lunch

1:30pm Jewish history multimedia presentation (Steve Maltz)

3:00pm Tea/Coffee - Small groups/Free time

6pm Supper

7pm SHAVUOT themed teaching and Q & A (Chris Hill)

8pm Discussion "How do we share Hebraic teachings with our fellow Christians?" (Saffron Planet + panel)

WEDNESDAY (Theme: Reflection)

7am Prayers

8am Breakfast

9am ROSH HASHANAH teaching (Chris Hill)

11am Tea/Coffee

11:15am Small groups

12:30pm Lunch

1:30pm Middle East conflict multimedia presentation (Steve Maltz)

3:00pm Tea/Coffee - Small groups/Free time

6pm Supper

7pm YOM KIPPUR themed teaching /prayer/reflection (Chris Hill)

8pm Discussion "How do we effectively pray for Israel and the Jewish People?" (Saffron Planet + panel)

THURSDAY (Theme: Israel and the Church)

7am Prayers

8am Breakfast

9am SUCCOT teaching (Chris Hill)

11am Tea/Coffee

11:15am Small groups

12:30pm Lunch

1:30pm World premier of drama on Jewish history (tbc)

3:00pm Tea/Coffee - Small groups/Free time

6pm Supper

7pm SUCCOT themed celebration (Saffron Planet)

8pm Discussion “How do we teach the UK Church about Israel and the Jewish People?” (Saffron Planet + panel)

FRIDAY (Theme: Going forwards)

7am Prayers

8am Breakfast

9am Testimony/Worship (Saffron Planet)

11am Tea/Coffee

11:15am Small groups

12:30pm Lunch

1:30pm Summary (Chris Hill & Steve Maltz)

3:30pm Finish

OTHER THINGS YOU MAY WANT TO KNOW

- Hopefully you'll agree that the cost of the week is very reasonable. One reason is that Quinta is a tad more basic than other pricier Christian conference centres. Although some rooms are ensuite, most are not, though all have basins. Also you'll have to bring your own towels and soap and bed linen (though that can be provided by Quinta for a £6 surcharge). Having said that, the standard of cleanliness is very high, the staff are very responsive and the facilities in the conference centre include a pool table and table football! (There's also an outside pool for the warmer times of the year).
- Quinta is usually inhabited by Church groups or youth groups, which means that the bedrooms are arranged accordingly. This means that many rooms have double and single beds, even bunk beds in a few cases. This gives us a unique challenge as we will be folk from all over the place who in most cases will not know each other. Yet we need to fill up the bedrooms in the most efficient manner. So ...
 - Married couples in a double bed will not find themselves sharing their room with any others (unless they have other family members who don't mind sharing – that would certainly help us!)
 - If you are coming with a friend (of the same sex), expect to be sharing a room with them (in single beds!)
 - If you are coming by yourself we would ideally need you to share a room with a stranger, although we will take age and compatibility into consideration, according to the information you send us. If this is a REAL problem then we can accommodate a small number in their own rooms, but there will be a single room supplement of £40 to pay.
- If you plan to come by public transport, the nearest station is Gobowen, which is about 3 miles away. There are regular trains to Gobowen from Birmingham, Cardiff, Shrewsbury, Chester and Holyhead. More at <http://ojp.nationalrail.co.uk/service/ldbboard/dep/GOB> . Free shuttle service available from station – arrange with us beforehand!
- If the costs of the conference are a bit high for you – particularly if you are coming as a family – there are some lower-cost options, either involving the availability of cheaper accommodation in the grounds for small groups or families, or, if we can create a small team for meal-time chores (i.e. setting and clearing tables, washing up), then those folk will have a fee reduction – this may be a limited offer so don't hesitate to ask more about this ASAP.

BOOKING FORM

Please fill out this form, tear it out and post it with your deposit of **£50 per person** (made out to 'Saltshakers') to **Saltshakers, PO BOX 2215, ILFORD, Essex IG1 9TR**. On receipt of your payment you will receive a pre-conference questionnaire. **ALTERNATIVELY YOU CAN PAY BY CREDIT/DEBIT CARD BY PHONING US ON 0208 551 1719 OR THROUGH OUR SECURE WEB PAGE AT <http://www.saffronplanet.net/node/155>**

If you have any questions regarding this form (or anything else relevant) you may email us at steve@saltshakers.com or phone us up on 020 8551 1719

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PLEASE INDICATE ALL MEMBERS OF YOUR GROUP

1. NAME:_____ MARITAL STATUS:_____ AGE: _____

ADDRESS:_____

PHONE NUMBER:_____ (home) _____ (mobile)

EMAIL ADDRESS:_____

2. NAME:_____ MARITAL STATUS:_____ AGE: _____

ADDRESS:_____

PHONE NUMBER:_____ (home) _____ (mobile)

EMAIL ADDRESS:_____

3. NAME:_____ MARITAL STATUS:_____ AGE: _____

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PHONE NUMBER:_____ (home) _____ (mobile)

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4. NAME:_____ MARITAL STATUS:_____ AGE: _____

ADDRESS:_____

PHONE NUMBER:_____ (home) _____ (mobile)

EMAIL ADDRESS:_____

ROOM REQUIREMENTS:

(i.e. willingness to share room, or indicate if you are a day visitor)

COMMENTS: