

Growing the Rural Church a Conference for Rural Church Leaders and Members at Scargill House

There are clearly challenges facing rural churches, from whatever denominational stream they are from.

With pressure building on a reduced number of paid leaders and clergy, historic buildings to be maintained and communities made up of a cross section of new arrivals and families that have lived in an area for generations, it is not easy pulling the threads together to grow the rural church.

However there are many positive signs of growth from around the country as rural churches have responded to these challenges.

To help church leaders, clergy, PCC and church members learn from others, who are making progress growing the rural church; Andy Ryland Diocesan Rural Officer for Ripon and Leeds has worked with the Scargill Movement to bring together some of the country's leading practitioners so that we can learn together how to address three key issues associated with rural church growth.

- **Reaching rural communities both new and long standing**
- **Buildings - burden or blessing**
- **Enabling participation - empowering the people of God**

The three day conference will address these themes on separate days so you can attend as a day delegate or stay for the three days and enjoy the hospitality and good food that Scargill is building a reputation for, since it reopened in 2010.

Day one March 6th: Reaching rural communities both new and long standing

Bishop James Bell, Lesley Morley, Simon Mattholie, Bob Baker, Pauline Broadwith and Karen Shaw

Day two March 7th Buildings - burden or blessing

Peter Aires, Lesley Morley, Nigel Walter, Alice Ullathorne

Day Three March 8th: Enabling participation - empowering the people of God

Pete Atkins, Lesley Morley, Elizabeth Clarke, Sian Lockwood OBE, Cursillo Volunteers

To book you please phone Scargill House, where staff will be able to design a package around how you want to attend the conference, either keeping the cost down as a day delegate or staying over and enjoying the special experience of staying at Scargill at the heart of the Yorkshire Dales National Park.

1 Conference Day (including lunch) £19

1 Conference Day and 1 night's stay £53.75

2 Conference Days and 1 night's stay £72.75

All 3 Conference Days and 2 nights stay £126.50

All 3 Conference Days and 3 nights stay £180.75

Monday 4pm- Friday 10 am (including Conference) £215

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