

CHURCH WITHOUT WALLS

The National Gathering

OVERVIEW



2008

3-4 MAY
ROYAL HIGHLAND CENTRE
INGLINGTON

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Welcome to CWW 2008

The National Gathering

Since 2005 the Church without Walls (CWW) Planning Group has organised a series of events and conferences within the Church of Scotland. The purpose of these events has been to motivate and model opportunities for churches to get together and network and inspire one another. We want to give support to those who are willing to begin to push the boat out a bit further. In summary, it's about energising God's people.

What could happen in Scotland if 20,000 Christians were filled with compassion and sent out to live in their space as disciples? It is our prayer that we will all become more inclusive and less exclusive; that we will begin to consider ourselves as disciples of Jesus rather than members of a denomination. That we will all become interdependent, learning from each other in humility and grace.

We want to gather all God's people together to celebrate our common faith in Christ. This is the vision that is driving the Planning Group forward to launch 'CWW 2008 — the National Gathering'



Rev Albert Bogle (Chair of CWW Planning Group)

For more information visit this website: www.cwwresources.org.uk/ng

Other members of the CWW Planning Group:

Paul Beautyman, Susan Brown, David Cameron, Donald Campbell, Jill Clancy, Fred Drummond, Roddy Hamilton, Neil MacLennan, Peter Neilson, Linda Pollock, Jim Ritchie, Donald Smith, Pauline Steenbergen.

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All You Can't Leave Behind

The Church is on the move. What do we need to take with us into the future? What do we need to leave behind?

CWW 2008 – the National Gathering is a tented gathering at the Royal Highland Centre, Ingliston, Scotland's premier outdoor/indoor venue.

CWW 2008 – the National Gathering is for all age groups and all churches. You can come for one or for both days.

It's like the people of God moving out of slavery on a journey of rediscovery

It's like the Feast of Tabernacles when people returned to tents and shelters for a time of transformation

It's like the Gaels moving to Highland shielings with a new season

It's the experience of freedom and creativity for 21st century churches

You are the Story

Churches are invited to purchase one of 500 tents to celebrate and showcase what they are doing in their locality. Afterwards every tent will be donated to worldwide relief efforts.

There will be a central 'PrayerZone' to encourage and facilitate prayer for the nation. There will be a 'KidZone', a youth programme in 'The Shed', outdoor performance and games, large scale worship with keynote preachers in the Highland Hall, music of all styles, resources and talks in the Lowland Hall, cafés and catering for all tastes. You can come as groups, as families or as individuals.

The Big Themes Are

- Personal Faith
- Local church
- Generational Issues
- The Culture Scene
- Global Challenges



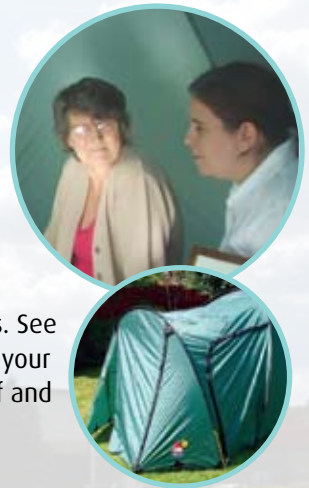
A Tented Village

In addition to the well-known speakers, worship, prayer focus areas, kids and youth programmes, as part of the National Gathering we are creating a village of 500 tents — and we would like your church or group to be there to 'occupy' one of them.

Your Contribution

We'd like you to buy a tent for £300 which includes 10 free tickets to the National Gathering. On each day you should have some of your members 'staff' your tent, perhaps five each day using your free tickets.

But don't feel you can bring only five from your church or group each day. The free tickets are just a starter – for ten! But bring lots more people from your church or group! Tickets for families and individuals are also available at great value-for-money prices. See the back page of this brochure. After the event you are donating your tent to an international relief project specialising in disaster relief and emergency aid.



Our Contribution

CWW will physically purchase and pitch the tent for you. After the event, we'll take your tent down and, in partnership with Blythwood Care and Scottish International Relief, arrange for it to be shipped to an area of need around the world on your behalf.

Telling your Story

Share something of your congregation or group story — its hopes, its experiences, its vision. It's all low tech in the tents, so bring some key people, along with a few special objects and images that will prompt the tellers and the listeners. Keep it informal and engaging as folk drop in throughout the day. Reflect and enjoy.

Feel free to share stories with neighbouring groups anytime throughout the weekend. There will also be specific times in the programme when we'll ask you to be tellers and listeners. When you book your tent, there will be an option to tell us the theme of your story. In that way others who want to find out how to do what you've done will know where to come and hear all about it!

What are the tents like?

The tents are family-sized and big enough for 5 or 6 people inside. We'll provide some furnishings — a table, chairs and a wind-up lantern. Mains power will not be available. Visit our website for more details about your tent specification and for some ideas you could use in telling your story. Note: the tents are not intended to be slept in overnight on the Saturday night!

Our Partner Aid Agencies

Blythswood Care combines the Christian message with practical help for those in need at home and abroad. Whether through filled shoeboxes at Christmas, relief and development aid or social projects for young and old, they bring hope to thousands in Europe, Africa and Asia. They are a Christian charity helping people in need locally and globally regardless of political or religious beliefs or ethnic origins. Website: www.blythswood.org



Scottish International Relief was set up by Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow in 1992 after he delivered aid to Bosnia and was deeply moved by the plight of the refugees. Today SIR works with local partners to deliver hope to some of the world's poorest communities. SIR's vision is that all those who have more than they need, share with those who lack even the most basic things and so help create a civilization of love and peace. Website: www.sircharity.org



Some of the Speakers and Performers

Jonny Baker works for Church Mission Society, a community that longs to see all peoples being drawn into fellowship with the Lord Jesus Christ. He is a member of Grace which is an alternative worship network. Jonny coordinates worship at Greenbelt and lectures for the Centre for Youth Ministry. He is a songwriter and director of an independent record label, Proost. He is married with two sons.



John Bell is a native of Kilmarnock, who lives in Glasgow where he studied Arts and Theology. He lectures, preaches and conducts seminars across the denominations in Europe, North America, Australasia, and more recently, in Southern Africa. He is a hymn writer, author and occasional broadcaster on national radio and television, but retains a primary passion for congregational song. He and the work he shares with his colleagues has been honoured by the Royal School of Church Music, and the University of Glasgow, which respectively bestowed on him a Fellowship and a Doctorate.



Fischy Music has been writing and performing top quality, original music for primary age children since 1998. Widely used in schools and churches across the UK, the songs address real-life issues children meet every day: at home, in the playground, on the news and in the lives of people around them. Difficult issues such as bullying or relationship breakdown are treated with compassion and sensitivity, and the value and creativity of every individual celebrated as part of an awe-inspiring world. All the songs are catchy, easy to learn and fun to sing, reinforcing powerful positive messages – often appreciated by all ages! In concert, Fischy Music are renowned for their energy, humour, musicianship and audience participation.



Michele Guinness was brought up in a Jewish family and is a writer, speaker and communications trainer, Michele has worked for national TV and radio, and for two years presented her own daily programme on BBC local radio. For four years she was Head of Communications for the NHS in Cumbria and Lancashire, but gave it up last year to concentrate on her writing. As well as contributing to many magazines, Michele has written eight books from her uniquely Jewish perspective, including “Woman, the Full Story”. Her next book, “The Heavenly Party: Life-Changing Celebration for Home and Community” is out in October. Married to Peter, Vicar of St Thomas’ Lancaster, she has a grown up son and daughter, and a baby granddaughter.



The Most Reverend and Right Honourable **Dr John Tucker Mugabi Sentamu** is the 97th Archbishop of York. He was formerly Bishop for the Diocese of Birmingham (2002-2005) and Bishop for Stepney (1996-2002). From 1997 to 1999, Dr Sentamu was Adviser to the Stephen Lawrence Judicial Inquiry and he chaired the Damilola Taylor Murder Review, 2002. He supported and advised workers affected by the closure of the Rover car plant in Birmingham and campaigned against guns, knives, drugs and gangs throughout the Midlands, after the killings of Charlene Ellis and Letisha Shakespeare and worked hard to ensure that their killers are brought to trial. Between 2002 and 2004 he was Chairman of the EC1 New Deal. He became President of Youth for Christ in 2004 and President of the YMCA in April 2005.



Alister McGrath is Professor of Historical Theology at Oxford University. A former atheist, he became a Christian while studying science at Oxford. He has a special interest in the relation of science and faith, and is the author of many books, including the international bestseller "The Dawkins Delusion? Atheist Fundamentalism and the Denial of the Divine" (SPCK, 2007). He also authored the best-selling theology textbook "Christian Theology: An Introduction" (Blackwell, fourth edition, 2006).



Andrea Wigglesworth is called to "Heal the Broken Heart and Set the Captives Free" and has a desire to train and equip



others in the Church. She has trained over 500 Christian Counselors and planted Christian Counseling Services throughout Scotland. Andrea is currently on the staff of St. Mungo's in Balerno where as Director of Counseling, she is beginning to plant a "Wellness Centre" as a Church service to serve the local community. In this centre themes of "restoring the soul" will be explored along with restoring couples' marriages, families and vision, dream and purpose etc. She is a certified counselor and Imago Therapist and helps others to lead a "Resilient Life"

KIDZONE

In the midst of inflatables, in the activity of prayer, in the telling of stories in the dancing of puppets, in the work of play, children are enthusiastically welcomed and encouraged to experience the mystery, wonder and awe of Jesus and each other.

YouthZone

An inspirational place for teenagers and young adults. Where we can be ourselves, worship God in our way and express who we are through music, urban dance, dj-ing, football, basketball, skateboarding street art and much, much more! Why would you want to be anywhere else?

PrayerZone

Space. Sacred Space. A place to unfold thoughts and gather them again amid symbols and labyrinth that unfold and gather heaven. Space to pray, to travel, and to meet Love's Presence in labyrinth, image and silence. A unique and special place to be over the weekend.

Be part of it! Don't wait!

Don't let your church or group miss out on this exciting celebratory event for the whole church in Scotland. Order your tent early while we can hold prices low. After 31st January 2008, tent orders will be charged at a higher price. See the back of this brochure for prices and how to order. Similarly it's cheaper to buy tickets for families and individuals early.

Why have we created this event?

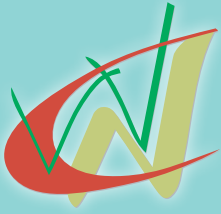
We have created this event because we believe there are Christians all over Scotland who want to become change makers. Worshippers in all denominations are tired of conforming to old patterns that frankly no longer engage this generation. There is an acknowledgement by Church leaders of all shades of theological opinion that the church as we know it has a limited shelf life. The prophets among us have been telling us for years that God is doing a new thing. CWW 2008 – The National Gathering is an opportunity to listen to local and global voices and to engage with the challenge of change in your area.

Why should I come to it?

We would like you to come so that you can reflect on the things you and your congregation can't leave behind as you make your journey of change. We will focus on the compelling nature of the Gospel that calls us to the place of grace and forgiveness, compassion and mercy, friendship and service, death and resurrection.

One of the great changes taking place is that the church is focusing again on the power of local compassion to impact the global crisis. We invite you to join us in prayer as we all make the change from settled ministry to risk-taking ministry.





What is 'Church without Walls'?

In 2001 a report was brought to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland which has become known as the 'Church without Walls Report'. Central to the Report was the re-discovery of Jesus' call to "Follow me". That call takes us back to be people with Jesus at the centre, travelling wherever Jesus takes us. The Report recognised that "...our core calling is to invite, encourage and enable people to be disciples of Jesus Christ."

The Report recommended that the church of the future should be:

- Shaped by the Gospel
- Shaped by Friendship
- Shaped by the Gifts of God's people
- Shaped by the locality

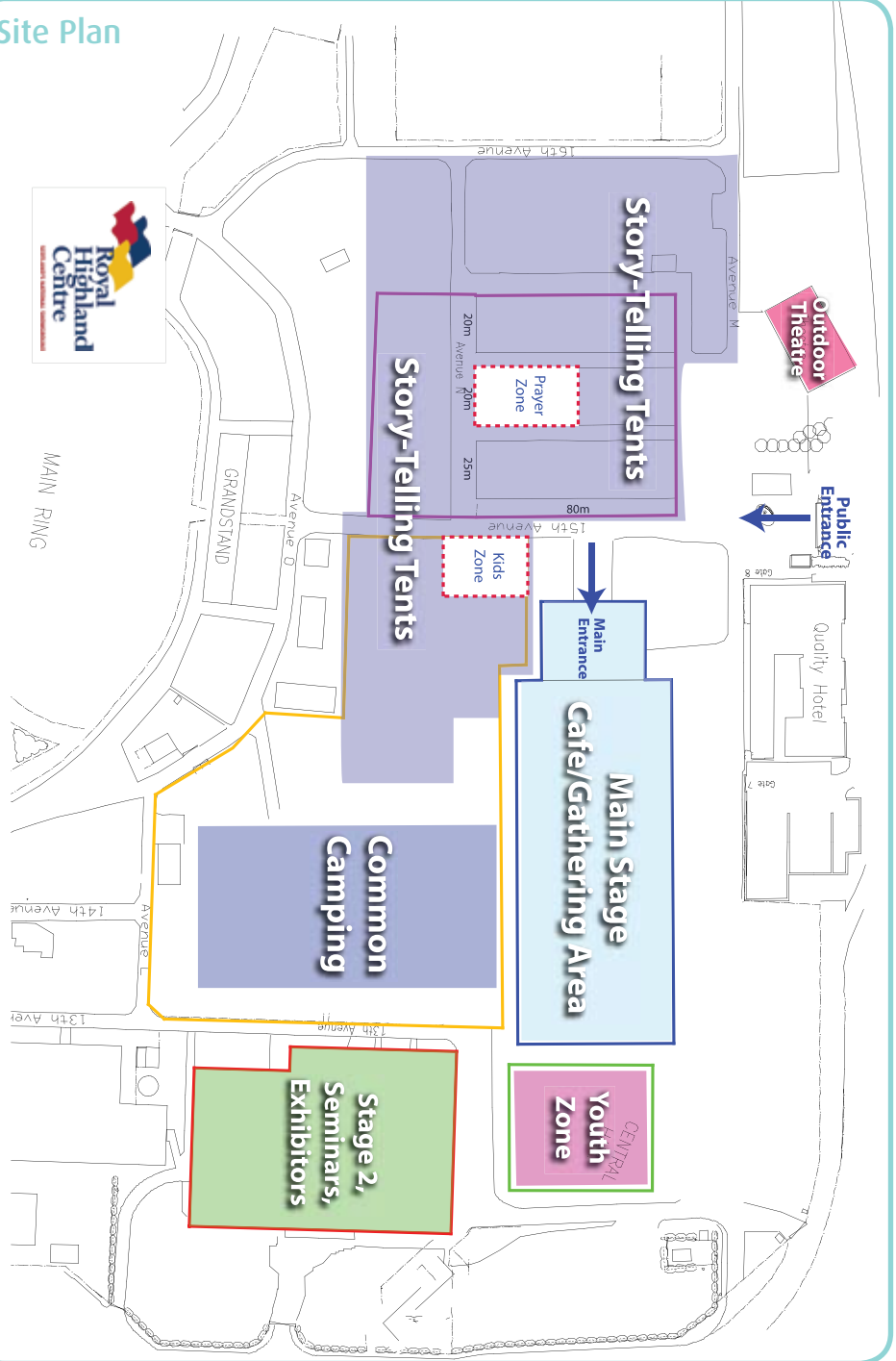


And at the heart of Church without Walls is the desire to change mindsets:

- From church focus to Christ focus
- From settled church to church as a movement
- From a culture of guilt to a culture of grace
- From running congregations to building communities
- From isolation to interdependence
- From individualism to teamwork
- From top-down church to upside-down
- From centralised resources to development resources
- From faith as security to faith as risk



Site Plan



Pricing Information

Tents

	Early Bird (for bookings up to Feb 29 2008)	Normal Rate
Storytelling Tent	£300	£350

E-Tickets

	Standard Rate
Day Ticket	£10.00
Weekend Ticket	£17.50
Family Day Ticket ¹	£30.00
Overnight Camping ^{2 3}	£10.00
Overnight Caravan ²	£20.00

Ordering Information

Please visit our website: www.cwwresources.org.uk to order your tent and ticket(s). Payment can be made by debit card or credit card. Alternatively you can pay by cheque using the Postal Order Form overleaf (a 10% manual handling fee will be added)

NOTES

¹ Two adults and their children (16 and under) Children under 5 are free, but still need a ticket

² Saturday only. Showers and toilet block are available. The number of spaces is limited.

³ Per tent. An area of 3 metres by 3 metres is provided.

Postal Order Form

Tents & Tickets				
	Early Bird (for bookings up to Feb 28 2008)	Normal Rate	Qty	£ total
Storytelling Tent	£300	£350		
Day Ticket	£11.00			
Weekend Ticket	£19.25			
Family Day ticket	£33.00			
Overnight Camping	£11.00			
Overnight Caravan	£22.00			
Grand Total				£

NOTE The above ticket prices include a 10% manual handling fee for paying by cheque. If you would like to save some money then please pay online at www.cwwresources.org.uk using our secure payment facility.

Name

Address

Postcode Telephone

Email Address

Church Denomination

Story-telling theme (if known):

Please make cheques payable to "St. Andrew's Multimedia Youth Project" (who administer our ticketing system) and return this booking form to:

CWW Office, St. Andrew's Parish Church, Grahamsdyke Avenue, Bo'ness, EH51 9DT