

Through this two day non residential conference we will be exploring 3 strands:

- **Recognising the sacred in the seemingly secular places** - where are God's fingerprints in the world around us.
- **Creating a sacred space in a public place** - artistic visual expression of God's presence.
- Being aware that **we may be the sacred space in the public place** – looking at our inner space, an incarnational approach to our engagement with the world.

DAY 1: Theological, theoretical input, workshops from our contributors on our three strands of Sacred Space.

DAY 2: Putting our learning into action!
Creating sacred spaces in public places in Oxford

Booking is essential

Please book through: <http://sacredspaces.eventbrite.com>

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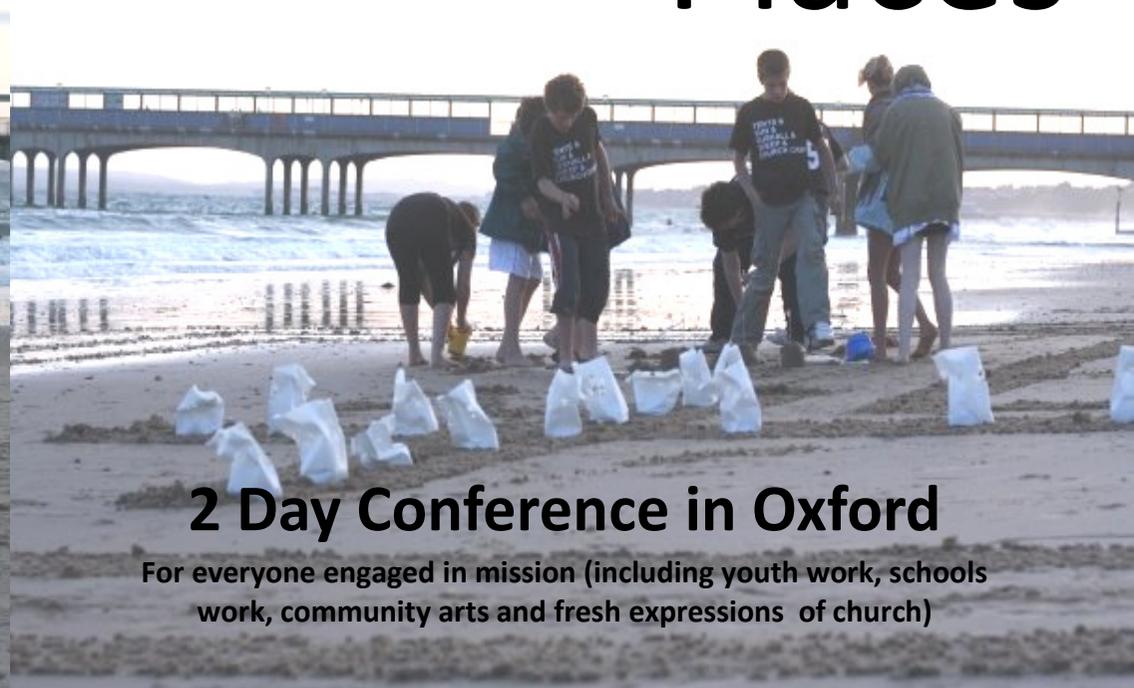
Sacred Spaces



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Public Places

**22nd– 23rd
March 2011**



2 Day Conference in Oxford

For everyone engaged in mission (including youth work, schools work, community arts and fresh expressions of church)

Contributions from...



Martin Pool (Tues + Wed)— Martin has been a priest for nearly 25 years but has only started working as a vicar within the last year having spent most of his ministry so far on the fringes of church. 3 years ago he set up Beyond which aims to provoke people to think about spirituality through creativity and their most well known initiative to date is the Beach Hut Advent Calendar. His session will look at how to make Christianity relevant within contemporary culture and the ups and downs of working outside the church to do this.



Catherine Clayton (Tues + Wed)—**Prayer Spaces in School**
Catherine works for Emmanuel Church in Oxford and is a part of a national prayer spaces in school team based in Oxfordshire. During her session she will be talking through the theology and practice of creating prayer spaces in schools and will be creating prayer spaces with us on day 2.



Joanna Gilbert (Tues) — Lay Community of St Benedict (associated with Worth Abbey)
"We are a community dedicated to the Gospel and the spirituality of St. Benedict as lived out by lay people." In response to the call of Christ they seek, amongst other things, to **create holy space**. Jo will be leading us in an inward look at the sacred place within ourselves.



Andy Freeman, (Tues + Wed) lives in Reading and, with a team, is pioneering the Reconcile Community there. After 15 years experience in youth work, he worked for 8 years as part of a team developing 24-7 Prayer as a charity. Andy will be looking at prayer

- *Imago Dei*
- *why and how prayer in public spaces is happening*
- *practical lessons from 24-7.*



Fran Walsh (Wed) - Oxford Youth Works youth worker + Oxford CYM Tutor.
With many years experience of taking young people on retreat and helping them see the sacred world around us I will be leading a 'Stations of the Cross' walk in Oxford using only pre-existing places to help us reflect on our Lenten journey.



Heather Nottage (Wed)

Having worked as a community artist and youth worker for the last 5 years, my passion is to see people engaging in the creative process and to enable them to connect with God through this. I am particularly interested in creating instillation spaces that enable others to meet with God. During the conference I will be Practically thinking about how we create sacred spaces with and for our churches and young people.



Joshua Simpson (Wed) - Wild Goose Arts and Entertainment

I am currently working as an artist in residents and community arts co-ordinator at a secondary school in Wiltshire. I also run my own community arts company, Wild Goose Arts and Entertainment. I am interested in the role that art and creativity can have in enriching lives and transforming communities., I am currently exploring the possibilities of willow sculpture and will be sharing this skill to help us make a collective artwork at the conference.

Conference Plan

| TIME | DAY 1 | DAY 2 |
|---------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| 10.00 | Registration / coffee | Registration / coffee |
| 10.30 - 10.45 | Welcome Intro | Welcome Intro |
| 10.45 - 11.45 | Workshop 1a | Out and About |
| 11.45 - 12.00 | Coffee | Coffee |
| 12.00 - 1.00 | Workshop 1b | Out and About |
| 1.00 - 2.00 | Lunch | Lunch |
| 2.00 - 3.00 | Workshop 2a | Out and About |
| 3.00 - 3.15 | Tea | Tea in City |
| 3.15 - 4.15 | Workshop 2b | FLASH MOB in City Centre |

£30 including lunch per day

or

£50 for both days