

# "Learning from Jesus, the master teacher"

Conference 2023  
Sat 18th March



**ACT**  Association  
of Christian  
Teachers

# WELCOME



Much has been written on the topic of teaching well. Pedagogical experts are full of techniques and wisdom. And tips from experts are helpful and should be consulted. But are we, as Christian Educators, seriously considering the ways in which Jesus demonstrated mastery of instructional methods as He taught individuals, small groups, and large crowds?



Lizzie Harewood  
ACT Executive Officer

By considering the teaching style of Jesus as a model, we'll surely grow in our own professional proficiency, as well as reflecting more of our saviour's heart for those who don't yet know him.

Join us at our 2023 conference as we consider how to better reflect our saviour's teaching methods and a myriad of other topics pertinent to the Christian teacher. As well as our keynote presentation, we'll have seminars, a range of exhibitors, a panel discussion and an opportunity to network with other Christians in Education



# SPEAKERS



## Phil Moon - Bradford Christian School

Phil founded Bradford Christian School (1993) and was Headteacher until 2020. He still works on the school's leadership team with responsibility for Middle School. He is the author of the 'The Essential Christian Teacher' teacher training course (2014) and 'The Essential Christian School Leader.' (2016). These courses are constantly being adapted and developed, most recently, in Nigeria in 2022 for 60 Nigerian teachers. He also coaches young school leaders. He has recently worked for Driestar University in Gouda, Netherlands, as part of a team delivering teacher training online in Pakistan, Sierra Leone and Pakistan.



## Mike Smith - St John's Hartford

Mike is Vicar of Hartford, a parish in mid-Cheshire with ten schools. He is passionately convinced that schools are a key mission field, and leads a team seeking to serve and witness to all of them. He focusses on two, having just stepped down after ten years as chair of governors at a community primary school, and continuing as vice chair of the Church of England VA high school he helped to start in 2012. He is currently absorbed by writing a new module for the Year 8 RE curriculum introducing Luke's gospel, and is kept on his toes by regular assemblies in both schools! Mike has spoken at headteachers conferences before- he is an expert on the controversy surrounding the 'No outsiders' programme and is on the steering group of the conservative evangelical network, 'Reform'.



## Rae Morfin - Transforming Lives for Good

With twenty years' experience working with children in both church and school situations, Rae has pioneered and now heads up TLG's Early Intervention programme supporting children struggling in mainstream primary and secondary schools. Rae is Head of Therapeutic Support at Transforming Lives for Good and has strategic oversight in therapeutic approaches and delivery at TLG. Oh, and she's got three teenagers of her own at home!

# SPEAKERS



## Danny Webster - Evangelical Alliance

Danny currently leads the advocacy team's work across the UK including public policy work and engagement with the parliaments and assemblies, and respective governments. Before working for the Evangelical Alliance, Danny, who has degrees in politics and political philosophy, worked in parliament for an MP. Danny is passionate about encouraging Christians to integrate their faith with all areas of their life, especially when it comes to helping them take on leadership outside the church, and helped initiate the Evangelical Alliance's Public Leadership programme. He frequently provides comment on current political issues, both in Evangelical Alliance publications and to the press.



## Nigel McQuoid - Association of Christian Teachers

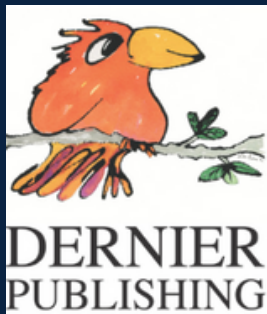
Nigel was born in Northern Ireland and taught English, Maths and Drama in Secondary Schools as well as being CEO of Dublin YMCA. By the time he retired in 2020, he had been Principal in six schools, three in the UK and three in the Middle East. He now lives on Tyneside and is involved with a number of Christian charities which focus on education, youth work and international mission. teacher training online in Pakistan, Sierra Leone and Pakistan.

# EXHIBITORS



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# PROGRAMME



Doors Open at 10.30am

11am Welcome and introduction

KEYNOTE TALK: 'Learning from Jesus, the master teacher' by Phill Moon

Break (optional network meetups)

Hot drinks and cakes provided

SEMINAR (choice overleaf)

1pm Lunch (optional network meetups)

Please bring your own lunch! Hot drinks provided

SEMINAR (choice overleaf)

Break

Panel discussion with Q & A

Final thoughts

4pm Finish

This programme may be subject to change

# SEMINARS



## 1. SERVE LIKE JESUS: 'Bridging the gap- serving in partnership for the sake of the gospel'

Mike Smith is passionately convinced that local schools are a key mission field and leads a team seeking to serve and witness to them in them in Cheshire. He'll help us ponder how churches and Christian teachers can work hand in hand to help Schools fulfil their statutory duties and reach school communities for Christ.

## 2. CARE LIKE JESUS: 'Responding to challenging behaviours: What did Jesus do?'

Rae Morfin will be unpacking the 3 Cs (Calm, Connect, Consider), to help us respond well to challenging behaviours and signs of emotional distress in children & teens

## 3. SPEAK LIKE JESUS 'Public policy and how to effect real change for schools'

Danny Webster will explore how Christian teachers can have Biblical integrity in their workplaces, exploring legal rights and freedoms in the work context as well as tackling conscience issues Christian teachers may face in schools. He'll also give tips on engaging well with public policy.

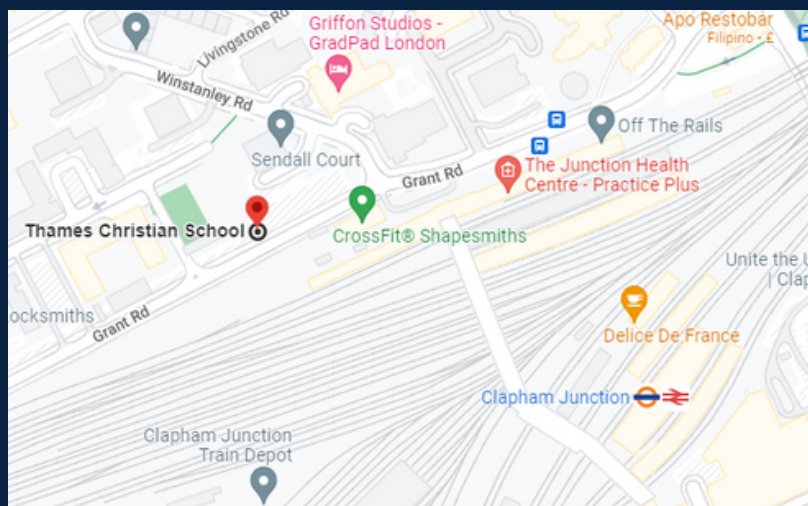
## 4. TEACH LIKE JESUS 'Teaching through parables'

Seen by many as the world's greatest teacher, Jesus taught most often and most powerfully through parables. Why did He choose this technique to communicate some of the deepest spiritual truths to the educated and uneducated alike? And is there anything we can learn about the power of the parable as we approach the teaching of God's truth to our young people? Join Nigel McQuoid as he helps us ponder the strategy of Jesus, the true 'master teacher'

# VENUE



Thames Christian School is located on Grant Road, adjacent to the rear of the Clapham Junction station. It is less than a 2-minute walk from the station.



Thames Christian School  
12 Grant Road  
London  
SW11 2FR

Their impressive new state of the art building has five times the floor area of their previous building and its own outside space. We are sure it will be the perfect venue for our time together and are very thankful to Stephen Holsgrove PhD and the Thames community for letting us use their school.

## Transport:

If you are travelling by car, please note that there will not be parking at the school for delegates. There is some limited free parking in surrounding streets.

There are excellent train links from central London and the rest of the UK.



# HOW TO BOOK



## Available tickets:

Early Bird Ticket (Purchase before December 2022 for a fabulous discount!)

£20

Exhibitor: Please contact [admin@christian-teachers.org.uk](mailto:admin@christian-teachers.org.uk) for details of how to exhibit

Free

Student: If you are currently training to be a teacher

£15

Standard Ticket

£25

Book now via: [community.christian-teachers.org.uk/events](https://community.christian-teachers.org.uk/events)



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