



Mission Community Weekend Away Friday 15th – Sunday 17th May 2026

'Breaking New Ground' *Becoming Pioneering Churches*



Heatree Activity Centre, near Manaton, TQ13 9XE

Information & Booking Form

(Booking deadline: 8th May 2026)



About the Weekend

Do please join us for this weekend of inspiration and worship, fellowship and fun, as we come together as a mission community. Rev'd Greg Bakker from the Church Mission Society, co-creator of the Pioneering Parishes project, will help us in **Breaking New Ground** to become pioneering churches.

In our interactive sessions, we will consider together:

- **Do you believe that God has more for our mission community?** Drawing on the story of Abraham and Sarah, we will explore how our openness to God raises our aspiration for mission.
- **Jesus the Pioneer** Jesus constantly generated newness in his life. We take him as our model and explore common characteristics found in pioneering individuals and congregations.
- **Pioneering Values** We will explore how shared values can help a congregation answer the question 'Who do we want to be for God and our community?'
- **Pioneering Abundance** We will consider ways to nurture a sense of God's abundance.

About our Guest Speaker – The Reverend Greg Bakker

Greg is an experienced parish priest of 30 years and 'thought leader' in the skill of advocating for pioneers. He is committed to creating space for both pioneers and parish churches to thrive in the work of developing new Christian communities. Greg was previously pioneer development officer for the Diocese of Portsmouth. He is also married to an Archdeacon, but we won't hold that against him! 😊

Programme

Time	Activity	Children/YP
Friday 15th May		
From 5pm	Arrival and drinks/snacks	
6:30pm	Supper	
7:30pm	Intro & Worship	
8:30pm	Games / Light Fun	Hot chocolate
9:30pm	Night Prayer	
10pm	Chill / Sleep	
Saturday 16th May		
8-9am	Breakfast	
9:30am	Worship	
10am	Session 1: Jesus the Pioneer	Kids session
11am	Coffee break	
11:30am	Session 2: Pioneering Values	Kids session
12:30pm	Free time	
1pm	Lunch	
2-5pm	Free time / games / crafts / walking	
3-5pm	Drinks available	
6-7pm	Supper	
7:30pm	Entertainment	Youth session
9pm	Free time	Hot chocolate
9:30pm	Night Prayer	
10pm	Chill / Sleep	
Sunday 17th May		
8-9am	Breakfast	
<i>Rooms clear by 12pm</i>		
10am	Worship leading into Session 3: Pioneering Abundance	Kids session
11:30am	Coffee	
12pm	Family Communion	
1:30pm	Lunch	
2:30pm	Depart	

Activities

The Heatree Estate spans 180 acres, so there is no shortage of space for people to find peace and tranquility, or to explore the wildlife habitats on offer. Hound Tor and other walking routes are readily accessible from the centre, so the more adventurous can head out exploring. If you want something more social, then the house and its grounds provide plenty of opportunities for fellowship, games and activities.

Children and Youth Activities

During the sessions, there will be provision for primary-aged children and younger, so that parents/carers can participate in the weekend's discipleship. We would encourage teenagers to be part of the main sessions, as we will be thinking about what sort of churches we want to be, and we would value the voices of our young people contributing to these sessions. On the Saturday night, there will be a Youth Hangout in the Roundhouse especially for our young people to have their own space in the weekend.

Heatree Accommodation

Bedrooms in the Heatree Wing where we will be staying are all en-suite. Beds are mostly bunk beds in the rooms, with a few having a single and a bunk, but this means families can be together in one room. Room capacities vary between 3 and 8 people, but we don't expect people to have to share with someone outside of their own household – though friends are welcome to 'buddy up' in a room if they would like to! There are a limited number of adjoining rooms if people require two rooms, but need to have a connecting door between them. Travel cots are available upon request.

Bedding provided consists of a fitted sheet, pillows and pillowcases, and duvets. They ask all guests to *bring their own duvet cover and towels*.

Only official assistance dogs are permitted on the site.

Day Visitors

While we would love it if you can stay with us for the whole weekend, we understand that some people's needs or circumstances are such that staying on-site may not be their preferred option. You can come from home each day if staying isn't an option for you, and meals can be booked by day visitors too. Having you with us for as much of the weekend as you can manage is what we would love.

Catering

Please be very clear about any dietary requirements when booking – it isn't fair to ask the catering volunteers to whisk up a different menu at the start of the weekend, or worse, at the point of serving up.

Day visitors must book their meals if they wish to join us for food. If you haven't booked meals, please don't expect or accept food while with us, as if you haven't booked the meal then you are eating someone else's, as well as stressing out our cooks when they're having to stretch the portions! We want to be generous in sharing meals together, but we have to be fair too.

Generosity and Mutual Flourishing

As with the last weekend away, we are running the 'Godparent Donation' scheme again, whereby you can contribute some or all of the cost of a place(s) on the weekend in order to help other people attend when they might otherwise be unable to. You can do this via the booking form below, or contact the weekend organisers directly to arrange a donation.

Contact Details

If you have questions about the weekend away, please contact:

Rev'd Phill Parker – rector@moorlandteam.org.uk or

Rev'd Canon John Bennett – jsbkbenett@btinternet.com

Booking Form

Name:	Address:
Tel:	Email:

Names of others in booking group	Adult or Age if under 18?
Dietary Requirements?	
Willing to volunteer as part of a team?	

Costs

Requirements	Rate	Number	Cost
Adult full weekend	£80		
Child full weekend	£40		
Saturday day including meals – Adult	£20		
Saturday day including meals – Child	£10		
Friday evening meal	£5		
Sunday lunch – Adult	£10		
Sunday lunch – Child	£5		
Children age 3 and under	Free		
	Total	£	
* 'Godparent Donation'	Optional addition		
	Total	£	

** If you are able to support someone who is struggling to afford the cost, please add a Godparent Donation. Thank you.*

Please pay by bank transfer to:

Account Name: Moorland Team Council
 Sort Code: 30-96-06
 Account Number: 02358469
 Reference: Away [followed by surname]

Please send or email this form **by 8th May 2026** to:

- St Andrews Church Hall, West Street, Ashburton, Newton Abbot, TQ13 7DT
- admin@moorlandteam.org.uk

Please don't let cost be a barrier to you coming. If you need some financial help for the weekend or have any questions please email Rev'd Phill Parker – rector@moorlandteam.org.uk