

Keswick Convention 2018 (Week 2)

Sat 21 Jul (Afternoon) to Fri 27 Jul (Late Eve)
(Vacate accommodation Saturday 10am)



Information & expression of interest form

We love spending time together as a church family at SVC, and we get to know each other so much better if we can be together for longer periods of time. So in 2018 we want to take that to the next level by getting as many people as possible together at the Keswick Convention, a major Christian summer festival in the beautiful town of Keswick, in the heart of the Lake District.

Keswick Convention has been running for over 150 years and brings together people of all ages and from lots of different types of churches. The Convention has a great reputation for its children and youth ministry so it makes it a fantastic place for all the family.

Whilst the organisers openly admit that it costs around £120 per person to put the festival on, they choose to fund that by asking for donations rather than charging a fee to attend. This means that those who can afford it would be expected to pay in excess of that as a donation, whilst others are able to attend at minimal cost or even free – each as their own conscience dictates.

Your typical day (if there is such a thing!) at Keswick could look something like this... (Don't worry it's all optional)

- **7am** Early morning worship and prayer
- **9.30-12.45am** Morning seminars / Kids activities
- **2.30-3.30pm** The Word
- **7-9pm** Evening celebrations / Kids activities

Afternoons in general are free for group socialising / sight-seeing, although there are a few sessions dotted across the week

All activities take place within the town, and it is easy to walk around.



Most people chose to stay locally, although it is also possible to come and go each day. There are two main options for those who wish to stay over

- A. SVC will organise for several of us to **camp at Crossthwaite Family Campsite**. Bookings for that open in the spring but places go fast **so anyone wanting this option needs to confirm this with Helen Bolton no later than end January 2018**.

The Campsite offers prayer and worship sessions on site as well as attending the main convention.

Camping costs £50 per adult / £20 per Child (Under 5's free) plus £10 per tent or caravan. This includes access to Toilets (portaloos sited on the adjacent car park) and Showers (By arrangement with Keswick School, single sex communal showering facilities are available at designated times), the use of the car park and access to a marquee for prayer and fellowship meetings, facilities for mobile phone charging and freezing of ice packs. There are no electric hook ups or wifi - the site is agricultural land which is used for sheep grazing when the camp is not in operation. This is "Wild Camping".

For more information see their website at www.crosthwaitecamp.org.uk. Andy & Helen Bolton will be "Camp Parents" and help out those who haven't camped before.

OR

- B. Many SVC'ers don't like the idea of camping, and so the other accommodation option **is to book your own B&B or hotel in the area**. Many B&B's get booked up early so you should get on with this as soon as possible. Find out more at <http://www.keswick.org> . Sorry but we can't help with accommodation choices or bookings (although Jackie & Eric or Barry & Lillian may be able to advise re good places to try, being "seasoned Keswick conventioners")

Full payment for the campsite will be required as soon as bookings open it so I will need to collect that by end January 2018. We can accept Cash, Cheque or Bank Transfer. Cheques should be made payable to **SVC Community Plus**. On-line payments can be made to **Co-op Bank, Sort Code 08-92-99, Account Number 65649228**. Please ensure you use as reference "Keswick <your Surname>" e.g. I would use "Keswick-Bolton so we can track all payments.

In order for us to assess whether there is sufficient interest in attending this event and to consider potential transport options and possible entertainment options, please return the attached form to Helen Bolton by the end of November 2017