

# Sung Worship Invite



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## Keswick Convention 2024

We are thrilled that you will be leading worship with us for Keswick Convention 2024. This is a massive part of each week and both a lifeline and life-changing I know for many. So, thank you in advance!

The following aims to capture in one place all the key points behind the invitation and provides some additional guidance on practical arrangements for your time with us in the summer.

And just to say that Emma Cooper, as our *Head of Events Planning*, will normally be your first port of call! She has oversight of pulling together the Convention and an eye on all the moving parts. Please of course never hesitate to contact me, but I'm talking with Emma daily and we'll pick up stuff together.

Our goal is to serve you well so that you can joyfully lead God's people in sung worship, helping our hearts catch fire with the goodness of our God and his gospel.

### The 'ask':

- Playing for the Evening Celebrations: Saturday to Friday, 7:30pm – 9:00pm (Friday evening will also cover three or so extra songs past the 9:00pm ending).
- Playing for the Morning Bible Readings: Monday to Friday, 11:15am – 12:30pm.
- Playing for Sunday morning All Age Service led by the Kids and Youth teams, including working with the songs chosen by the leaders to fit the theme.
- Song choice – range of songs would be a mix of old/new, declarative/responsive. We will discuss this in May/early-June.
- Lunch time planning meetings: Each day at 12:45 (Sunday 12:30) we will meet with the evening speaker and hosts to finalise the Running Order for the Evening Celebration and the Morning Bible Reading the next day. Running orders can (and should) be tentatively populated at least a week before the start of your week at convention (Emma will send links through to these in May).

### New this year:

- We also want to ask the leaders from each band to please join Emma and me for a zoom call in May or early-June
- This partly to say hello and welcome, but chiefly to talk through something of the flavour and feel of the sung worship at the Convention. That way we can learn from

each other, but also clarify some expectations/direction of travel such as about the kinds of songs you might choose, how we can link best with the hosts on stage, and so forth.

- Also of course, we can cover any practicalities, though I hope by then Emma will have been able to answer every question you might have had!

#### Rehearsals:

- Rehearsal time is 4.00pm to 5.30pm.
- As part of our commitment on amplified music that enabled us to get through planning with the Town council:
  - Rehearsals to be silent (i.e. no amplified music and using e-drums – supplied by us)
  - Ideally use e-drums in the main meetings, too, but please liaise with Terésa Lyons-Adams if that's a particular issue.
- We appreciate that on arrival on Saturday you will need a sound check / and rehearse c.12noon – 2pm; and further rehearsal would be with a “silent” stage.
- We are keen to spell this out in front so that you are in the picture.

#### Band size:

We find a group of 6-7 works well; in part this is linked to space on stage; technical capacity, and accommodation practicalities.

Please can you let us know by Fri Dec 8 the size of your band.

#### Accommodation, Catering, Travel:

We provide the worship teams with a self-catering property that sleeps up to 12. We will be able to give you more information about this in the coming months. We are happy for you to bring other family members if they can be accommodated in the property, but we won't be able to cater for them.

You and the band will have lunch and evening meals provided by us at the Rawnsley Hall.

We will also cover any reasonable travel expenses within the UK to and from Keswick.

#### Fees (please see below, too):

Our trustees approved an increase in fees in Oct 2023, and in the light of feedback in prior years, we have an agreed amount per band. You have flexibility to determine how this may be allocated, recognising that individual band members' circumstances and employment status will vary.

For a band of 6 we will pay a total of £4,535 and for a band of 7 a total of £5275.



Other points to be aware of:

- Braille and Large Print words for the blind: We are working again in association with Torch Trust and would seek your co-operation in agreeing song selection in good time (normally at least 7 days before the start of the week you are leading) so that the song word files can be converted, printed and collated in time for the meetings.
- Streaming and catch-up: As mentioned above, we plan to stream the main meetings and make them available on catch-up. This has proved very popular and significantly increased the reach of the ministry, with people joining from every continent.
- Terésa Lyons-Adams (copied in) continues to be our Production Director and will be happy to provide more technical guidance if required.

Finally, to say the entire office team are committed to serving you, and all those attending the Convention in whatever capacity. So please don't hesitate to raise any questions; and do let us know if we can help you in any way.

In his grace and goodness,  
Mark Ellis  
Ministry Director for Keswick Ministries

