

# Speaker Briefing



## KEY INFORMATION FOR KESWICK CONVENTION

We are deeply grateful for your willingness to serve on the speaker team at Keswick Convention – thank you! This briefing document sets out the context to help you prepare for the event.

### Context – All One in Christ Jesus

We thank God that Keswick audiences are hugely supportive of all speakers, and receptive to God’s Word. There is a remarkable warmth and openness to meetings. We are therefore looking for Bible teaching that is warmly faithful to the text, that goes through the heart and exalts Jesus; drawing us all closer to him, to joyfully love and live for him in all of life.

We draw believers – and a speaking team – from a range of church backgrounds and denominations. For 150 years, our founding text has been, “All one in Christ Jesus” (Galatians 3:28); seeking to unite around the gospel of Jesus Christ. We will therefore have legitimate, but differing views on matters of secondary importance that are not themselves salvation issues and we ask you please to refrain from foregrounding these.

### General Programme

The Keswick Convention runs for three weeks with a full and fantastic programme. Here is a typical day at Convention:

**8:45am – 9:15am** Prayer Meeting

**9:30am – 10:30am** Seminars / Keswick Lecture

**11:30am – 12:45pm** Morning Bible Reading  
(Kids and Youth groups)

**1:00pm – 1:30pm** *Lunchtime Planning Meeting*

**Afternoon** Various smaller receptions /events

**7:30pm – 9:00pm** Evening Celebration (Kids and Youth groups)

**9:15pm – 10:15pm** Evening Extras

### Bible Readings and Evening Celebrations

**The Morning Bible Readings (11.30am – 12.45pm)** are an opportunity for one Bible teacher to work through and expound a Bible book or sequence of passages. This allows for more in-depth teaching, and we allocate 45 minutes for that task. We don’t make a sharp distinction between teaching and preaching, but want the morning Bible Readings to be applied to the heart throughout, so that our lives and affections are changed to want to become more like God’s Son, to live for his glory in all of life, and serve his mission.

**The Evening Celebration (7.30pm – 9.00pm)** sermons are set in the context of worship and celebration, much like a Sunday service. We would ask speakers to expound the passages which are allocated to them, bearing in mind that there will be a range of speakers across the week, and to be aware (from the briefing notes) how what you say may tie in with passages on other nights.

We are looking for faithful and clear exegesis that helps us see that God is good and the gospel is true; and therefore, warms our hearts, stirs our emotions, challenges our wills, and encourages deep change. We are however not looking for application that is merely

pietistic or individualistic, but one that is engaged with others and the worlds where God has placed us. The speaker has 35 minutes (except on the Saturday and the Friday of each week when, there is 30 minutes).

**Pray pre-session:** Before the Morning Bible Reading and Evening Celebrations we spend time in prayer with the programme team. Please arrive by 11:00am for MBR and 7:00pm for EC.

### Word-Centred

We see the preaching and exalting of Christ through the Word as the main priority for our ministry at Keswick. Please help us see what you have seen in the Bible and keep the passage at the centre of your preaching.

We do however expect a diversity of preaching styles because God gifts and shapes each speaker differently. Please be yourself, though "We wish to see Jesus" (John 12:21).

We normally use the 2011 **NIV** as our default text. We are happy if you would prefer to preach from the ESV. If so, please let us know in advance.

### Evening Celebration Theme, Title & Passage

We try to ensure that the Bible passage and title match the theme of the convention. We know that we do not always get this right. So, the default position is: the Bible passage wins! If the title we proposed does not match what you believe should be proclaimed, please feel free to change this - but again, please let us know in advance.

### Seminars and Lectures

**Seminars** are held on weekday mornings, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, from 9.30am-10.30am. Since the programme is

tightly scheduled, speakers should work on the assumption that 50 minutes is available for their session with a few minutes for Q&A. Seminars attract c100-300+ people.

The **Keswick Lecture** is each Wednesday morning, 9.30am-10.30am. Again, 50 minutes is the target length. The Lecture attracts between 500-1,000 attendees each week.

### Sunday Afternoon Welcome Meeting

There is a welcome meeting for all speakers each **Sunday at 4:30pm - 5:30pm on site**. We highly recommend that you attend this meeting (unless you are due to arrive later in the week) as we welcome you to this year's Convention, introduce you to others involved in delivering the ministry, and spend time praying over the week. Light refreshments will be available.

### Lunchtime Planning Meetings

There will be a planning meeting each day to run through the night's Evening Celebration and the following Bible Reading. The evening's speaker will need to attend along with the band, hosts and production team.

Saturday 2:00pm / Sunday 12:30pm  
Monday - Friday 1:00pm

### Wider Ministry

Alongside speaking at convention there are other opportunities to serve the convention and Keswick town:

Preaching in Local Churches: Each Sunday morning there are opportunities to preach in Keswick churches and surrounding areas.

The Keswick Convention Podcast: Hosted by Matt Holden and Graham Albans, our podcast runs pre-convention with interviews from



conventions speakers to whet the appetite of conventioners for the upcoming convention.

Prayer Team: Being available to assist our Prayer Team after main sessions to stand alongside Conventioners to respond to the word.

Kids, Youth, 19-24s track and Keswick Unconventional: We are a multi-generational event and each of our groups appreciates hearing the main speakers. This could be for a short devotion with the team or a stage interview.

### **Dress Code**

We do not have a dress code. Please wear what you are comfortable with. From a 'technical' point of view on screen, solid bold colours work best. You are easier to listen to if you do not visibly distract your listeners!

### **Relays, Streaming and Recording**

The Bibles Readings, Evening Celebrations, main tent Seminars and Lectures are relayed to other venues on site and in Keswick. They are also live streamed via our YouTube channel. All talks and seminars are then available on catch-up.

**Audio and Video** recordings of all meetings will be available to buy on a USB and or free to download, as well as audio material available via our podcast and website Talks Library.

### **PowerPoints**

Many people appreciate PowerPoints or some way of being able to **visualise the structure** of your talk. If you are willing to provide your main points or a structure that can be displayed on the main screens. We can create PowerPoints for you. If you would like us to do so, please send us your speaker points no later

than 2 weeks before your sessions at Convention.

### **Speaker Lounge and Team Space**

A Speaker Lounge is available for you use if you need some quiet space for final prep.

A Team Space is also available for contributors, volunteers and staff members to grab a cuppa and check your emails.

### **Parking**

There is **no parking** on the Pencil Factory site. Please help us by walking whenever possible.

### **Key Speaker Contact**

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**And finally, please be assured of our prayers as a staff team, and of the prayers of many supporters for you as you prepare and serve the Convention in this way!**

