

**Fourth International Conference of the
British Association for the Study of Spirituality**

***Can spirituality transform our world?
New frontiers in understanding and
exploring contemporary spiritualities***

Monday 23 May - Thursday 26 May 2016

FURTHER INFORMATION

Conference Venue and Location

The conference will take place in the Chancellors Conference Centre in the Fallowfield district of south Manchester, 3 miles from the city centre and 5 miles from Manchester International Airport. Formerly the residence of the Chancellor of Manchester University, Chancellors offers a gracious building and well-equipped conference centre situated in its own beautiful gardens. Delegates will benefit from the peaceful surroundings of the venue but have easy access to Manchester city centre with its vibrant cultural life and shopping. For international delegates staying a bit longer there are other attractions such as the Lowry Centre in Salford Quays, the TV set for the soap opera 'Coronation Street' at Granada Studios and the famous sporting venues of Manchester United football club and the Cricket Ground, both at Old Trafford. For those who prefer more scholarly pursuits, the famous University of Manchester John Rylands library on Oxford Road and Deansgate has special collections and museum exhibits open to the general public.

Accommodation

There are 67 en-suite rooms available in the Chancellors Hotel reserved for BASS delegates <http://www.chancellorshotel.co.uk/>. These will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis to delegates booking the full conference package from Monday evening to Thursday close. Additional accommodation has been reserved at the [Willow Bank \(Best Western\) Hotel](#) at a special conference price for BB or room only; the hotel also offers dinner in its restaurant. The Willow Bank is a short car/taxi drive from Chancellors or an approximately 15 min walk. Both options must be reserved through the BASS conference by ticking the requested option on the booking form. Delegates staying at Willow Bank should register for the conference as day delegates. Accompanying persons not attending the conference may stay at no additional charge but any meals taken must be paid for on check-out. Two delegates wishing to share a room at Chancellors (please note, a twin room cannot be guaranteed at Chancellors) should reserve one person at the inclusive package and one as day delegate; there will be an additional charge at

check-out for the second person breakfast and evening dinner if taken. Please advise of any access requirements on the booking form where indicated. Delegates requiring additional nights accommodation before or after the conference should arrange this directly with their hotel once booked onto the conference. However, the hotels of Manchester airport and Manchester city centre are within easy reach as an alternative option.

Eating and drinking

The conference package comprises of morning and afternoon refreshments and a light lunch each day. Delegates booking the Chancellors residential package will be served breakfast each morning and a 2-course evening dinner on Tuesday evening. Those wishing to upgrade to a 3-course dinner may do so at their own expense (payable on check-out). Day delegates, including those staying at Willow Bank, may book dinner at Chancellors with the conference party by ticking the appropriate option on the booking form. Alternatively, there are numerous restaurants in Manchester city centre or the nearby districts of Didsbury and Withington and the famous Curry Mile in Rusholme, easily accessible by bus or short taxi ride. We hope that this range of options will allow you to tailor the conference to suit your taste and purse!

Welcome reception

There will be a drinks and canopés reception at Chancellors on Monday evening at 6 pm. This option is bookable separately.

Conference dinner

Our traditional Conference dinner will be held away from the venue, giving delegates the opportunity to experience another local attraction as well as providing a gala atmosphere. [Quarry Bank](#) Mill and Country Park, now run by the National Trust, is a fascinating piece of British history. Built by the industrialist Samuel Greg in 1784, the water-powered mill (the largest remaining in Europe) housed a spinning and weaving business which flourished during Britain's industrial revolution. Also credited with being a philanthropist (although his wife Hannah is thought to have been the major influence in this respect) Greg also built a village for workers and established an apprenticeship scheme for orphans which included education. On the banks of the river Bollin at Styal in Cheshire (6 miles from Chancellors), the mill is surrounded by beautiful gardens and woods.

This option is bookable separately, price to include return transport from Chancellors/Willow Bank, drinks reception on the Meadow (weather permitting) followed by dinner in the Alexander room overlooking the Meadow.

Optional tours

Subject to demand, we can arrange the following pre- or post-conference day trips for delegates and accompanying persons to the Peak District and Lake District by coach travel. Price and availability will be contingent upon demand. If you would be interested in these options please tick the appropriate box(es) on the booking form.

Buxton & The Pavilion Gardens

The historic spa town of Buxton is reached via a scenic drive through Goyt's Moss and the famous Cat & Fiddle road with the highest pub above sea level in England. The afternoon is spent in Buxton where lunch or afternoon tea may be taken at the Pavilion Gardens Restaurant, with the Buxton Opera House nearby. Buxton abounds with antique

and gift shops including those housed in the old roman baths which is now the "Cavendish Arcade". The trip returns via Peak Dale and Chapel-en-le-Frith.

Lake Windermere

This trip takes you through the beautiful scenery of England's largest lake to stop at Bowness-on-Windermere with its many quaint gift shops, tea rooms and cafes as well as attractions such as the World of Beatrix Potter Centre. Steamer trips on Lake Windermere can be booked on the day and include wheel-chair accessible boats.

Travel

The conference is easily reached by car or public transport, being a short distance from the motorway network and Manchester Piccadilly, Victoria or Oxford Rd train stations. International delegates are advised to fly into Manchester International Airport and take a 20 min taxi ride to Chancellors; there are also frequent trains from Terminal 3 to Manchester Piccadilly. Click here for [directions](#).

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*Thank you for your interest
in the BASS 2016 conference.*

We look forward to seeing you...



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