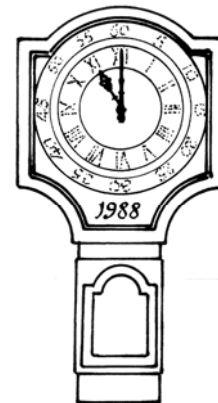


The Chapels Society



A one-day conference arranged by the Chapels Society
at Carr's Lane United Reformed Church Centre, Carr's Lane,
Birmingham B4 7SX on Friday 2nd March 2012

SITTING IN CHAPEL

Nonconformist Contributions to the Story of Pews, Benches and Chairs

One consequence of the current pressure to remove pews from places of worship is the realization that the subject of historic seating in churches and chapels has been little studied. An impressive new publication from the Ecclesiological Society (*Pews, Benches and Chairs*) has helped to rectify this for the Church of England, but its findings are not entirely applicable to other denominations. This conference focuses on aspects of seating in Nonconformist places of worship, in an attempt to understand some of the things that may be significant about the historic seats in chapels and meeting houses.

- 10.00 Registration and coffee
- 10.30 **David M Butler**, *Quaker seating*
- 11.20 **Ian Serjeant**, *From joiner to architect: James Simpson and the design of pews*
- 12.10 **Jeremy Lake**, *Seats in Cornish chapels: what is significant?*
- 13.00 Lunch
- 14.00 **Christopher Wakeling**, *Sitting around: Nonconformist shapes of worship*
- 14.50 **Angela Connelly**, *Wesleyan Albambas: tip-up seats in Central Halls*
- 15.40 Panel discussion: *Past practice and current applications*
- 16.00 Conference ends

Carr's Lane URC Centre is less than five minutes' walk from Moor Street Station, and ten minutes' walk from New Street.

Conference fee (including refreshments and buffet lunch): £30 for members of the Chapels Society, £35 for non-members, £15 for full-time students

Application forms with accompanying cheques should be sent to C. G. Wakeling, 22 Gladstone Street, Stoke-on-Trent ST4 6JF to arrive no later than 27th January 2012.

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I wish to book ___ place(s) at the conference and enclose payment of £_____. Please make cheques payable to the *Chapels Society* and list any additional names and details on a separate sheet if necessary.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please let us know if you have any special dietary requirements.