

# Churchyard Trees Conference

Wednesday 2nd November 2016

St Johns Waterloo, Waterloo Road, London

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*Refreshments from 10:00 for a 10:30 start*

Welcome and introduction

**Bishop of Salisbury and Dr David Knight**

Tree planting with the community in Croston

**Canon Robert Brunswick**

The environmental, economic and social benefits of trees in churchyards

**John Parker, Arb Advisor for Diocese of Southwark**

A Journey in the Company of Trees

**Dr Hilary Taylor**

**The Charter for Trees, Woods and People**

Matt Larsen-Daw

*Lunch and refreshments*

The Nature of Gods Acre

**Revd Dr Mark Betson, Diocese of Chichester**

The lifecycle and management of churchyard trees

**Russell Ball**

Churchyard trees and the law

**Revd Nigel Cooper**

Activities to utilise your churchyard trees to engage the community, and help them understand their importance

**Harriet Carty, Caring for Gods Acre**

Q&A Panel

**Chaired by David Shreeve**

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### **Dr David Knight**

Dr David Knight is Senior Church Buildings Officer and currently Joint Acting Head of Division of the Cathedral and Church Buildings Division of the Archbishops' Council for the Church of England. The Division works to support those who care for England's 16,000 churches and 42 Cathedrals.

### **Canon Robert Brunswick**

Robert is a former rector of St Michaels Parish Church in Croston, Lancashire and has undertaken extensive tree planting in his parish. This has included planting some 800 trees in Croft Field, an area next to the church created for the community which hosts numerous activity days including an annual "Music in the Woods" event.

### **John Parker**

John is an arboricultural advisor for the Diocese of Southwark, senior technical specialist for arboriculture and landscape at Transport for London and chair of the London Tree Officers Association.

### **Dr Hilary Taylor**

Hilary is a member of the Church Buildings Council and, for the past 30 years, has run Hilary Taylor Landscape Associates, a consultancy that specialises in the conservation, restoration and management of historic landscapes, including parks, gardens and historic estates. Recent projects have included work at Kedleston, Derbyshire; Battersea Park; Saltaire, near Bradford; and Key Hill and Warstone Lane Cemeteries, in the Jewellery Quarter of Birmingham.

### **Russell Ball**

Russell is founder and Chair of the charity Fund4Trees. After recently biking around Britain twice visiting schools and planting trees en route, later this year Russell will cycle from Gibraltar to London to raise funds and awareness for Fund4Trees. Presently he is a consulting arborist working out of NW London. Russell is a founder member of the Ancient Yew Group and was voted Environmental Londoner of the Year.

### **Revd Dr Mark Betson**

Mark is the Rural and Environment Officer for the Diocese of Chichester. He is also co-author of *The Nature of God's Acre*, a book published as a result of a project across to look empirically at people's experience and relationship with nature in our churchyards today.

### **Revd Nigel Cooper**

Nigel has been a member of the Church Buildings Council until this year and a member of a diocesan advisory committee for the care of churches since 1991. He is the University Chaplain to Anglia Ruskin University in Cambridge, a Visiting Fellow at its Global Sustainability Institute and has written on subjects such as churchyard conservation. His current research work has contributed to the National Ecosystem Assessment. He is a professional member of the Arboricultural Association and a Fellow of the Royal Society of Biology.

### **Harriet Carty**

Harriet is a National Project Manager of Caring for God's Acre, an independent charity championing the conservation of churchyards and burial sites. The charity organises the Churchyard Task Team volunteer programme and the annual Cherishing Churchyards Week in June, supporting thousands of people to manage their churchyards through training days and workshops. For further information visit [www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk](http://www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk)