

ASHBURNHAM PLACE  
EAST SUSSEX

**WEEK 1:**  
FRIDAY PM - FRIDAY AM  
14-21 JULY

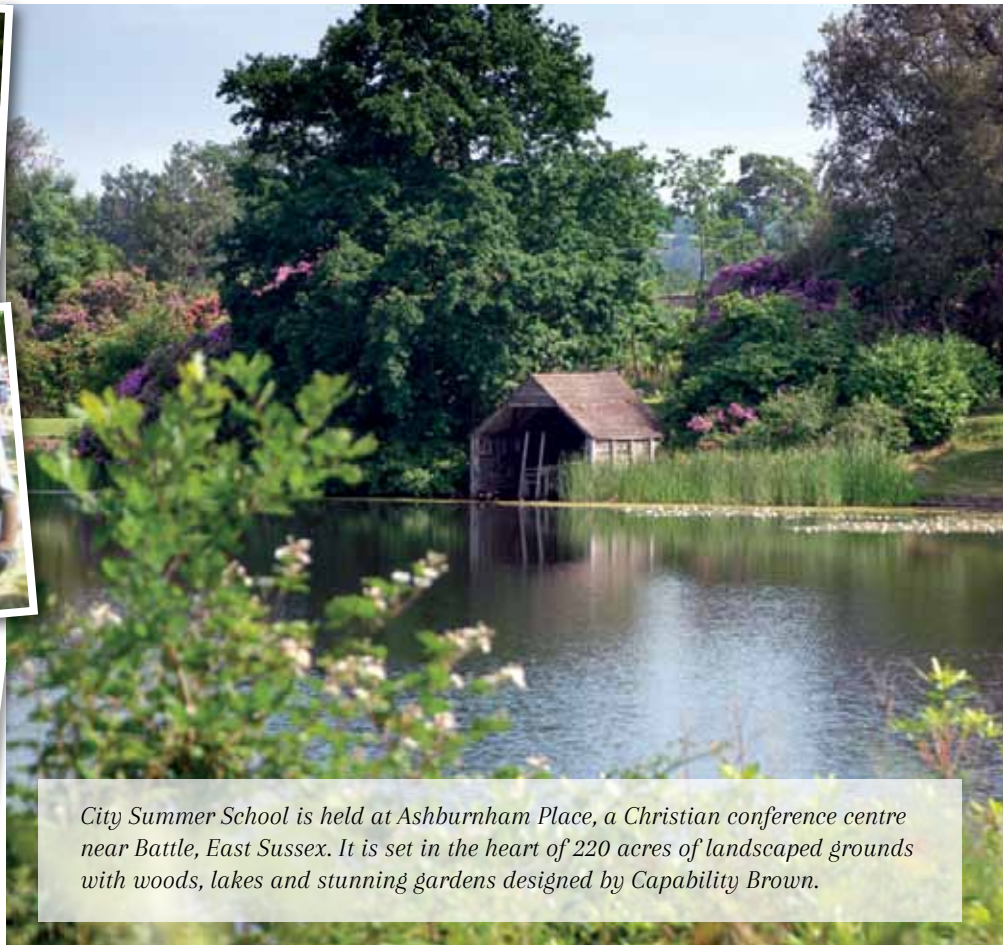
**WEEK 2:**  
FRIDAY PM - FRIDAY AM  
21 - 28 JULY

# CITY SUMMER SCHOOL



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*City Summer School is held at Ashburnham Place, a Christian conference centre near Battle, East Sussex. It is set in the heart of 220 acres of landscaped grounds with woods, lakes and stunning gardens designed by Capability Brown.*

# CITY SUMMER SCHOOL

*A holiday week of Bible teaching, relaxation and fun. A week to refresh and to help all who come to know more of Jesus Christ and what's involved in following him.*

## A WEEK FOR...

sceptics, enquirers and Christians...  
young and old... singles and marrieds...  
individuals and families... children of all  
ages... and especially geared for those  
connected with one of the lunchtime talks  
across central London.

## A WEEK TO GROW...

in knowing God and in Gospel partnership,  
both in the workplace and at home.  
Many people particularly value the space  
away from the constant demands of busy  
routines to stop and think about what  
we're hearing from the Bible and to discuss  
with and hear from others in similar  
office and home situations. Those with  
families appreciate knowing that babies  
and toddlers are cared for in an excellent  
crèche and that children and young people  
enjoy first rate age-appropriate teaching  
with activities and games, in a safe and  
happy environment led by experienced  
helpers.

## A WEEK OF HOLIDAY...

to enjoy catching up with old friends  
and making new ones. The afternoons  
provide many opportunities to relax, play  
games, go on excursions, enjoy sport,  
make music, etc. Onsite in the beautiful  
and expansive grounds there will be  
football, cricket, rounders, croquet,  
volleyball, walking and swimming in one  
of the lakes. And offsite, you can explore  
the beautiful Sussex countryside, coast  
and a multitude of attractions.

*"I couldn't have asked for a better  
holiday... best of all was the in-depth  
explanatory teaching... It was also  
wonderful exploring further in both  
private and group times."*

*"Meeting fellow gospel partners in the City  
and having God's word clearly explained  
by exceptional Bible teachers made the  
Summer School a fantastic week."*



## OUR SPEAKERS



### MORNING SPEAKER

*Andy Gemmill*

Andy is based in Glasgow, where he works for Cornhill Scotland. Andy left a career in respiratory medicine in 1990 to join the staff of St Helen's Bishopsgate. He went on to be assistant pastor at Spicer Street Church in St Albans, and then was pastor of Beeston Free Evangelical Church in Nottingham for thirteen years, moving back to his native Scotland in 2011.

Andy will be teaching us from the book of Jonah and says:

*"The story of Jonah is very familiar, but the book of Jonah is perplexing. Why does he run? Why is he so angry? Why does Jesus use him as an example? Why is he in the Bible at all? It's a thoroughly interesting story with a challenging and reassuring message."*



### EVENING SPEAKER

*David Cook*

David is a longstanding friend of St Helen's and has spoken at the Summer School a number of times. David is married to Maxine with five children and numerous grandchildren. For 26 years he was Principal of Sydney Missionary and Bible College. Now they spend their time supporting churches in Asia, Africa and the UK through his itinerant preaching ministry.

Whether we are familiar with Romans or not these will be key talks for us. Romans is a vital book that every Christian, and person looking into the claims of Christ, will profit from knowing as well as they can. David will give six talks covering key passages of Romans to help us understand and be changed by this extraordinary letter, which has had such an impact on so many throughout history.

David says, "Romans is the letter which is so crucial for our day because it reminds us that the Gospel is both exclusive and all about what God has done, it therefore sets us in an assured and certain eternal relationship with Him."



## CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE...

City Summer School is a great place for children and young people of every age. The fact that families come back year after year is a tribute to the engaging teaching and happy atmosphere. Firm friendships are formed and young Christian faith is encouraged. All our helpers are DBS checked.



## CRÈCHE - UP TO 3 YEARS

A team of experienced helpers looks after the children during the mornings, aiming to keep little ones in their normal routine as much as possible. There is a well-stocked nursery full of toys and a fenced garden in which to play. A microwave and washing machine are available for use. A babysitting service from 8.00pm to 9.45pm allows parents to enjoy the evening meeting.

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMME - 4-11 YEARS

The children are taught in groups by a team including leaders from St Helen's Sunday School under the direction of Pete Winstone. Each morning children will hear Bible teaching and be involved in a variety of games and activities. The aim is for them to know God better in a stimulating and happy environment. Outdoor games, films and a listening service are provided so parents can enjoy the evening meeting.

## TEENAGE PROGRAMME - 12-18 YEARS

Bible talks, group studies and discussion time are combined with a variety of activities and games. These are led by an excellent team of volunteers under the direction of Will Waugh, who heads up the youth work at St Helen's. Lasting friendships are formed as the youth are encouraged to examine and live out the Christian faith.

## STUDENT TRACK

Designed for those of student age and stage. Those who come will be part of the main adult teaching sessions but will have a designated discussion group and separate dedicated seminars. This provides space to apply God's word together to issues and situations facing people at this important time of life.

*"...it really is the highlight of our year."*

*"Having all-age activities is special, it encourages me in seeing us as a family of God together and for the children to see that adults can have fun too! It seems to provide a counterculture to modern individualism and computer games."*

## AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES

The afternoon is kept free for relaxation. Anyone is welcome to join excursions to local gardens, country houses and adventure parks or to set off as a family or with friends to explore the beaches and countryside. Others may choose to play golf or enjoy the nearby town of Battle with its abbey, shops and tea-rooms.

Many will prefer to stay on site, enjoying a quiet chat in the gardens, a refreshing swim in the lake or a competitive cricket match on the lawns. Children may like to bring scooters and bikes. Tea is provided each afternoon.

## DAILY PROGRAMME

- 8.00am onwards *Breakfast*
- 9.30am *Morning Meeting*
- 10.30am *Coffee*
- 11.00am *Personal Study*
- 12.00pm *Discussion Groups*
- 12.50pm *Lunch*
- 2.00pm *Free time - optional activities & excursions*
- 5.45pm onwards *Evening meal*
- 8.00pm *Evening Meeting*
- 9.15pm *Hot drinks*

## ACCOMMODATION

Single, twin and family bedrooms are situated near the main meeting rooms. Many rooms have en-suite facilities and WiFi access. Others share bathrooms.

There are several lounges, a conservatory and an outside seating area. Family-friendly meals are self-served in several dining rooms and dietary requirements will be catered for. There is a games room with table tennis and a pool table. Cots and highchairs are available.

### COST (INCLUDING ALL MEALS)

Adult:	Standard	£450
	En-suite	£580
5-15 years:	Standard	£250
	En-suite	£300
Under 5s:		£85

NB: Speak to us if you need a discount and we will do our very best. We are particularly keen to ensure that finances do not prevent anyone joining us. There is a bursary available for City workers and we may be able to offer help. Please let us know.





Join us for  
**CITY SUMMERSCHOOL 2017**

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