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<http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/parking/guildford-park-and-ride>



A Company of Preachers
Day Conference

Preaching the
Offence of the Cross
to our Culture

Saturday, 19 July, 2014

9.30am to 4.30pm

Guildford Baptist Church
Millmead Centre



Amidst a plethora of conferences, retreats, etc., I would also like to invite you to a preachers' conference on **Saturday 19 July 2014** at the Millmead Centre.

In part, this day has come about as a result of a publication of *Text Message: The Centrality of Scripture in Preaching*. Indeed, we shall be launching the book during this day. But we thought that rather than simply have a book launch, we should put together a day conference in which we reflect on some of the themes of the book (which we shall cover mainly in the afternoon seminars), as well as a theme that has particular importance for preaching at this time.

And so, to my great delight, my good friend Dave Hansen from the United States has agreed to come and to address us on the subject *Preaching the Offence of the Cross to Our Culture*. He writes: 'Squarely in the middle of the Good News stands the cross, a life-giving, polemical, theological symbol, necessary to truly Christian preaching. However, we live in a day in which the cross has become, for many inside and outside of the church, an inert, commonplace token. To preach it effectively today, we need to re-animate the scandal that it was in New Testament times. In so doing, we release its power to offend, save, renew, and realign our lives with the call of Christ.'

In thirty-five years of full-time ministry, Dave Hansen has pastored churches in rural, upper-middle class and high crime, urban settings. He is the author of the best-selling *The Art of Pastoring: Ministry without All the Answers (IVP)* and *Long, Wandering Prayer (BRF)*.

Hope to see you in July!

Ian Stackhouse

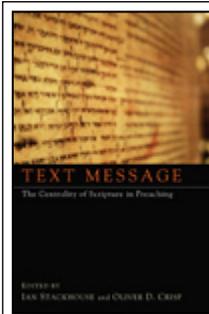
Outline programme
Saturday 19 July, 2014
Millmead Centre

Preaching the Offence of the Cross to our Culture

- 9.30am Arrival, Registration and Coffee
- 10.00am Dave Hansen - session 1
- 11:15am *Break*
- 11.45am Dave Hansen - session 2
- 1.00pm *Lunch*
- 2.00pm A choice of seminars from various contributors to *Text Message*
- 3.00pm *Afternoon break*
- 3.30pm Worship, Message and Communion
- 4.30pm *Finish*

**Cost: £25 (earlybird price £20 until 31 May);
no refunds after 30 June.**

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During the lunchtime break we shall officially launch ***Text Message: The Centrality of Scripture in Preaching***, co-edited by Ian Stackhouse and Oliver Crisp. Copies will be on sale at a special conference price.



I would be delighted to attend the Day Conference 'Preaching the Offence of the Cross to our Culture' on Saturday, 19 July 2014 at Guildford Baptist Church.

Name (inc title)

Address.....

Postcode.....

Daytime phone no.....

Email.....

Dietary requirements

I enclose a cheque for as payment for the day (cheques made payable to Guildford Baptist Church).

Please send the completed form with your payment to the address overleaf.