

Riverbank

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Acts 16:13

2025



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One generation commends your works to another;
they tell of your mighty acts. *Psalm 145:4 NIV*



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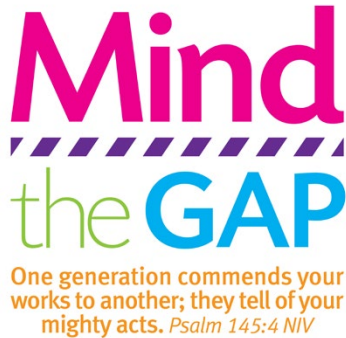
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Welcome



Welcome to the Riverbank Women's Conference 2025: 'Mind the Gap!'

Life is full of gaps - spaces between where we are and where we long to be. This year's theme was born from a seemingly ordinary moment: standing on a train platform and noticing the familiar warning, 'Mind the Gap.' Yet that simple phrase speaks volumes. Beyond the gap between the train and the platform, we encounter gaps in our careers, opportunities, wellbeing, and relationships - with one another and with God.



But faith calls us to bridge those divides. 'Minding the gap' is more than a cautionary phrase—it's an invitation to unite across generations, cultures, and perspectives. Scripture reminds us: '*One generation shall commend your works to another*' (Psalm 145:4).

Christ challenges us to listen, learn, and love across divides - between youth and elders, past traditions and new expressions of faith, and different walks of life. And when we approach these spaces with grace, humility, and patience, we reflect the heart of the gospel - the story of a God who crossed the greatest gap of all to bring us back to him.

We are overjoyed to welcome **Rachel Turner** and **Tola Doll Fisher** as our guest speakers, and we couldn't be more thrilled that **Lucy Grimble and the Band** will be returning to lead us in powerful worship. We believe God will work in extraordinary ways as we encounter him, engage in worship, and explore what he is saying to each of us.

May this conference be a time of breakthrough, renewal, and connection.

God bless you,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "David". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending from the end of the word.

Major David Betteridge
Director of Family Ministries

Guest speaker



Rachel Turner

Rachel has worked within family, youth and children's ministries for over 20 years and is currently the discipleship lead at Hope Church, Harrogate.

She is the founder of Parenting for Faith, author of ten books for families, parents and church leaders including *Parenting as a Church Leader*, *Comfort in Uncertain Times*, *It Takes a Church to Raise a Parent* and *Parenting Teens for a Life of Faith*. Supported by the team at the Bible Reading Fellowship, Parenting for Faith now offers multiple online courses, resources and podcasts created to enable parents, carers and church leaders to raise God-connected kids and young people.

Rachel lectures on leadership and intergenerational church at the Institute for Children, Youth and Mission (CYM) and St Padarn's Institute. She also writes, consults, speaks internationally and is a huge Star Trek fan. Her love language is beautiful or quirky stationery!

Having been before, Rachel is part of the Riverbank family and we are looking forward to her joining with us again and to hearing her speak.

Guest speaker



Tola Doll Fisher

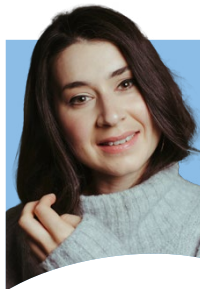
We're very pleased that Tola Doll Fisher will be a special guest speaker at Riverbank this year.

Tola Doll Fisher is the magazine editor and creative director at *Premier Woman Alive*, co-host of the YouTube show *Sisterhood*, creator and host of the *Woman Alive* podcast and author of *Still Standing: 100 Lessons From An 'Unsuccessful' Life*. In her work as a speaker, Tola delivered a TEDx Talk on Debunking the Myth of Success and writes regularly on Substack under the name Christ Couture, unfiltered personal essays from a Christian model (not a model Christian).

We appreciate Tola taking the time out of her busy life to come to Riverbank. We know she will share her heart and her faith with us authentically and powerfully.

We are excited to welcome Tola and look forward to listening to what God will say to us through her.

Worship leader



Lucy Grimble

Based in Devon, Lucy has been leading worship and writing songs for many years. Her heart in writing and leading is to be vulnerable and real, sharing her journey of faith with honesty.

Her musical inspiration is eclectic, from soul and RnB to jazz and classical, and this array of musical influences has resulted in a diverse sound within her own writing and music.

Lucy has recorded a number of albums and has collaborated with artists across the UK, US, Brazil and Europe, including Matt Redman, Graham Kendrick, Paul Baloche, Ana Valadao and Sinach. Her latest EP *The Dartmoor Sessions* has just been released!

Lucy performs at various festivals and events across the UK and beyond, including Spring Harvest, David's Tent, Big Church Day Out, Creation Fest, Festival of Praise at Manchester Arena and Prom Praise at the Royal Albert Hall.

We are delighted that Lucy is returning to Riverbank to lead us in worship together.

Prayer team



Gary Lacey



Dawn Lacey



Jayne Roberts



Alice Nunn



Lyndall Bywater



Christine Dickinson

Gary is leading our Prayer Team this year supported by Dawn, Alice, Jayne, Lyndall and Christine.

📍 [Prayer Space, Radcliffe Space 12](#)

The Riverbank Prayer Line will also be available throughout the weekend to request prayer for yourself or someone else.

Prayerline 📞 07988 926367

Chaplaincy team



Daniele Norton



Yvonne Dare

Yvonne and Daniele are our chaplains again for the weekend. They bring a wealth of experience to this role as well as a God given passion for supporting people in all walks of life and at all points on their journey.

Please feel free to approach either of them if you need any kind of help or support.

Riverbank conference team

- Alice Swain
- Ann Howlett-Foster
Graphic Recorder
- Ann Stewart
- Bianca Pierre
Territorial Events Team
- Deb Juster
- Hayley Still
- Lily Doyle
- Liz Hall
- Lizette Williams
- Melody Rusere
- Rachel Gotobed
- Sarah O'Grady
BSL interpreter
- Shelley Gallagher
- Sue Whitla
- Tatiane Del Campo
- Trudy Purkiss

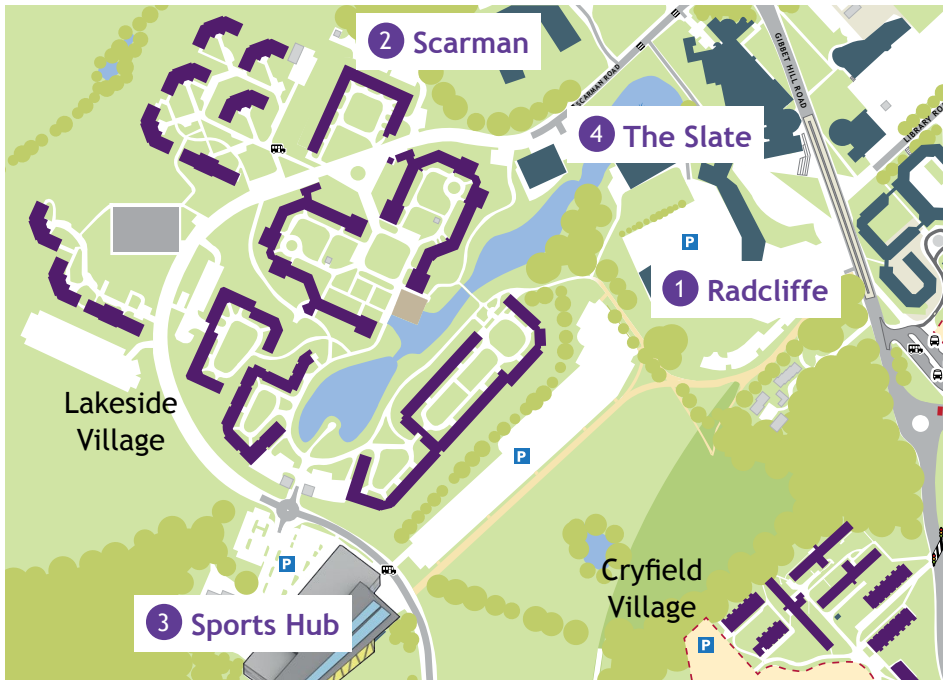
salvationist.org.uk/helpinghand



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The Salvation Army is a Christian church and registered charity No. 214779 in England and Wales, SC009359 in Scotland and CHY6399 in the Republic of Ireland.

Venue map



1 Radcliffe

- Accommodation
- Restaurant
- Lounge
- Prayer Space
- Temple Spa
- Saturday afternoon sessions

2 Scarmen

- Accommodation
- Restaurant
- Lounge
- Saturday afternoon sessions

4 The Slate

- Main Sessions
- Saturday afternoon sessions
- @Riverbank
- Marketplace

3 Sports Hub

- Gym
- Swimming Pool

Accessibility information



All car parks across the conference centres and the campus have dedicated disabled spaces available. Disabled person toilets are available in all venues. Lifts are available to all accommodation. Disabled changing facilities and access are available at the swimming pool.



Riverbank sung worship will be BSL interpreted. An induction loop is installed which gives coverage throughout the Slate. It is recommended that people who lip read should sit where they have a clear view of the stage.



Screens will be in use throughout the sessions, so it is recommended to sit with a clear view of a screen. We will seek to ensure that all visual communication is prepared to make it as accessible as possible.



An area in the foyer of The Slate has been designated as a relaxed space for anyone who needs access to a quieter area during the main sessions.

We are working towards Riverbank being an accessible event for all.

Friday 6 June

15:00 Accommodation Check In

📍 Radcliffe and Scarman

15:00 Riverbank Conference Registration

📍 Radcliffe and Scarman

16:00-17:30 Venue Tours

📍 Radcliffe and Scarman receptions

Marketplace Open

📍 The Slate

Prayer Space Open

📍 Radcliffe space 12

17:30-19:15 🍴 Evening Meal

📍 Radcliffe restaurant

19:30-21:00 Welcome Session: Mind the Gap!

📍 The Slate

21:15-22:15 After hours: The Living Room Podcast with Rachel Turner

📍 The Slate

22:30 Marketplace/Prayer Space Close

Saturday 7 June

07:45-08:15 Riverbank 5k Run / Riverbank Walk

📍 Radcliffe reception

07:30-09:00 🍴 Breakfast

📍 Radcliffe and Scarman restaurants

08:30 Marketplace Open

📍 The Slate

09:30-11:00 **Session 1: The Gift of Belonging with Rachel Turner**

📍 The Slate

11:00-11:30 ☕ Refreshments

📍 The Slate

Marketplace

📍 The Slate

11:30-12:30 **Session 2: The Power of Bringing You with Rachel Turner**

📍 The Slate

12:30-14:00 🍴 Lunch







📍 Radcliffe restaurant and lounge

14:30-16:30 Prayerful Hand Sewing: Pass it on Postcards

📍 Radcliffe space 2A


14:30-15:30

 Option 1 (see page 20 onwards)

- The Why of Being Intergenerational: Rachel Turner
 The Slate
- Temple Spa Facial
 Radcliffe space 2B
- Prayer Space
 Radcliffe space 12
- Dance in Worship Workshop: Karen Barber
 Scarman space 10
- Mind the Gap, Make the Move: Activate your Life
 Scarman space 11
- Swimming (check timetable)
 Sports and Wellness Hub

15:30-16:00

 Refreshments







 The Slate, Radcliffe and Scarman lounges

Marketplace

 The Slate

16:00-17:00

 Option 2 (see page 20 onwards)

- The How of Being Intergenerational: Rachel Turner
 The Slate
- Temple Spa Facial
 Radcliffe space 2B
- Prayer Space
 Radcliffe space 12
- Dance in Worship Workshop: Karen Barber
 Radcliffe space 10
- Rest and Stress: Trudy Purkiss
 Scarman space 11
- Swimming (check timetable)
 Sports and Wellness Hub

17:30-19:15

 Evening Meal
 Radcliffe restaurant

18:30-19:30

Marketplace
 The Slate

19:30-21:30

@Riverbank: The Generation Game!
 The Slate

22:00

Marketplace/Prayer Space Close

Sunday 8 June


07:30-09:00

 Breakfast

 Radcliffe and Scarman restaurants

10:00

Room Checkout

 Radcliffe and Scarman

09:15-10:30

**Session 3: The Sisterhood - Better Together with
Tola Doll Fisher**

 The Slate

10:30-11:00

 Refreshments

 The Slate

11:00-12:00

Worship and Celebration

 The Slate

12:00-13:30

 Lunch

 Radcliffe and Scarman restaurants

Optional activities

Riverbank Venue Tours

 Friday 6 June, 16:00 - 17:30  Radcliffe and Scarman Receptions

Are you new to Riverbank? Then come along to one of our venue tours.

Meet up with our Riverbank team tour guides - they'll help you find your way around and you'll meet some other new people too!

Riverbank Run and Riverbank Walk

 Saturday 7 June, 07:45  Radcliffe Reception

Enjoy outdoors exercise? Then meet members of the Riverbank team for an early morning 30 minute run or walk.

Don't worry about how fast or slow you are, we just want to enjoy some exercise and time with others.

Temple Spa Facial Experience

 Friday 6 June, 16:00, 21:15, 22:15; Saturday 7 June, 14:00, 16:00, 21:15
 Radcliffe space 2B

Sign up with Dawn for a 45-minute facial using beautiful products produced by British-based Temple Spa, a family run company that believes our bodies are living temples and our wellbeing is good for our soul health too.

Prayerful Hand Sewing: Pass it on Postcards

🕒 Saturday 6th 14:30- 16:30 📍 Radcliffe space 2A

A two-hour session for 20 delegates. Karen from Harlequin Arts will guide you through colour, word and symbols, using fabric, thread and contemplative slow stitch to create a beautiful postcard. After a short reflective introduction, you will be supported to create a small hand stitched postcard to take home and maybe pass on.

There will be 20 additional packs for anyone who is unable to join the session or who might like to work through the elements of Pass it on Postcards on their own.

Exploring Intergenerational Church with Rachel Turner

An opportunity to spend more time with Rachel and explore the WHYS and HOWS of being an intergenerational Church and learn from her incredible knowledge and experience. Being together as the Family of God can be so powerful and transforming for all of us.

Worship in Dance

📍 Scarman space 10

Join professional dancer and Salvation Army Officer Karen Barber in a 'Worship in Dance' Workshop. Karen explains: 'This workshop will provide a basic outline and overview of the key elements of worship dance. We will look at the definition of worship dance and explore the biblical references found in scripture. We will discuss the various types of worship dance and look at the basic steps required to create choreography to enhance worship. The goal is to teach

participants how to incorporate dance into worship in a God-honouring way and to have fun along the way!’

Mind the Gap, Make the Move: Activate your Life

📍 Scarmen space 11

From friendly faces to faithful friendships - closing the gap with gospel love. Join Rhiannon Goulding from Activate your Life to explore the truth that God made us and wants to use us, as we are in our ‘natural habitats’. Come away with practical strategies to make, nurture, and cherish friendships and a renewed enthusiasm to rediscover God’s design for authentic connection.

Rest and Stress: Trudy Purkiss

📍 Scarmen space 11

A 45-minute session exploring what the Bible teaches us about Rest and Stress. Trudy Purkiss has worked in both the NHS and private health sector for the almost 25 years as a qualified physiotherapist. She has her own private practice in Physiotherapy based in Staffordshire where she specialises in musculoskeletal health.

The Riverbank Marketplace

🕒 Friday and Saturday 📍 The Slate

The Riverbank marketplace will be open on Friday and Saturday outside of the main sessions. You’ll find books, gifts, T-shirts, beauty products, mission resources and more.

SAVE THE DATE

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A Peace of My Mind

*'Let this mind be in you
which was also in Christ Jesus.'
(Philippians 2:5)*

5-7 June 2026

The Slate Conference Centre,
University of Warwick

Check salvationist.org.uk and
Family Ministries social media
for more information.

Don't miss it!

DON'T BE AFRAID

