

Riverbank
WOMEN'S CONFERENCE



And the peace of God, which transcends
all understanding, will guard your hearts
and your minds in Christ Jesus

Philippians 4:7 (NIV)



Family
Ministries

Having faith in the family

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A Word of Welcome



Dear friends,

It is my absolute joy to welcome you to the Riverbank Women's Conference 2026.

Each year this gathering has grown in so many wonderful ways - not least in numbers - and this year we are excited to be welcoming more delegates than ever before. What began in the tender, uncertain months after the Covid pandemic, Riverbank has become a place where women can reconnect with God, and rediscover peace in his presence.

Like many of you, this past year has brought its own challenges for me personally. I have had to learn again what it means to rest in the knowledge of God's active presence – even in moments when he has felt a million miles away. I've had to choose, sometimes daily, to trust that he is with us, for us, and working in ways we cannot yet see. And in that trust, I have found his peace meeting me in unexpected ways.

My prayer is that over these days, you too will sense that same peace – not as an idea, but as a reality that steadies your heart and mind.

We are thrilled to welcome back Lucy Grumble and the band for their third year with us. God has used their ministry powerfully at Riverbank, and I know many of you have been eagerly anticipating worshipping with them again.

We are also honoured to have Lorraine Prince as our main speaker. Lorraine brings a deep love for Scripture and a compassionate heart for God's people, and I believe her ministry will speak directly into the seasons many of us are navigating just now.

Joining us also is Lieut-Colonel Judith Payne, who will be leading our Bible Studies and speaking on Sunday morning. I know that Judith's extensive experience as an officer, including as Director of the Wellbeing department, will greatly enrich our time together.

Thank you for choosing to be here. Thank you for bringing your stories, your courage, your faith, and yes, even your weariness. I believe God has something significant for every one of us.

May this weekend be one of rest, renewal, laughter, sisterhood, and above all – peace.

Major David Betteridge
Director of Family Ministries
The Salvation Army UK and Ireland Territory

Guest speakers and leaders



Lorraine Prince

Lorraine Prince is the Head of Networks at the National Society for Education, where she plays a pivotal role in facilitating professional development and fostering connections across various educational networks in including within The Church of England. Her expertise centres on Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Justice (EDIJ), focusing on Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), Trauma, and Justice and Courageous Advocacy.



Judith Payne

Judith was born to Salvation Army officer parents and learned to trust God at an early age. She met Ian in 1979, when she was a Salvationist, nursing in London, and Ian, a hotel manager, became a Christian through the Regent Hall Corps Open Air ministry. They were married in 1981 and, before entering the training college, both worked in Salvation Army Homelessness Services and loved their time at the then Great Peter Street Hostel in London.

Forty years as an officer gave Judith deep joy in various appointments and she has loved and appreciated the privilege of ministry and service. Judith and Ian have four adult children, six amazing grandchildren and a lovely little dog called George. They are now finding more time in retirement to enjoy time with them all more fully. They have

retired in Bromley, South London, and are fully involved in the corps there and enjoying the process of discovering what this new season of life will look like in the longer term. Judith says ‘It’s great to be discovering how life with Jesus is developing during this new season too. Ministry looks very different in one sense but is no less of a priority. Living life with Jesus and serving him is always a joy.’



Lucy Grimble

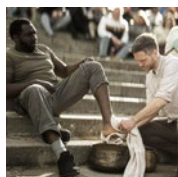
Based in Devon, Lucy has been leading worship and writing songs for many years. Her heart in writing and leading is to be vulnerable and real, sharing her journey of faith with honesty.

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 four albums to date and has collaborated with artists across the UK, US, Brazil and Europe, including Matt Redman, Graham Kendrick, Paul Baloche, Ana Valadao and Sinach.

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.



RISE Theatre

RISE Theatre CIC is a professional Christian theatre company with a passion for delivering exciting, original, transformative theatre. Run as a not-for-profit Community Interest Company, they work through national tours, in schools, churches, events and festivals across the UK.

RISE are passionate about creating faith based stories that spark the imagination and speak to hearts and minds through transformative theatre that holds up a mirror to who we are and who we could be.

Creating opportunities for people of all ages to explore their sense of identity and purpose in the world, they are looking forward to sharing with and inspiring us on Saturday evening @Riverbank.

Churches and secondary schools can book Rise Theatre's Passion Play for Lent 2027 - further information can be found at risetheatre.co.uk.

Prayer team



Gary
Lacey



Dawn
Lacey



Christine
Dickinson



Judith
Payne

Gary is leading our prayer team again this year supported by Dawn, Judith and Christine.

They will be based in Radcliffe Space 12.

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

Riverbank Prayer Line

📞 078 3386 5175

Chaplaincy team



Yvonne
Dare



Kerry
Coke

Yvonne and Kerry are our chaplains 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 help or support.

Conference team

- Abigail Nyamakawo
- Annette Allen
- Beverley Johnston
- Bianca Pierre
Territorial Events Team
- Deb Juster
- Elise Butler
- Hayley Still
- India Alby
Photographer
- Joanne Allcock
- Lily Doyle
- Liz Hall
- Melody Rusere
- Rachel Gotobed
- Sarah Butler
- Sarah O'Grady
BSL interpreter
- Shelley Gallagher
- Sue Whitla
- Silvie Silviano
- Trudy Purkiss

HELPING-HAND 2026

WOMEN AND GIRLS

salvationist.org.uk/helpinghand

One in three women will experience violence in her lifetime.

The Salvation Army is working with women around the world to ensure they have equal access to rights and opportunities, and the freedom to flourish.



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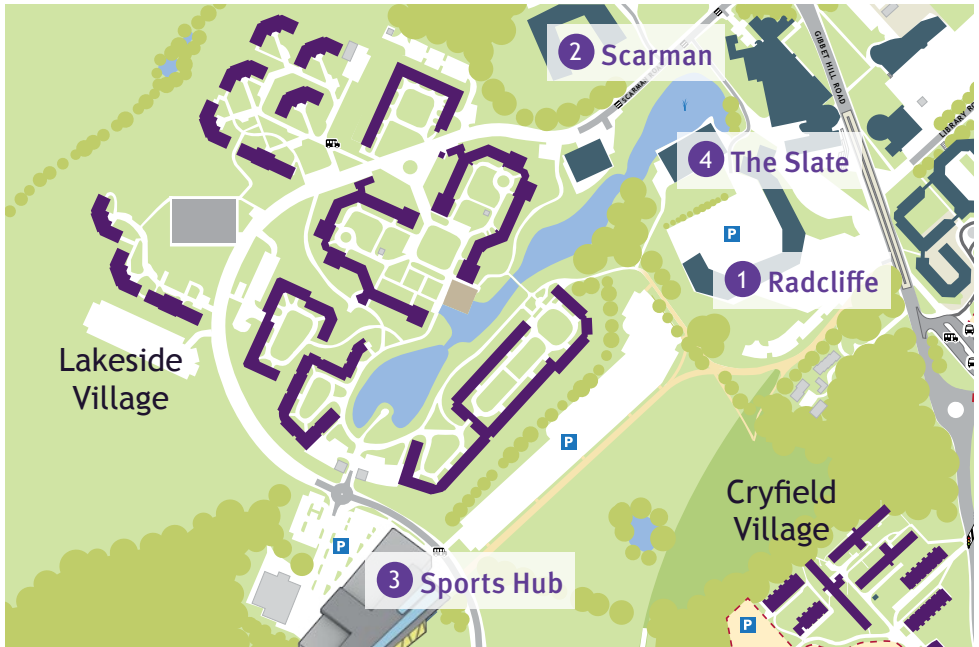


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Venue map



1 Radcliffe

- Accommodation
- Restaurant
- Lounge
- Prayer space
- Riverbank Stretch
- Saturday afternoon sessions

2 Scarmen

- Accommodation
- Restaurant
- Lounge
- Saturday afternoon sessions

3 Sports Hub

- Gym
- Swimming pool
- Sports Ministry: football skills

4 The Slate

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

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.

Schedule

Friday 5 June

3pm Accommodation check-in

📍 Scarman and Radcliffe

3pm Riverbank conference registration

📍 Scarman and Radcliffe

4pm - 5.30pm Venue tours

📍 Scarman and Radcliffe receptions

Marketplace open

📍 The Slate

Prayer space open

📍 Radcliffe Space 12

5.30pm - 7.15pm 🍴 Evening meal

📍 Scarman and Radcliffe restaurants

7.30pm - 9pm Welcome session

Major David Betteridge

📍 The Slate

9.15pm - 10.15pm After Hours: Living Room Live Podcast
with Kerry Coke

📍 The Slate

Riverbank Stretch

with Silvie Salviano

📍 Radcliffe Space 2B

10.30pm Marketplace and prayer space close

Saturday 6 June

7.45am - 8.15am Riverbank 5k Run
📍 The Slate

Riverbank Walk
📍 The Slate

Riverbank Stretch
📍 Radcliffe Space 2B

7.30am - 9am 🍴 Breakfast
📍 Scarman and Radcliffe restaurants

8.30am Marketplace open
📍 The Slate

9.30am - 11am Ask, Seek, Knock...
with Lorraine Prince
📍 The Slate

11am - 11.30am ☕ Refreshments
📍 The Slate

Marketplace
📍 The Slate

11.30am - 12.30pm The Rule of Life
with Lorraine Prince
📍 The Slate

12.30pm - 2pm 🍴 Lunch
📍 Scarman and Radcliffe lounges

2.30pm - 4pm Prayerful Sewing: Pennants for Peace
Guided session

4:15pm-5.30pm Self-led session
📍 Radcliffe Space 2A

2.30pm - 3.30pm Option 1 See page 19

- Bible study (Lieut-Colonel Judith Payne)
📍 The Slate
- Drawing Closer
📍 Radcliffe Space 2B
- Prayer space
📍 Radcliffe Space 12
- Beacon Church seminar
📍 Radcliffe Space 9
- Introducing the Riverbank Course
📍 Scarman Space 10
- Moving Towards Peace
with Kimberley Pena
📍 Scarman Space 11
- Sports Ministry: football skills
📍 Outdoor pitch

Swimming (check timetable)

3.30pm - 4pm

☺ Refreshments

📍 Scarman and Radcliffe lounges and
The Slate

Marketplace

📍 The Slate

4pm - 5pm

Option 2

- Bible study (Lieut-Colonel Judith Payne)
📍 The Slate
- Drawing Closer
📍 Radcliffe Space 2B
- Prayer space
📍 Radcliffe Space 12
- Prayer teaching
📍 Radcliffe Space 9
- Introducing the Riverbank Course
📍 Scarman Space 10
- Moving Towards Peace
with Kimberley Pena
📍 Scarman Space 11
- Swimming (check timetable)

5.30pm - 7.15pm 🍴 Evening meal
📍 Scarman and Radcliffe restaurants

7.30pm - 9.30pm @Riverbank
with Rise Theatre Company
📍 The Slate

10pm Marketplace and prayer space close

Sunday 7 June

7.30am - 9am 🍴 Breakfast
📍 Scarman and Radcliffe restaurants

10am Room checkout

9.15am - 10.30am Session 3
Sunday worship
📍 The Slate

10.30am - 11am ☕ Refreshments
📍 The Slate

11am - 12pm Celebration
Praise and testimony
📍 The Slate

12.30pm - 2pm 🍴 Lunch
📍 Scarman and Radcliffe restaurants

Optional activities

Riverbank Run and Riverbank Walk

Saturday, 7.45am

📍 [Meet outside The Slate](#)

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.

Riverbank Stretch

Friday, 9.15pm; Saturday, 7.45am

📍 [Radcliffe Space 2B](#)

Join Silvie, our qualified Pilates instructor, to begin or end your day with a gentle 45-minute Stretch session, designed to help bring peace to our minds. No prior experience needed.

Pennants for Peace

20 delegates per session.

📍 [Radcliffe Space 2A](#)

Karen from Harlequin Arts will guide you through colour, word and symbols, using fabric, thread and contemplative slow stitch to create a prayerful pennant for peace.

After a short reflective introduction, you will be supported to create a small, stitched banner or decorated piece of bunting to produce a host of creative prayers that could be displayed at conference and then taken home and maybe pass on.

Bible study

📍 The Slate

An opportunity to spend time with Lieut-Colonel Judith Payne exploring our theme ‘a peace of my mind’.

Drawing Closer creativity

📍 Radcliffe Space 2B

Join Annette and Shelley to creatively explore our conference theme, ‘A peace of my mind,’ and the Scripture that inspires it. You can bring your own art materials or use those provided, and colouring sheets will also be available.

Restored Beacon Church domestic abuse response

📍 Radcliffe Space 9

Join our friends from Restored to find out more about how local Salvation Army expressions can become Beacons- churches that are equipped to journey well with survivors of domestic abuse.

Prayer Teaching

📍 Radcliffe Space 9

Creating quiet space is vital to really learn to listen to God speaking in our lives. In this workshop, led by Gary Lacey, we will look at the importance and value of silence and quiet and consider proactive steps and conscious decisions we can take to create time and space to be quiet in our busy lives.

Riverbank: The Course

📍 Scarman Space 10

Interested in developing women's ministry in your local setting? Come and find out about the Riverbank Course, what it is and how you could use it where you are.

Moving Towards Peace: a dance, movement and psychotherapeutic experience

📍 Scarman Space 11

Join Kimberley Pena, Dance Movement Psychotherapist from Cheltenham Salvation Army in an engaging workshop that invites us to experience movement as a means of communication, healing, expression, and empowerment. No previous dance experience is required.

Sports Ministry: football skills

📍 Sports and Wellness Hub outside pitch

So, here's what we are going to do: take our ordinary everyday sporting lives and place them before God as an offering, as we enjoy playing football together, where everyone can join in, compete, have fun and worship! Everybody's included - nobody's out!

Rob Moye says: 'whether you are a seasoned pro or just enjoy a kick around, we will be focussing on "teamwork making the dream work."' His prayer is that, as a team, we will experience God's divine and glorious splendour on the pitch.

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, clothing, mission resources and more.

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