



**THE 27TH ANNUAL BRITISH NEW TESTAMENT
CONFERENCE**
Durham University, 4—6 September 2008
Conference Particulars

The organizers of the British New Testament Society Conference (2008) look forward to welcoming you to Durham University. We have pleasure in passing on travel, registration, accommodation and programme details and would urge you to read this information carefully.

Travel

By Train:

Durham is on the main East coast railway line, about 3 hours from London, King's Cross station. There are regular trains, but not all stop at Durham. Durham station is only 5-10 minutes from the centre of Durham; the Cathedral bus service and local taxis service the train station.

Cathedral Bus

From the Durham train station (please refer to the map on the brochure cover page) there is a bus service to the Cathedral and the Palace Green area (Service 40). The bus runs Monday through Friday every 20 minutes starting at 9:23am and ending at 5:03pm. All journeys cost 50p and tickets are valid all day. Senior citizens (those persons 60 years or over), however, travel for free. For more details and schedules please refer to the Durham Cathedral Bus website:

<http://www.durham.gov.uk/durhamcc/usp.nsf/pws/Transport+and+Streets+-+Durham+Cathedral+Bus>

Taxi

There is a taxi rank at the station; cost £3-4; you can book a taxi at reception before departure (24 hrs notice); an additional £2 charged to get off the peninsula through the barrier (between 10 am and 4 pm).

By Auto:

Durham is off the A1M, between Scotch Corner and Washington. Leave at junction 62, on the A690 Durham-Sunderland road or at junction 61, on the A177. Follow the directional signs to St John's College. Please note that the introduction of a toll barrier may make

temporary vehicle access to the peninsula expensive. Please refer to the Durham University Map (Item 20):

<http://www.dur.ac.uk/map/durham/>

Anyone considering coming by car, however, is *strongly discouraged* from doing so. Parking is severely restricted in the centre of Durham and cars will have to be left at peripheral carparks for the duration of the Conference. The very limited parking space at Palace Green is normally reserved strictly for staff and for students with disabilities or special requirements, and will not be available at all, we have been informed, for the period of 3-9 September.

For those who do decide to come by car, arrangements are being sought to make a certain number of parking permits available at the Old Elvet car park which is about a 14 minute walk from St. John's College. Those who wish to apply for these (limited) permits should do so as soon as possible and at least two weeks in advance of the conference by informing John Goodrich (Registration and Reception) (contact details below), so that the permit can be prepared for you before you arrive. Once this has been confirmed, you should pick up your parking permit at the St. John's College Reception area when you unload your luggage, and then drive to the Old Elvet car park. The map within your conference pack will enable you to locate the Old Elvet car park. Please note that if you leave between 10:00am and 4:00pm, you will have to pay a £2.00 fee to exit Durham city to park at the Old Elvet car park after you drop off your luggage.

A limited number of parking bays are available at St. John's College itself for disabled attendees who need special access, and these, too, should be applied for at least two weeks before the conference.

There is also parking at the Howlands Park and Ride located on South Road (the A177 to Darlington), which costs £1.70 per day (including the bus fare). The Howlands car park closes at 7:00pm. Please refer to the Durham University Map <http://www.dur.ac.uk/map/durham>. This bus connects with the Cathedral bus (see above). For more details about the Durham Park and Ride Service, including its operating schedule, see:

<http://www.durhamparkandride.com/parkride/usp.nsf/pws/Durham+Park+and+Ride+-+Routes>

By Airplane:

Durham is just over 20 miles from Newcastle and Durham Tees Valley airports, both of which have regular domestic and international flights. A rail/metro connection links Durham to Newcastle Airport. Please refer to the following websites for airport information:

<http://www.sidestep.com/airport-information-g001-NCL-Newcastle>
<http://www.durhamteesvalleyairport.com/page.php?p=112>

A free shuttle ride of about twenty minutes will take those arriving at Durham Tees Valley airport to Darlington, where the train will take them to Durham. The train fare is under £5 and takes under twenty minutes.

By Sea:

Ferry services operate from North Shields (near Newcastle upon Tyne) to Scandinavian ports and the Netherlands. There is Metro service from North Shields into Newcastle upon Tyne where there is a railway connection that links Newcastle to Durham.

Registration

Location

Registration will take place at St John's College in the Linton Overflow Room, which is located about 200 ft north of the main college entrance. A door leading directly into the Linton Overflow Room is located on South Bailey Road and will be well marked with conference signs.

Times

Conference check-in is from 3:00 to 5:00 pm on Thursday unless alternative arrangements have been made. Early arrivals may store their belongings at the college until registration begins. Late arrivals are requested to notify Mr John Goodrich (j.k.goodrich@dur.ac.uk) with their estimated arrival times at least a fortnight before the start of the conference, so that room keys and a packed dinner can be set aside with reception at the main entrance of the college. Delegates are requested to vacate their rooms by no later than 10:00 am on the day of departure, and return their keys to reception.

Delegates who desire to stay at St John's College one or more evenings before or after the conference must make appropriate accommodation arrangements with the college directly (Tel: 0191 334 3500).

Accessibility Information

All of the entrance doors to St John's College remain closed for security reasons and can only be accessed with a key. The main entrance points for people with mobility needs would be Cranmer Crossroads door (which is just underneath the sign for the "Bowes Dining Room") and the Linton Overspill doorway (just above the sign for the Linton Room - where Registration will be taking place on the first day). A map of St John's will be given out to participants with the conference packs, but can be sent out in advance to those who wish it.

We will have conference assistants on hand for the duration of the conference - they will be happy to help people with mobility problems to enter and exit the building.

Programme

The following is the latest version of the conference programme. A further update will be issued when you register for the conference in Durham.

Thursday 4th September

3.00-5.00 pm	Arrival and Registration, Coffee/Tea Available (Linton Hall)
5.30-6.15 pm	Drinks Reception and Welcome by Professor Loren Stuckenbruck (Head of Department), Professor Seth Kunin (Dean of Faculty) and Bishop Tom Wright (Bishop of Durham) (Gardens/Gazebo or Bailey and Linton Rooms)
6.30 pm	Dinner (Bowes and Haughton Dining Rooms)
8.00 pm	Plenary 1: Professor John Barclay, 'Two Versions of Grace: Romans 9-11 and the Wisdom of Solomon' (Leech Hall)

9.30-11.00 pm Bar (Cranmer Common Room)

Friday 5th September

7.30-8.00 am Prayers (St John's Chapel, St Mary the Less)

7.30-8.45 am Breakfast (Bowes and Haughton Dining Rooms)

9.00-10.30 am Seminar Groups Meeting 1 (see below for locations)

10.30-11.00 am Coffee (Bowes and Haughton Dining Rooms)

11.00am-12.30 pm Seminar Groups Meeting 2

12.30-2.00 pm Lunch (Bowes and Haughton Dining Rooms)

2.00-3.30 pm Free Time
Committee Meeting (Ruth Etchells Room)

2.00-2.45 pm Professor Philip Esler, 'Arts and Humanities Funding and AHRC'
(Leech Hall)

3.30-4.00 pm Tea (Bowes and Haughton Dining Rooms)

4.00-5.30 pm Plenary 2: Professor Loveday Alexander, 'The Myth of the Imprisoned
God: Classical Intertextualities in the Acts of the Apostles' (Leech Hall)

5.30-6.15 pm Drinks Reception (Gardens/Gazebo or Bailey and Linton Rooms)

6.15-7.30 pm Dinner (Bowes and Haughton Dining Rooms)

7.45-9.30 pm Business Meeting (Leech Hall)

Plenary 3: Professor Dale Martin,
'Angels, Demons and Paul' (Leech Hall)

9.30-11.00 pm Bar (Cranmer Common Room)

Saturday 6th September

7.30-8.00 am Prayers (St John's Chapel, St Mary the Less)

7.30-8.45 am Breakfast (Bowes and Haughton Dining Rooms)

Please note rooms must be vacated by 10 am. It is recommended that
you vacate your rooms before the seminar groups meet. Two rooms
for luggage storage will be made available.

9.15-10.45 am Seminar Groups Meeting 3

10.45-11.15 am Coffee (Bowes and Haughton Dining Rooms)

11.15-12.45 pm Plenary 4: Dr Eddie Adams, 'The Earliest Christian Meeting Places'
(Leech Hall)

12.45-2.00 pm

Lunch (Bowes and Haughton Dining Rooms) and Departures

Conference Reception Desk

The conference reception desk will be open during coffee breaks and after lunch (College Office/Reception Desk)

Publishers' Display

The publishers' display (Leech Hall) will be open during all breaks

Free Time

Like last year, there will be a period of free time allocated on Friday afternoon, 2-3:30pm (although a special presentation by Professor Philip Esler will also be an option). During this time, take time to relax, socialize, or wander about Durham city as there are number of places and activities worthy of your time. Visit one of Durham's museums or admire the majestic and sacred stonework of the Durham Cathedral. If the open air seems more enticing, consider hiring a rowing boat or stroll along the riverside paths by yourself or with a group of friends. All this and more are detailed in the pack you will receive upon arrival in Durham.

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