Prepared for Everything! Rural and Environmental Mission- CRES Day 20th April 2024

Our next CRES in-person day (open to all) is on Saturday 20th April 2024 at Ripon College Cuddesdon (RCC) near Oxford. Our speakers are: Revd. Canon Caroline Hewlett, Vicar of Swaledale with Arkengarthdale; and Dr. Martin Hodson, Principal Tutor of CRES. We are currently aiming at being a group of about 25-35. So book early with Lynda to ensure your place (details below).

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

10.00-10.30 Arrive and Coffee.

10.30-10.45 Welcome and Introductions (Margot Hodson)

10.45-12.15 Caroline Hewlett will speak on "Eco Mission in a Rural Context."

12.15-12.25 Break

12.25-12.40 CRES News (Margot Hodson)

12.40-13.00 Free Time

13.00-14.00 Lunch

14.00-15.00 Martin Hodson will speak on "Environmental Disaster Management"

15.00-15.30 Caroline Hewlett will speak on "The Big Flood in Swaledale 2019"

15.30-15.45 Short Service (Simon Brown)

15.45-16.00 Tea and depart.

Booking For CRES students, tutors, and steering group, the day is included in student fees. The fee for those not associated with the CRES course will be £25. But EVERYONE wanting to come MUST book with the CRES Administrator, Lynda McKeown, by 8th April at the latest. Email cres@jri.org.uk Further details will be sent out to those who have booked in April.

Revd. Canon Caroline Hewlett has been Vicar of Swaledale with Arkengarthdale, deep in the northern Yorkshire Dales, since 2006. In that time she has made friends with her church dwelling bats, lived with her parish through a Big Flood, led Forest Church, and trained 2 curates. Her current interest is in training people for Rural Mission and Ministry, which she is exploring during a sabbatical this year. She completed the CRES course in 2010.

Dr. Martin Hodson is a plant scientist and environmental biologist, and a former Principal Lecturer, and now Visiting Researcher at Oxford Brookes University. He is also Associate Member of the Institute of Human Sciences at the University of Oxford. Martin is Principal Tutor of Christian Rural and Environmental Studies (CRES). The tour scientist for the Hope for Planet Earth tours, he writes and speaks widely on environmental issues. Martin has over 100 publications, mostly in international science journals. His books include Cherishing the Earth (with Margot Hodson, 2008), Functional Biology of Plants (with John Bryant, 2012), A Christian Guide to Environmental Issues (with Margot Hodson, 2015, 2nd ed. 2021), and Green Reflections: Biblical inspiration for sustainable living (with Margot Hodson, 2021).