

How to get there



By Road

For a detailed map to find the Oakwood House Conference Centre, see the website:

www.oakwoodhouse-kcc.com.

By Train

Oakwood House is about 5 minutes by taxi from Maidstone West (from London Charing Cross) and slightly longer from Maidstone East (from London Victoria) stations. If travelling by Eurostar, alight at Ashford International station; from Ashford there are regular trains to Maidstone East station.

www.catholicandrural.org.uk

7th National Conference for Rural Catholics

7-9 February 2011

Oakwood House
Oakwood Park
Maidstone, Kent ME16 8AE



Surname _____ Title _____

Christian Name _____ Diocese _____

Address _____

_____ Postcode _____

E-mail _____

Telephone _____

What do you do? _____

Any dietary requirements? _____

Anything else we should know? _____

I will be resident/non-resident. single/double room?

Non-residents indicate which meals you will eat
(£25.00 per half-day, eating or not!)

Monday dinner Tuesday lunch Tuesday dinner Wednesday lunch

Residents staying for Wednesday lunch add £12.50 and tick

I enclose a cheque for £_____ (*in favour of Our Lady & St Michael*)
and I understand that £100.00 (£25.00 non-resident) of it is a non-
returnable deposit.

Signed _____

Send your form to Fr. Robert Miller, 2 High Street, Dulverton,
Somerset TA22 9HB. Queries may be referred to him on 01398 324217

What? If **rural** prompts a first thought of **farming**, please think again. Most Catholic parishes include rural areas, often packed with commuters or retirees. This year's 48-hour conference should include presentations on rural ministry in Catholic Scotland and the Diocese of Poitiers, Anglican work in Kent, the Rural Community Council, a shepherd from Romney Marsh - and more. There is an optional visit to a fruit research station.

Why? Most of each diocese is rural, yet traditionally the bishop takes his title from a town. We try to bridge the gap. Small rural congregations are not failed larger churches, they are God's design for rural ministry.

Where? In the comfort of Oakwood House Conference Centre, Oakwood Park, Maidstone, Kent (ME16 8AE).

Late bookings may be housed elsewhere.

When? The conference begins at 4.00pm on Monday 7th February, and finishes with lunch on Wednesday 9th February 2011.

Who? Any Catholic interested enough to come. More than half the English and Welsh dioceses send representatives. We welcome lay people, clergy, religious. Behind the conference are Fr Harry Doyle (Lancaster) and Fr Robert Miller (Clifton) who work with the CBCEW Bishop for rural issues, the Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle. Fr Harry breeds prize Suffolk rams, Fr Robert is a maritime missiologist. People who come once find conference participants welcoming - and return.

How much? Single (£200) or double (£165) rooms are available.

Those staying for Wednesday lunch - add £12.50

Non residents are charged £25.00 per half day, including lunch or dinner.

Your booking form must be accompanied by your cheque, £100

(£25 non resident) of which is a non-returnable deposit.

Cheques should be made out to Our Lady & St Michael conference a/c.

More information? Contact Fr Robert Miller, 01398 324217