

2020

Peninsula Women's Conference

James

Wholehearted
devotion to Jesus in
the challenges of
everyday life

Saturday 16 May
9.30am-4.30pm
St Leonard's Church
Exeter, EX2 4NG
Tickets £12

Book your place at
www.stleonards.church/pwc



Lizzie Smallwood, our main speaker

Lizzy is married to Simon and they have three children - Sam [22] Ailie [19] and Beatrice [10]. For 22 years they ministered at a small multi-cultural urban church in Dagenham, Essex and now minister at Bodmin Community Church.

Lizzie's time is divided between being a pastor's wife, a mum, a part time primary school teacher and helping out in and around the local church. Lizzie's favourite way to relax is with a cup of tea and a good book.



Lizzy is never happier than when she has the opportunity to teach and apply God's word to Christian women seeking to follow Christ in the 21st Century.

Lizzie writes....

What I hope to do is a whistle-stop tour of James: To look at the themes James develops throughout his letter.

But be warned: James is like a master Surgeon and he does some very painful uncovering of some deep rooted, dangerous issues we have - as those who say we follow Christ.

We've got a serious problem, but God has a wonderful solution.

And I hope that, by the end, we will all have benefited from some spiritual heart surgery.

Our seminars this year:

Seminar choice 1: Preparing Bible Studies from the letter of James with Ann Lotinga. In this practical session we will look at getting an understanding of the passage and how to frame activities and questions. We will also look at how to encourage discussion and response so we maybe 'doers of the word and not hearers only'.

Seminar choice 2: "One-another-ing" Alison Black leads this session looking at how the New Testament instructs us on "being church", including 59 verses which include the phrase "one another". Some will be familiar, "love one another"; others perhaps we'd really rather weren't there, "confess your sins to each another", (James 5:16). In this seminar we will explore these verses, and consider how we can enact them in our church community.

Seminar choice 3: Growing faith with Ruth Clarke. "Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it." Proverbs 22:6. Raising children who know and love Jesus is an intimidating task but we aren't on our own. In his mercy, God provides us with a church family to encourage and support us. Whether you are a mum, grandmother, godmother, a children's group leader or a member of a church family, we will think through together what it looks like to grow faith in our children.

Seminar choice 4: Intentional conversations about Jesus. Maureen Venning will encourage us to overcome our fears in evangelism. We will see how others have learnt how to have intentional conversations in their everyday lives. Maureen will also be drawing from Paul Williams' book, 'Intentional: Evangelism that takes People to Jesus', thinking about conviction, compassion and confidence to give us practical ideas of how we can naturally and thoughtfully share how Jesus answers, and is the answer to commonly asked questions!

In our coffee and lunch breaks:

Bearing Each Other's Burdens

Are you or is anyone in your church family experiencing loss and grief? Penny Rowland and Philippa Dickson will be available during the coffee and lunch breaks to share what they have found helpful.

Booking opens March 2020 at www.stleonards.church/pwc

Questions? Contact us at office@stleonards.church or 01392 286990