



# HEART MATTERS

## DIAGNOSIS & GOSPEL CURE

Northern Women's Convention 2016

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Northern Women's  
CONVENTION

## WELCOME

The Northern Women's Convention was set up to encourage Christian women across the region to live for Christ. It is a day when we can meet with other like-minded women, sing praises to our Lord and listen to great Bible teaching. This year we welcome back Lizzy Smallwood. Lizzy has great gifts both in understanding the Bible and teaching it in a down-to-earth easy to listen to way which will no doubt prove challenging as she is tackling the book of James for us.

Once again we will have a range of seminars for you to choose from but this year we will also have the chance to attend a seminar track. Ed Shaw wrote the book 'The Plausibility Problem' in response to the very real difficulties we have with the Bible's teaching about sexuality. It may seem strange to you that we are inviting a male speaker but Ed, associate pastor of Emmanuel Bristol, is one of the founding members of [livingout.org](http://livingout.org) and has considerable wisdom on this subject which we wanted you to benefit from. We are privileged to have other experts in their field joining us to help us engage more lovingly with our muslim neighbours and more sensitively to families and children with learning disabilities. There will be lots of other practical teaching as well, linked to the themes found in the book of James including how to pray and the tricky and often taboo subject of money. Finally we will have the chance to focus beyond our shores and consider how we can support our persecuted brothers and sisters overseas. It is going to be a very full day!

I'm very excited by all the great teaching we have lined up and praying that God will use this day to equip us to serve him more. I do hope you can join us!

Looking forward to seeing you in November!

## Karen Soole

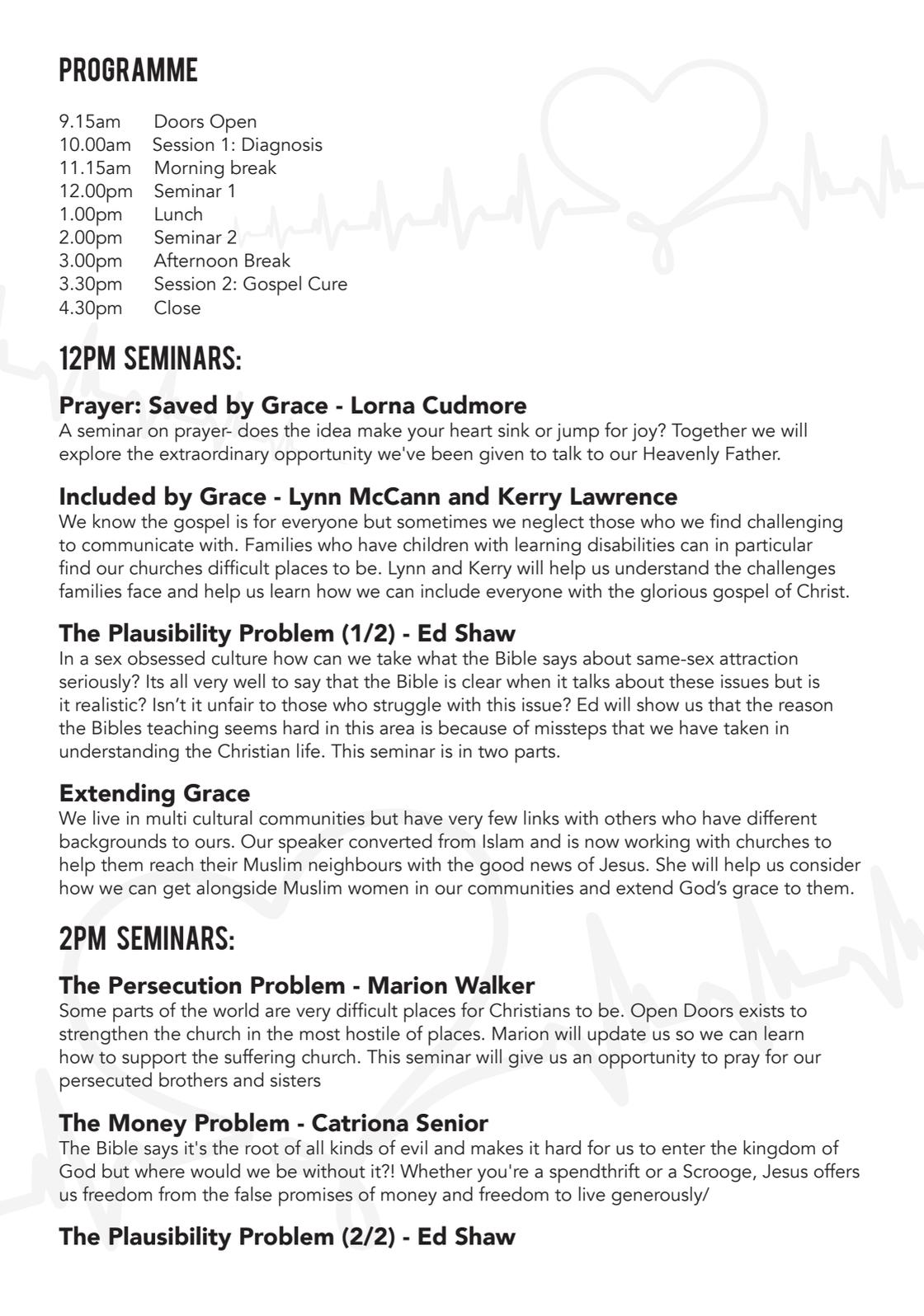
You can now follow us on Facebook at Northern Women's Convention or on Twitter at [@northernwomens](https://twitter.com/northernwomens) for regular updates.



## SPEAKER

Lizzy Smallwood is married to Simon. They have three children - Sam [18] Ailie [15] and Beatrice [6] They have been ministering at a small urban church in Dagenham on the Essex/ East London border for 20 years. Lizzy divides her time between being a wife and mum, a part time teacher and doing some youth and women's work in the church along with a lot of cooking. She is never happier than when she is teaching women the Bible and loves opportunities like the Northern Women's convention to preach and apply God's word to Christian women in the 21st Century. Her favourite way to relax is with a cup of tea and a good book.

# PROGRAMME



9.15am	Doors Open
10.00am	Session 1: Diagnosis
11.15am	Morning break
12.00pm	Seminar 1
1.00pm	Lunch
2.00pm	Seminar 2
3.00pm	Afternoon Break
3.30pm	Session 2: Gospel Cure
4.30pm	Close

## 12PM SEMINARS:

### **Prayer: Saved by Grace - Lorna Cudmore**

A seminar on prayer- does the idea make your heart sink or jump for joy? Together we will explore the extraordinary opportunity we've been given to talk to our Heavenly Father.

### **Included by Grace - Lynn McCann and Kerry Lawrence**

We know the gospel is for everyone but sometimes we neglect those who we find challenging to communicate with. Families who have children with learning disabilities can in particular find our churches difficult places to be. Lynn and Kerry will help us understand the challenges families face and help us learn how we can include everyone with the glorious gospel of Christ.

### **The Plausibility Problem (1/2) - Ed Shaw**

In a sex obsessed culture how can we take what the Bible says about same-sex attraction seriously? Its all very well to say that the Bible is clear when it talks about these issues but is it realistic? Isn't it unfair to those who struggle with this issue? Ed will show us that the reason the Bibles teaching seems hard in this area is because of missteps that we have taken in understanding the Christian life. This seminar is in two parts.

### **Extending Grace**

We live in multi cultural communities but have very few links with others who have different backgrounds to ours. Our speaker converted from Islam and is now working with churches to help them reach their Muslim neighbours with the good news of Jesus. She will help us consider how we can get alongside Muslim women in our communities and extend God's grace to them.

## 2PM SEMINARS:

### **The Persecution Problem - Marion Walker**

Some parts of the world are very difficult places for Christians to be. Open Doors exists to strengthen the church in the most hostile of places. Marion will update us so we can learn how to support the suffering church. This seminar will give us an opportunity to pray for our persecuted brothers and sisters

### **The Money Problem - Catriona Senior**

The Bible says it's the root of all kinds of evil and makes it hard for us to enter the kingdom of God but where would we be without it?! Whether you're a spendthrift or a Scrooge, Jesus offers us freedom from the false promises of money and freedom to live generously/

### **The Plausibility Problem (2/2) - Ed Shaw**

## HOW MUCH IS IT?

Tickets cost £20 each or £12 concessions (students, those on benefits, pensions etc). Please book early to ensure a place for the seminar of your choice as places are limited. Recordings of the talks and seminars will be available to listen to online.

## THERE ARE 3 WAYS TO BOOK:

Booking opens 16th May and closes on 7th November.

### Online

[www.thegoodbook.co.uk/nwc](http://www.thegoodbook.co.uk/nwc)

### Telephone

0333 123 0880 from 9am-5pm Mon-Fri.

### Post

The Good Book Company, B1, Blenheim House, 1 Blenheim Road, Epsom, KT19 9AP.

There is a £1.50 booking fee for online bookings and £3.00 for postal bookings and phone bookings. On booking you will be asked to provide the number of delegates you are booking and the number of places you require at each seminar. It's best to book in groups as the fee is charged per booking, not per person. Please make cheques payable to: The Good Book Company Ltd. We regret, refunds are not available.

## LEAFLETS

If you would like more leaflets please phone The Good Book Company 0333 123 0880.

## LUNCH

Morning and afternoon refreshments will be provided. Please bring your own packed lunch to eat in the hall or seminar rooms.

## NURSING MUMS

We provide a room for nursing mums where they will be able to hear & see everything going on in the main hall.

## FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED

There will be sign language interpreters and a hearing loop at the conference.

## BOOKSTALL

There will be lots of books to buy with many at discounted prices from 10ofthose. [www.10ofthose.com](http://www.10ofthose.com)

## DIRECTIONS

Travel details are available on our website. The venue address is Life Centre, Wapping Road, Bradford, West Yorkshire, BD3 0EQ

## PARKING

There is plenty of free parking.

## ADMINISTRATION

[admin@northernwomensconvention.org.uk](mailto:admin@northernwomensconvention.org.uk)

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## WHAT WE STAND FOR

We share the conviction that 'all Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness ...' 2 Timothy 3:16

The Northern Women's Convention is chaired by Karen Soole and administrated by The NWC Committee. A full statement of our beliefs can be viewed on our website at [www.christianconventions.org.uk](http://www.christianconventions.org.uk). The Northern Women's Convention is a Northern Christian Conventions event.

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