

student conference 2027

CMF
Christian Medical Fellowship

It's the night before the cross.
The room is tense.

Jesus knows what's coming —
the disciples don't.
One of them will betray him.
All of them will run away.

In just a few hours, Jesus will be gone.
So what does he leave them with?

Not a strategy. Not a safety net.
A final briefing.

Words for when they feel lost.
Words for when the world pushes back.
Words for how he wants them to live — and serve — when he's no longer physically there.

At CMF Student Conference 2027, we'll step into that room, and discover what Jesus' final words mean for life as healthcare students today. Because following Jesus in healthcare isn't just about surviving uni.

It's about becoming people who reflect God's heart for humanity in lecture theatres, wards, placements, and everyday life.

You won't be left alone.
But you will be sent.

MAIN SPEAKER



David Randall works full-time as a renal consultant in London, primarily caring for patients with chronic kidney disease (CKD) and those receiving haemodialysis.

He is married to Abigail, who works as a GP and medical school examiner, and together they have four children. He and his family are members of a small Baptist church in Tower Hamlets and are grateful to be part of a thriving local community of CMF doctors and students. In his spare time, he enjoys singing in a community choir with his children and watch Leyton Orient.



PROGRAMME

FRIDAY 5 FEBRUARY

From 17:00	Registration
19:30	Dinner
20:30	**Introductory session**
21:30	Icebreaker (optional)

SATURDAY 6 FEBRUARY

07:30	Optional morning activities
07:30–08:40	Breakfast
09:00	**Main session 1**
10:30	Coffee
11:15	**Seminar session 1**
12:30	Lunch
13:45	Free time with activities
16:00	**Main session 2**
17:15	**Seminar session 2**
18:30	Dinner
19:45	**Seminar session 3**
21:00	Evening Activities

SUNDAY 7 FEBRUARY

07:30	Morning activities
07:30–09:00	Breakfast
09:30	**Seminar session 4**
10:45	Coffee break
11:30	**Main session 3**
12:45	Lunch
14:00	**Celebration & praise**
15:00	Conference ends

GENERAL INFORMATION

VENUE

Yarnfield Park Training & Conference Centre
Yarnfield
Stone
Staffordshire
ST15 0NL

TRAVEL

See *yarnfieldpark.com* for full details. The nearest train stations are Stafford and Stone.

BOOKSTALL

A bookstall is available and there will be plenty of relevant literature available for you to purchase. Cash, credit card , and mobile payments accepted.

PASTORAL CARE TEAM

Pastoral care and prayer is available throughout the weekend.

CANCELLATIONS

No refunds will be paid for cancellation **after 11:59am (GMT) on 4 January 2027**.

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For more details or enquiries, contact:
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SEMINARS

Read on to find out more about our seminars and speakers.

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C: How to bear fruit when things go pear-shaped

D: What is a human being? Foundations for a Christian vision of healthcare

E: Assisted Suicide and End of Life Care
What's happening, why should I care, what can I do?

F: Sharing your Christian faith confidently

G: Navigating Sexuality and Gender

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M: Theology of the body

N: Managing Money - Kingdom resources in an uncertain world

O: Are We Running the Same Race?

P: xABC – resuscitating your evangelism!

SEMINARS

You will need to choose your **four preferences** when booking.

A

Going glocal: Why global and local missions need each other

Mission is God's redeeming work of saving, healing, restoring and renewing the world, and we are invited to play our part in this great adventure. Yet in our enthusiasm for reaching the unreached, we can sometimes overlook the neighbours on our doorstep. This session explores the relationship between local and global mission, considering how they belong together and how each can deepen and strengthen the other's expression of God's redemptive love.

SPEAKERS

Laura Aruparayil is CMF Head of Global Ministries. With a background in paediatrics, forensic (sexual offences) medicine, anti-trafficking research, and advocacy, she is passionate about serving and equipping others where healthcare, justice, and mission meet.

B

On call and called: Faith for the FY1

You might have mixed feelings about starting FY1: excitement, nerves or feeling overwhelmed. In this seminar, resident doctor CMF members will share their experiences of being an FY1. On Call and Called explores what's different for Christian doctors: yes, we may be on call, but we are called to follow Christ and work for him. We'll consider the realities of FY1, but also our wonderful Saviour, and how keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus shapes our professional identity, approach to ethical challenges, and how we serve patients and colleagues.

SPEAKERS

Lead by members of **CMFs Resident Doctors Council**, with a range of experience, from the recently qualified to those who are further along their postgrad training.

C

How to bear fruit when things go pear-shaped

Our staff rooms aren't known for being havens of healthy snack options, are they? You're more likely to find an open box of Celebrations than a fruit bowl. But when we do remember to buy something healthy to snack on, we have the choice of more than one fruit. Apples, dried mango, tinned peaches… Could there be more than one way for us to be fruitful on placement, at university, or at home? In this interactive seminar rooted in John 15, we'll explore what it looks like to be Christ-like in these everyday places as we ask, 'How can we abide in Jesus and be 'fruity' in our character, relationships, witness and work?'.

SPEAKERS

Gemma Griffiths and **Bex Lawton** from the Nurses and Midwives' team have a combined thirty-two years of experience working in the NHS as a midwife and a paediatric nurse respectively. Alongside our wider team, they love exploring what it looks like to live out their faith through their work, rest and play.

D

What is a human being? Foundations for a Christian vision of healthcare.

Before we can decide what good healthcare should look like, we need to ask a fundamental question: what is a human being? Together, we'll explore the biblical vision of humanity created in God's image and consider its implications for healthcare. How might seeing ourselves and our patients as God sees us transform the care we offer?

SPEAKER

Susan Marriott is CMF's Head of Public Policy. She is both medically and theologically trained, and her previous roles have included working as a GP in Newmarket and in student ministry at a church in Birmingham.

E

Assisted Suicide and End of Life Care – what's happening, why should I care, what can I do?

In the last few years there have been near-constant efforts to change the law around the British Isles. The McArthur Bill narrowly fell in Scotland, the Leadbeater Bill ran out of time in Westminster, only to reincarnate virtually unchanged as the Edwards Bill, which was narrowly voted down. Bills in Jersey and the Isle of Man are due to come into force from 2027. Assisted suicide has never been closer in British healthcare. What can Christian students do, how should we view these changes, and how might we prepare if the law does change?

To get the most from this seminar, we recommend attending Seminar D first.

SPEAKER

Mark Pickering is CMF Chief Executive and a secure environment GP. He worked as a junior doctor in a hospice and often speaks on behalf of CMF and the Care Not Killing Alliance, opposing assisted suicide and promoting palliative care.

F

Sharing your Christian faith confidently

Have you ever felt unsure how to explain your faith — or wished you could speak about Christianity with more clarity and confidence?

Aside from identifying key parts of the gospel message, we'll be learning how we can share it clearly and confidently with others by learning from the Apostles' example in the book of Acts and through role play.

SPEAKER

Priska Gunadi has worked as a GP in a mission hospital and as a staff for UCCF in Indonesia working with medical students. She now works alongside the student team as a CMF Associate while facilitating ICMDA's Confident Christianity training track for the European cohort.

G

Navigating Sexuality and Gender

Sexuality and gender are prominent in our own human experience, in student contexts, and in clinical practice. But we know that the dominant perspectives on these topics in the modern West are very different from traditional Christian teaching. How can we navigate this difficult context well as Christian medics? Come along to be equipped for your living, speaking and caring as we explore the need to go deeper, down to the level of worldviews.

SPEAKER

Andrew Bunt is a speaker, author and Bible teacher. He is Content Director at Living Out, drawing on his own story to help people understand biblical teaching on sexuality, gender and identity. He also serves on the leadership team of a church on the southeast coast.

H

Navigating Health and Healing

This seminar will explore approaches to health and healing as followers of Jesus preparing for careers in healthcare. We will consider what the Bible has to say and also reflect on the lived experience of patients and colleagues as we navigate the complexities of health and healing in a world shaped by modern medicine.

SPEAKER

James Tomlinson is a GP in the West Midlands and Head of Volunteers and Networks at CMF. He has served with the International Christian Medical and Dental Association (ICMDA) and currently volunteers as a CMF Medical School Link. He is passionate about equipping students and healthcare professionals to follow Jesus faithfully in their study, work and witness.

I

The two imposters: success and failure in a medical career

Exams, foundation school, training numbers, long-term ambitions... A career in medicine can feel like a constant struggle — to get through, to get on, to be the best you can be. What about when we don't make the grade? And how hard should we be trying anyway, where there are so many other ways we could be spending our time? In this seminar, we'll try to think through the demands of success in medicine in the light of our calling to serve Christ. That might look different for each of us — but biblical principles apply to us all.

SPEAKER

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J

Encountering the living God

In our faith, we can often get stuck in our heads. In church we learn about God, but we don't really know him. This seminar will explore the things that get in the way of us encountering God and how we can develop a spirituality in which we can encounter God in the everyday.

SPEAKER

James Paul is director of L'Abri Fellowship in Hampshire, a community-based apologetics ministry that gives people the time, space and resources to ask their questions about Christian faith. Before that he trained as a palliative care specialist in London. He is married to Merran and has two adult children.

K

Whistleblowing and raising concerns

How should Christians respond when we are concerned about our colleagues, patients, or the care being provided? How do we balance the biblical call to be peacekeepers with the mandate to seek justice and speak up? We will consider biblical examples and explore how we can learn from these as we navigate difficult scenarios around whistleblowing and raising concerns in healthcare. We will explore practical approaches to raising concerns and responding well.

SPEAKER

Melody Redman is a consultant in Clinical Genetics in Yorkshire. She is married to Xander (GP), and mum to two young kids. Melody has been involved in medico-politics since medical school and is passionate about a supportive environment where colleagues and patients can thrive.

L

Help – I'm a healthcare student get me out of here!

Against the backdrop of an NHS in crisis, low staff morale and not infrequently dissatisfied patients do you find yourself questioning whether or not you still want to be a healthcare professional? While remaining realistic about the current challenges in healthcare we will consider what can help and motivate us as Christians in healthcare to stay training and working.

SPEAKER

Andrew Jackson is CMF's Head of Student Ministries, studied medicine in Nottingham and also works as a GP with a focus on Sports, Exercise and Musculoskeletal Medicine and Injuries. He is married to Jess and they have three kids to make up The Jackson 5!

M

Theology of the body

Our bodies are an inescapable part of life. Everything we do involves them. But if only our souls are eternal, isn't the body irrelevant? Do we only heal bodily sickness in order to save souls? Can our bodies reveal any truth about life and godliness?

This seminar will discuss how we might continue the legacy of those who have defended our flesh and blood as a God-created marvel. Covering the rights and wrongs of contemporary thought on the body, we'll encounter it as a beautiful-yet-broken vessel brimming with theological importance, because it was worthy of Jesus himself.

SPEAKER

Rebecca Horton is an academic clinical fellow in paediatrics, with a research interest in the neurodevelopment of young children treated for cancer. She lives in Oxford with her husband (Nick) and two sons: Barnabas (3) and Rory (1). She served on the CMF board of trustees for several years after chairing the National Student Council. When she's at home, she can usually be found playing trains, pretending to be Peter Rabbit or reading with her boys.

N

Managing Money - Kingdom resources in an uncertain world

Never out of the headlines, money is a common source of anxiety for any student. Unlike some offerings, this seminar promises neither financial riches nor instant freedom from debts. Instead, we will consider putting money in its proper place – as a servant and tool, not a master – uch that it should no longer generate fear. How we handle money will affect our personal, professional and spiritual lives. The Bible often uses money as an example, and gives many principles about how finances in God's Kingdom might look. We will apply these both to the immediate student context, and to the future as healthcare professionals, with the aims of both avoiding significant anxiety over money, and of ensuring that we make best use of what we have.

SPEAKER

Laurence Crutchlow is CMF Assistant Head of Student Ministries, and a GP Principal in southwest London. He is keen to help students apply their faith beyond the 'sacred' into all of life, of which money is a large looming part in his professional world as a GP.

O

Are We Running the Same Race?

We are all called to care for the same patients and pursue healing with compassion, yet our experiences of the workplace can differ significantly. This seminar explores racial issues in healthcare through the lens of faith, identity and belonging, addressing bias, inequality, privilege and exclusion. It invites us to listen to one another's experiences, reflect on our assumptions, and consider how the love of Christ can shape workplaces where dignity, fairness, courage and belonging flourish.

SPEAKERS

Hannah John is a consultant cleft and plastic surgeon at Salisbury District Hospital and a global associate with CMF. She represents CMF at the Race Equality Forum run by the GMC . As part of CMF's Every Nation Collaborative, she runs a support network for international graduates working in the NHS.

Chris Borges Da Silva is Assisant Head of Student Ministries at CMF.

P

xABC – resuscitating your evangelism!

Suffering? Evolution? Assisted dying? Trans? And loads more... Do you struggle when your friends ask you difficult questions? Does apologetics scare you? Let's think through how we can answer our friends lovingly and persuasively, to introduce them to Jesus. Put life back into your evangelism!

SPEAKER

Giles Cattermole is a part-time consultant in emergency medicine, working also in various global health projects and serving in a new church plant. He previously worked in student ministry for CMF and UCCF, and is the author of *Whatever: Cross-centred ethics that point to Jesus.*

COST

The cost for the whole weekend includes the conference, an ensuite room, and all meals and refreshments from Friday evening until Sunday afternoon.

£150 Early Bird Student Member Rate
(Closes on 11:59am (GMT) Tuesday 1 December 2026)

£180 Standard rate
(Closes at 11:59(GMT) Monday 4 January 2027)

Bookings close on 11.59am (GMT) 4 January 2027

All bookings are based on available spaces, so book early to avoid disappointment.

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