

Belonging Before Believing

'creating a culture of welcome'

Baptist House, Didcot
Thursday 27 May
10:45 - 15:15

Speaker:
Mark Hope-Urwin
Director of Hospitality and Welcome
at Birmingham Cathedral



People coming into our churches are often looking for somewhere to 'belong' before moving in their faith journey to firm belief in Jesus Christ. This day, suitable for ministers, leaders and welcoming teams, will help churches to consider ways in which they can become more welcoming and help people to feel that they belong. It will also look at accessibility issues.

How to Register

The cost for the day is **£20 per person** including lunch.

To reserve a place, please apply as early as possible using the booking form below.

Closing date for bookings is **Wednesday 19 May**.

Please make cheques payable to The Baptist Union of Great Britain.

Speaker

Mark Hope-Urwin was formerly Customer Service Manager at John Lewis Solihull with the additional responsibility for Corporate and Social Responsibility in the West Midlands. After retiring in 2008 he has provided a consultancy service on Customer/Patient service and care for, amongst others, Primary Care Health Trusts and IT companies.

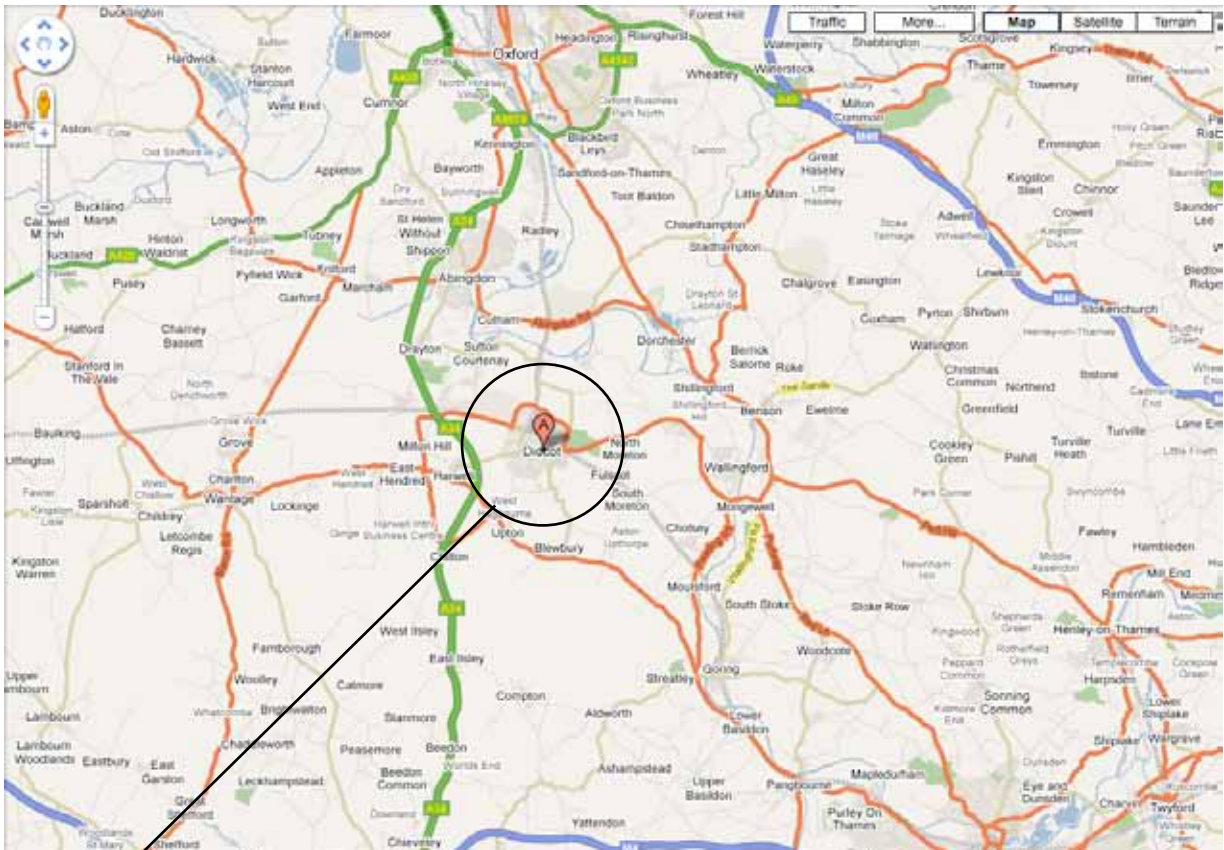
He was appointed Director of Hospitality and Welcome at Birmingham Cathedral as part of his work with the Church of England on developing a culture of attracting, welcoming and retaining newcomers to the Church.

Mark is married with four children - three girls and a boy. He is a gardener, ornithologist, singer and ex-mountaineer.

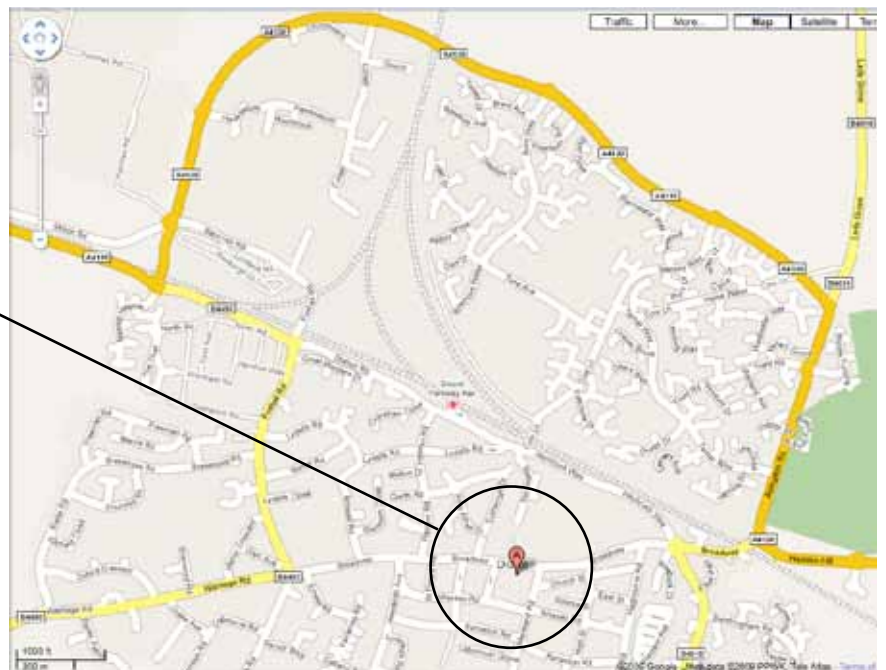


Draft Programme

10:45	Coffee
11:00	Welcome, worship and introductions
11:10	Belonging, Believing, Behaving
11:25	Creating a Culture of Welcome
12:30	Lunch
13:15	Back to Church Sunday: The Big Welcome 26 September
13:30	Accessibility issues
13:50	Sustaining a Culture of Welcome
14:30	Tea Break and Q & As
15:00	Closing prayers
15:15	Close



Baptist House is located at 129 Broadway in Didcot. Access to the office carpark is from Mereland Road (between Barclays Bank and the Methodist Church). The entrance to Baptist House is on the right just before the police station.



Pedestrians

From Didcot Parkway railway station (about seven minutes' walk):
 Turn left as you leave the station and walk to the traffic lights and pedestrian crossing (150 metres).
 Cross the main road and proceed to the town centre up Station Road and past the Orchard Centre on your left.
 Baptist House is on the Broadway opposite.

For more information about directions, please see:
<http://www.baptisthouse.org.uk/downloads/index.html>

Booking Form

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Please complete this form using BLOCK CAPITALS

Name	
Address (including postcode)	
Contact email address	
Telephone Number	
Church	
Association	
Dietary requirements	
Where did you hear about this event?	

**Please send your completed booking form and cheque for £20 per person (made payable to The Baptist Union of Great Britain) to:
The Mission Department, Baptist Union of Great Britain,
Baptist House, 129 Broadway, DIDCOT OX11 8RT
Final date for receipt of bookings Wednesday 19 May**

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