



9.30am - 4pm  
11 October 2025

# CATALYSTS FOR GOOD

A Day Conference for Christians  
in Health and Social Care



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Greater Manchester Day Conference  
814 Burnage Lane, Manchester M19 1RS



# PROGRAMME

Saturday 11 October

09:30	Registration and coffee
10:00	<b>Welcome, introduction &amp; worship</b>
10:30	Session 1 - <b>Finding your True Identity in God</b> <i>Mark Roper</i>
11:15	Coffee break
11:30	<b>Discussion &amp; Prayer</b> (Small groups)
12:00	Session 2 - <b>Health &amp; Social care is sick; can it be saved?</b> <i>Steve Taylor</i>
12:30	<b>Lunch Break &amp; Networking</b>
13:30	<b>Worship</b>
13:45	Session 3 - <b>Life at Work in the Modern Health Service: Being Fruitful in the Long Term</b> <i>Chris &amp; Sue Holcombe</i>
14:30	<b>Tea Break</b>
14:45	<b>Discussion and Prayer</b> (small Groups)
15:15	Session 4 - <b>Being part of a Jesus- centred medical community</b> <i>James Tomlinson</i>
15:45	<b>Closing session - where next &amp; concluding worship</b>
16:00	<b>End of day conference</b>

## Location

South Manchester Family Church,  
Kingsburn Hall,  
814 Burnage Lane,  
Burnage,  
Manchester  
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## SPEAKERS

### Chris Holcombe

*Chris is a consultant breast surgeon and clinical lead for breast services in Swansea and has held multiple leadership roles in the NHS locally, regionally and nationally. Out of work he enjoys time with grandchildren, in the mountains or on the coast in West Wales and is involved in his local church and leads CHLN on behalf of the Christian Medical Fellowship. Chris has been married to Sue for the last 45 years.*

### Sue Holcombe

*Sue is a Breast Advanced Nurse Practitioner in Swansea, having for many years led the breast nursing team in Liverpool and been the national nurse lead for the Association of Breast Surgery. Married to Chris for 45 years Sue trained in London, took 10 years out of the NHS to be Mum to four children, and returned to research and then Advanced Practice in breast cancer. Out of work Sue enjoys grandchildren, worship, and is passionate about Whole Life Faith.*

### Mark Roper

*Mark is an ex-doctor who is now Vicar of Fabric Church in Manchester. His Instagram profile proclaims "Loved by Jesus. Married to my best friend. Dad to Sam, Grace and Lucy."*

### Steve Taylor

*Dr Steve Taylor has been a GP in Prestwich, Manchester since 1994. A GP partner and GP trainer for 27 years, more recently he has been working as a GP locum whilst advocating for the NHS and General Practice in particular. For the past two years he has been a GP spokesperson for Doctors Association UK having been approached by them to support the work they do. He uses statistics and data in helping demonstrate the importance of the issues in the NHS and gaining better insights. Steve is the Lead Elder at South Manchester Family Church.*

### James Tomlinson

*James is a GP based in Birmingham and is CMF Head of Volunteers and Networks. He has previously served as the ICMDA Regional Secretary for Europe and Eurasia and is also the CMF Medical School Link for the University of Birmingham student group.*

### Worship Leader

#### Jo Puleston

*Jo is a Consultant in Gastroenterology and Hepato-biliary Medicine at the Manchester Foundation Trust. She is also passionate about authentic holistic worship.*

## COST

**Standard Ticket** £20

**Concession Rate** £5

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