

SW CONFERENCE REPORT

The key speaker was the Revd Paul Smith, who chose to expound on the subject 'The Lamb of God'. It was, as might be expected from Paul, a masterly exposition. His four headings were: 'Where is the Lamb?', 'Behold the Lamb', 'Like a Lamb' and 'Worthy is the Lamb'. I admit that I approached the conference cautiously - just how appropriate in the twenty first century is the image of a sacrificial lamb as a vehicle for understanding the wonder of the Christian faith? Paul's insight into both Old and New Testament passages on this topic left no room for doubt. It

is in the context of the ancient Jewish sacrificial system that this title of Christ can be richly understood, informing our faith perspectives and enriching our understanding. Is it an image that I would use evangelistically? Certainly not, but as believers search deeper for the meaning and significance of the incarnation, Paul showed it to be a richly rewarding study.

Put into the context of a comfortable hotel with sea views and outstanding service, lively and appropriate worship and times for quiet prayer, opportunities to share thoughts and insights and to spend time with

friends old and new I would recommend the conference to all our members.

Interestingly, one phrase stuck indelibly in my mind (from Simon Beresford, Director of Fundraising, 'All We Can'): 'There is no them and us. There are only us.' This is well worth thinking about!

God bless you and your valuable work,

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