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SPRING HARVEST WEEK DEDICATED TO DEAF GUESTS

British Sign Language (BSL) is the first or preferred language of around 50,000 people in the UK and was given official recognition in 2003. In light of this, Spring Harvest is pleased to introduce the first dedicated deaf teaching stream as part of its Main Event this Easter.

The BSL Stream will bring deaf Christians together to explore this year's Spring Harvest theme of One Hope. Guests will experience daily Bible Reading sessions with deaf speaker Rev Bob Shrine and a morning seminar stream lead by Eugene McNamara. These sessions will be signed with an additional voice over.

The afternoon programme offers Guests a small number of seminars in areas of interest to the deaf community, in addition to the rest of The Big Stretch afternoon programme which incorporates sports, seminars and workshops – interpretation may be provided with advance notice.

All Guests are also invited to join The Big Encounter evening Celebrations for inspiring teaching and worship. The Big Top Celebration will be interpreted.

There are still spaces for the BSL Stream which takes place at Spring Harvest Minehead Week 2; 10 – 15 April 2008. Half Board and Self-catering accommodation units have been reserved to allow maximum choice for deaf Guests.

To book this accommodation and for more information, please call Spring Harvest Customer Service on 01825 769111 or email markr@springharvest.org

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