

CiS UPDATE

The CiS conference talks are still available on our YouTube channel if you would like to encourage others to listen to them!

Speakers:

- Monday: Prof Bob White - [Plagues and Pandemics: Perspectives from Science and Faith](#)
- Tuesday: Dr Mirjam Schilling - [Viruses as part of God's creation?](#)
- Wednesday: Dr Simon Kolstoe - [The ethics of Evidence in a Pandemic](#)
- Thursday: Anna Pearson - [Oliver Barclay Lecture 2020: Quantum Mechanics, Faith and Unresolved Questions](#)
- Friday: Panel - [Q & A Discussion](#)

September 2020

This month's highlights

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'Exploring God's work in creation...encouraging concern for the environment...applying Biblical principles to science and technology'

Autumn Workshop Volunteers?

We would like to run a few online workshops during October or November but need volunteers to lead them!

If you are interested in running a small group online, or would like to discuss suitable topics, please contact Steph, our Development officer - steph.cis@outlook.com We will ensure you are trained in the technology needed to run it smoothly.

Donations to CiS

A huge **THANK YOU** to those who donated towards the recent online conference. We are about halfway towards covering our costs. We tried a new system of enabling donations by text and many also made donations via our website.

Just a reminder if you do give a donation via our website, your membership number starts with "CiS....."

Also a huge **THANK YOU** for all our member using Smile.Amazon to purchase their items. Normally we receive £13 to £15 per payment but this time we received £21+.

If you shop via Amazon this is an easy way to help support us. Simply click on [this link](#) to select Christians in Science from the charity list at Smile.Amazon.co.uk, and we will receive 0.5% of the net purchase price (excluding VAT and other shipping fees) of any eligible purchases.

We also really appreciate the number of members paying a monthly donation via their standing order.

All these donations help towards supporting CiS continue its work.

Local Group News

For latest information, check the CiS website at www.cis.org.uk/groups/ or the CiS app.

*If you would like to be involved, contact your local group or our DO Steph Bevan
steph.cis@outlook.com*

A number of CiS groups are holding Online events, but we often don't have much forward notice - please keep checking our website.

Manchester - online

As it looks neither possible nor wise to meet for some time yet in our former style, we are instead embracing the opportunity to host meetings on Zoom, and we have an exciting and varied programme prepared for the autumn season.

7pm on the first Monday of every month. Please register via [Eventbrite](#) and you will be sent the details to join these event. (NB details for the following events should be available on Eventbrite soon)

05/10/20 **Rev Dr Justin Tomkins** - *Voices on Technology* – register on [Eventbrite](#)

During this event Justin Tomkins will seek to describe and open up a discussion around his recent work on the 'Voices on Technology' survey.

02/11/20 **Dr Rhoda Hawkins** - *Order & disorder*

07/12/20 **Rev Dr Roger Abbot** - *Responding pastorally to the scientific and theological features of a pandemic*

Ireland - online

Thursday 29 October at 8pm

The 2020 E.T.S. Walton Lecture on Science and Religion will be presented by Prof. Katharine Hayhoe - "*Climate Change: Facts, Fictions, and our Faith*"

Climate change is one of the most hotly debated scientific issues of today. As the scientific evidence increases, so does the opposition to solutions. Is the evidence solid? Are the proposed solutions viable? And why would anyone care? Join Katharine Hayhoe as she untangles the complex science behind global warming and highlights the key role our faith and values play in shaping our attitudes and actions on this crucial topic.

The lecture will be streamed online, further details will be announced on their [website](#).
Please note the date for now.

Norwich

Monday 16th November at 19:30 – 20:45

Revd. Dr Rodney Holder - *Science, Reason and Christian faith*.

Depending on Government CV-19 guidelines and local conditions in November, this may be a ZOOM meeting or at the Meeting Place, Holy Trinity Church, Trinity Street, Norwich NR2 2BJ. Please check their [website](#) nearer the date for confirmation of talk location.

Other News

Evangelical Alliance - News and Views

Prof Paul Ewart: *Good news in the pandemic?*

Paul, our CiS Chair has an article published on the EA [website](#).

Jesus' resurrection showed us a new kind of body that would fit in a new creation. It is a clue that this life is part of a longer story that is still unfolding.

Today as the coronavirus ravages the world, hitting hardest the poor and most vulnerable, it looks like more bad news for the church? How can the gospel be good news in a world where such things happen?

An Online interview: A God of Genes and Viruses - Prof John Bryant July 2020

Café Théologique welcomes John Bryant, emeritus professor of Cell and Molecular Biology at Exeter University and former CiS Chairman.

John is interviewed by Revd Dr Mark Laynesmith about his life and work as a biologist and Christian, his thoughts on reconciling evolution and theology, and his reflections on COVID-19.

The video is on YouTube - [please click here](#).

Request for Advice on / Endorsement of a Christian Climate Emergency Resource

This request is made on behalf of a working group including representatives from Tearfund, Christian Aid and other environmental groups looking to help Christian churches, schools and other organisations respond to the climate crisis.

We're developing a resource to help organisations do three things: declare a climate emergency, make a meaningful plan for change and act for wider social awareness. This is where we need help from members of Christians in Science. We are looking for Christian scientists and scientific bodies to offer comment on draft versions of this resource, and/or to offer endorsements.

Our aim is to build a wider Christian consensus about the climate crisis and help local churches make a more significant difference. If you'd be willing to be contacted with more details, please send an email to Mark Powley - marktpowley@gmail.com

Faith and Science in Action

Equipping Christian Leadership in an Age of Science (ECLAS) supports Christian leaders engaging with science. This year we are starting a new phase funded by £3.4M from the Templeton Religion Trust.

We are excited to work with CiS on new projects, including another round of Scientists in Congregations: 20 awards of £20K to support creative local programs which bridge faith and science. Details, including how to apply, will be here soon. Learn more online (<https://community.dur.ac.uk/christianleadership.science/the-project/>) or contact us by email - sciencein.congregation@durham.ac.uk

The John Ray Initiative

Notice of New Publication - "*COVID-19: Environment, Justice, and the Future*"

A new Grove booklet, written in three weeks by a team of Dr Ruth Valerio (Tearfund), Dr Martin Hodson (JRI), Revd Margot Hodson (JRI), and Revd Dr Timothy Howles (William Temple Foundation, and a CRES tutor). It covers the origins of the pandemic, the environmental impacts of the lockdowns, and how to build back in a just and sustainable way. The booklet is £3.95 - [click here](#)

Other Events

Please confirm directly with the organiser how events are being conducted, particularly as we come out of lockdown.

Faraday Online -

During the Coronavirus pandemic we will be hosting our research seminar series online.

To join the webinars please check the details on Faraday website - [click here](#)

Thursday September 24, at 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Speaker: Dr Jordan Ballor - *Commemorate Abraham Kuyper*

2020 marks 100 years since the death of the great Dutch philosopher, theologian, and statesman Abraham Kuyper. To commemorate Kuyper's contribution, the Faraday

Institute for Science and Religion invites you to join Dr Jordan Ballor in a seminar session with Q&A.

Tuesday October 13, at 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Speaker: Prof. Maria Rosa Antognazza - *Physics and Metaphysics in Leibniz*

Join in at 1pm for the talk followed by Q&A.

Tuesday October 27, at 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Prof Robin Dunbar - *Religion, Evolution and the Social Brain.*

Join in at 1pm for the talk followed by Q&A.

Cuddesdon

CRES Day Conference

November 14 @ 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Location: Ripon College Cuddesdon, Oxford, OX44 9EX. Please check their [website](#) for details.

Prayer Focus

- Please pray for the ongoing work of CiS.
- The CiS Trustees and committee members are looking at ways we can be self-sufficient and not dependent on grants. Please pray for wisdom and inspiration in how we can encourage financial support.
- Viruses and pandemics are a part of God's creation that we often ignore unless they impact us directly.
We have many people continuing to listen to our online conference. Please pray that those who listen to the talks may be encouraged to share its insights with others, particularly those whose lives have been directly impacted by the present situation.
- Please pray for the ongoing impact of our work amongst students and for guidance as we seek to develop our next projects in this area.
- Please pray for the local CiS group teams as they make decisions on their events and for the many other events organised around the UK.
- It can feel like a long time since things were "normal", but please continue to pray for each other, particularly as many area of the country are experiencing a rise in infections. Please remember your neighbours - this includes your colleagues, family and those who live near you.

- Pray for our local churches, schools and universities as they look at the new Govt regulations regarding opening, or not.

Thank you for your prayers



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