

CIS UPDATE

Coronavirus

Unfortunately, the escalating situation with the coronavirus has lead to many events being postponed or cancelled.

Please check our website before heading to any CiS events.

IF you are organizing an event please keep us up to date – maryb.cis@outlook.com

We already have cancellations for a number of national and local events – please read the following pages.

March 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'

OB Lecture nominations

Would you like to be considered for this lectureship, or would you like to nominate someone for the 2020 CiS Oliver Barclay Lecture?

Please contact secretary@cis.org.uk to discuss further or send your nomination as soon as possible.

Closing date - 31st March.

All the details can be found on our [website](#)

Postponed - Student Conference

This event has been postponed. We are investigating other methods of delivery - perhaps via a video link, but this will be confirmed as soon as possible. If you have already booked please contact CiS Development Officer, Steph via steph.cis@outlook.com

Postponed to 2021 - Northern Conference

New details will be published next year. If you have already booked, please e-mail sec.cismanchester@yahoo.co.uk

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

St Andrews / Dundee

~~Cancelled - Monday 16 Mar, 5:15pm: *Climate Change: Facts, Fictions, and our Faith*~~

For more information about the undergraduate group, please contact [Dr Andrew Torrance](#). For more information about the postgraduate group, please contact [Dr Rebecca Goss](#).

Bristol

~~Cancelled - Friday 20th Mar, 7pm: *Genes, free will and human identity— are humans just gene machines and do scientists have the right to shape them?*~~

For more information, please contact [Christina Biggs](#)

Edinburgh

~~Postponed - Tuesday, 24th Mar: *The God Question series*~~

This meeting has been rescheduled for May 12th

Tuesday 12th May: *The God Question series (Please check our website closer to the date in case this has been cancelled)*

We will be exploring “The God Question” series, using the material on www.thegodquestion.tv/explore followed by a discussion. The discussion will be led by Iain Morris, whose company produced the resources.

Time: 18.30 to 20.00

Venue: King's Church, 104 Gilmore Place, Edinburgh, EH3 9PL

Light refreshments will be provided

For more information please email cisedinburgh3@gmail.com

Leaving a legacy to CiS

The CiS Trustees and committee members have been looking at ways we can be more self-sufficient and not dependent on grants to enable CiS to continue in fulfilling our aims of supporting Christians working in, or interested in, all the Sciences. We would also like to continue to enable the younger generations in speaking confidently about their faith and science.

We have a number of resources like the “Thinking about …..” series of leaflets that are in demand, but there are new topics requested that we haven’t covered at the moment.

If you are drawing up a will for the first time, or updating an existing one, you may like to consider leaving a legacy to CiS as part of the process.

If you would you like more information about how to include a gift to Christians in Science in your will, please contact Roger Tucker, CiS committee member, on roger.tucker@gmail.com

Other News

Thank you

We are delighted that Anthony Harris has volunteered to undertake the quarterly CiS mailings.

We wish to express our thanks to Gavin and Joy Merrifield for their assistance in doing the mailings for the last couple of years and wish them well in their new adventures.

Moving or changing email address?

If at any time you move, or change your email address, please continue to notify David Scott, our Membership Secretary by using membership@cis.org.uk as per normal.

Other Events

Please check directly with the organiser or their website for the following events:-

Cambridge

Cancelled - ~~Tuesday 17th Mar, 6pm: *The Beginning of All Things: Modern perspectives from Lemaitre to Hawking*~~

For further information please see the Faraday website - <https://www.faraday-institute.org/Lectures.php>

Oxford

Cancelled - Saturday 21st March, 7.30pm: *Fire from Heaven: Michael Faraday and the Dawn of the Electrical Age.*

For more information please go to <http://www.scio-uk.org/events/>

Cuddesdon

Saturday 18th April: *Is there hope for the planet?*

A CRES day conference - We are very pleased to welcome Andy Lester (A Rocha UK) as our guest speaker for a day looking at the current state of nature and the actions needed to bring about lasting hope for creation "Is there hope for the planet?"

Location: Ripon College Cuddesdon, nr. Oxford

Places are limited - programme and booking details can be found [HERE](#).

Oxford

Tuesday 23rd June, 9.30 am - 5.30 pm: *Science, Religion and Big Questions: What are Big Questions – and how can we help school students and young adults to explore them?*

The Learning about Science and Religion (LASAR) Research Centre at Canterbury Christ Church University and the Oxford Argumentation in Religion and Science (OARS) project at the Department of Education at the University of Oxford invite abstracts for papers and seminars that explore Big Questions in the context of education and the science-religion dialogue.

Location: University of Oxford, Department of Education

For more information, please see: <https://www.epistemicinsight.com/?p=901>

Prayer Focus

- Please pray for the ongoing Coronavirus situation as it is affecting many in the UK and globally. There are those infected with the disease and their families but also the many health workers (the NHS in the UK) and the scientists working towards a vaccine. There may be school closures and many unable to work. The ongoing effects will be felt by all.
- Pray for the decision makers, not only at Government level, but also more locally – schools, shops etc. Pray for God’s wisdom in what may be the best way forward for people.
- Please pray for the organising teams of both the Student and Northern conferences, as they go about changing all the plans they have invested much time and effort into organising, notifying speakers and attendees.
- Please pray for the local groups teams as they also make decisions on their events and the many other events organised around the UK.

- Please pray for each other. Many of our membership will be affected both directly or indirectly by this disease. Pray for our local churches as many are making changes to deal with this situation. Please remember your neighbours - this includes your colleagues, families and those who live near you.



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