

CiS UPDATE

CiS YouTube channel

We have many talks available on our YT channel – [click here to view](#)

We have links for upcoming talks, plus recordings of recent events from Manchester, the CiS conferences this year, talks from Bristol etc. The list goes on.

This is an easy way for you to listen, but also an easy way for you to share the talks with others.

Why not share some of the talks today?

October 2020

This month's highlights

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CRE seminar

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Prayer Focus

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

Christian Resources Exhibition - CRE seminar

Prof Paul Ewart: *Science and Faith - friends or foes?*

Paul, our CiS Chair spoke recently at the CRE online seminar.

Paul's talk is available via YouTube – [please click here.](#)

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.

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 or contact sec.cismanchester@yahoo.co.uk)

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 - via the CiS YouTube Channel - [click here](#)

The 2020 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.

Norwich - online

Monday 16th November at 19:30 - 20:45

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

Traditionally, theologians have drawn a sharp distinction between natural theology and special revelation. Increasingly, we understand the physical world through the process of scientific enquiry. Natural theology tries to describe what we can know about God through reasoning from our observations of the world. On the other hand, the Christian tradition is that special revelation is given to us by God, and especially expressed through God's incarnation in the person of Jesus Christ, as attested in the Scriptures.

Dr Holder will argue that, in the twenty-first century, it is not reasonable simply to assert specifically Christian claims by saying that they are 'revealed'. Rather, these claims should be argued for using evidence and reason.

Following the talk there will be an opportunity for questions and discussion. The number of participants will be limited so *please register your interest as soon as possible*.

This will be a ZOOM meeting. Contact Nick Brewin on sfnorfolk1@gmail.com to register your interest and to receive meeting details nearer the date.

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](#).

BioLogos

Francis Collins was featured in two of their livestream events, alongside Pastor Tim Keller in May ([video](#) or [podcast](#)) and alongside Bible scholar N.T. Wright in July ([video](#) or [podcast](#)).

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

The planning process is continuing with the hope for this initiative to be launched in 2021.

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.

ASA

ASA are hosting a virtual event on Friday, October 16 at 7 pm EDT (**UK that's midnight on Friday night - British Summer Time**)

The same program is offered again on Saturday, October 17 at 12 pm EDT (**UK that's 5pm on Saturday - BST**)

The talks will feature Bryan Dik, an ASA Fellow and specialist in vocational psychology who has spent years in the theoretical landscape and literature of work. Together, we will explore the science of discerning your calling and vocation.

Bryan will be joined by the following members sharing their stories of vocation and calling:

- **Jennifer Wiseman** – currently a senior astrophysicist with NASA, and she also directs the Dialogue on Science, Ethics, and Religion for the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Jennifer is an ASA Fellow.
- **Joshua Ho** – completed graduate studies in biology/biomedical sciences from Washington University in St. Louis and is currently working on the bimolecular analytics team at Bayer CropScience. He's been active as an ESN student/early career ASA member.

- **John Wood** – Professor Emeritus at King's University in Edmonton and a Fellow with the ASA. He is currently the Interim Executive Director of the ASA and President of the Executive Council.

Please be sure to bring a friend and enjoy small group discussions in facilitated breakout rooms along with a time for Q&A.

Register in advance for this webinar:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_FaWv_WA5Rm6A2wEOkjOvGg

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Faraday Online –

During the Coronavirus pandemic Faraday will be hosting their research seminar series online. **To join the webinars please check the details on Faraday website – [click here](#)**

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.
- Please pray for the ongoing impact of our work amongst students and our developing relationship with UCCF in this area. As we are unable to personally meet them, this needs creative measures. Please pray for wisdom, inspiration and guidance as we seek to develop this area.
- 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 and our other talks listed on our YouTube channel. Please pray that those who listen to the talks may be encouraged to share the insights with others.
- Please pray for the local CiS group teams as they set about putting together online talks 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. The winter season is upon us and we will be dealing with the normal colds and flu but with many areas of the country experiencing a rise in C-19 infections. Please remember to pray for your neighbours - this includes your colleagues, family and those who live near you.
- Pray for our local churches, schools and universities as they follow the changing Government guidelines.

Thank you for your prayers



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