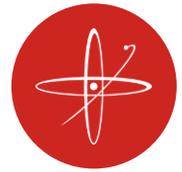


CiS UPDATE



Church Affiliation - from CiS Chair, Prof Paul Ewart



“If every CiS member could persuade their home church to Affiliate with CiS it would make an enormous impact.”

[Read here](#)

Local Group Leaders Event 10am, Sat 28th Nov



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

CiS Upcoming Events

Local Group Leader Event

10am Sat 28th Nov



If you run a CiS Local Group, we know and understand the challenges faced over the last year. Live events cannot take place, technology can be scary and Covid fatigue has hit all of us hard.

We would love to take the opportunity to 'meet', pray together and share ideas to help our Local Groups stay active during these difficult times. We will be online on Saturday 28th November at 10am. To register or inquire, please contact Steph Bevan, steph.cis@outlook.com.

How can I walk with Jesus as a Science Educator?

10am Sat 5th Dec



Christians in Science Development Officer, Steph Bevan and Education Secretary, Stephen Thompson will share some of their experiences as Christians working in Education. We will discuss the importance of effective pastoral support for educators, and we hope you will share prayer points for your role as a scientist, educator and as a follower of Christ. As well as equipping you personally, we hope to encourage networking of those involved in science education, particularly in schools.

We hope this event will complement your local church involvement and other commitments. This free event is part of the development of the pastoral offering of CiS, and is open beyond existing CiS members. We anticipate that future events developing this theme will include contributions from others with relevant experience and insights. Please join us!

Register here: [Eventbrite](#)

Responding pastorally to the scientific and theological features of a pandemic

7pm Mon 7th Dec



Manchester Online: Rev Dr Roger Abbot

The Rev. Dr. Roger Abbott is Senior Research Associate in 'Natural' Disasters at the Faraday Institute for Science and Religion, Cambridge. The talk will be followed by Q&A – submit your questions during the talk via the online Chat function (not by emailing, despite what Eventbrite may tell you).

Although free to listen, you will need to book via [Eventbrite](#).

November's talk by Dr Rhoda Hawkins, on "Order and Disorder", is now online on the CiS YouTube channel – [click here](#)

Evolution and the God of love

7:30pm Mon 25th Jan

Speaker: Denis Alexander (Faraday Institute for Science and Religion)

The number of participants will be limited so *please register your interest as soon as possible*. Please contact Nick Brewin on sfnorfolk1@gmail.com to register your interest and to receive meeting details nearer the date.

Dinosaurs, Evolution and Religion

7:30pm Mon 15th Mar

12th Annual Science-Faith Cathedral Lecture

Speaker: Nick Spencer (Senior Fellow at Theos)

The number of participants will be limited so *please register your interest as soon as possible*. Please contact Nick Brewin on sfnorfolk1@gmail.com to register your interest and to receive meeting details nearer the date.

Other Events

Equipped to Engage with Science

Sat 21st Nov

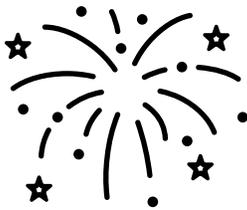


Faraday Institute: Co-hosted by Eastern Baptist Association

Online registration £15 (includes free book). For details a registration, please [click here](#).

Memorial lecture in honour of Sir John Houghton

15:20 - 17:00
Mon 23rd Nov



Sir John Houghton was a Director General/Chief Executive at the Met Office and founder of the Met Office Hadley Centre who sadly passed away at the age of 88 in May 2020 due to complications from COVID-19.

The aim of this annual event is to recognise and pay respect to Sir John and his significant impact on climate science research; continuing his legacy through continued communication of climate science to a range of stakeholders in an effort to enable them to understand and act appropriately in the ongoing battle against climate change.

At the first event, Professor Susan Solomon, an international leader in atmospheric science and successor to Sir John as co-chair of the IPCC Working Group I, will be the keynote speaker. She will talk about her experiences at the intersection of science and policy, including some personal memories of Sir John and his legacy.

Professor Stephen Belcher will open the event, followed by words from Dr Clive Rodgers, an emeritus scientist from Oxford University who worked with Sir John during his time in Oxford.

Please register here: [Eventbrite](#)

Climate Change and Religion: Politics, Perceptions and Radical Potentials

19th/26th Nov



Co-hosted by the Woolf Institute and the Faraday Institute of Science and Religion.

The conference will bring together academics, religious leaders and grassroots activists to discuss the present and future of religious groups' action to combat the climate crisis. To register please [click here](#).

Faith & Science in the Local Church

Fri/Sat 8th/9th Jan



Online £50 (£30 for those in ministry training)

Open to all church leaders — no scientific background required.

Participants will be equipped to engage with scientific issues in the day-to-day life of their ministry context. Speakers and topics include:

- Prof. Keith Fox, Bioethics in Society
- Revd Dr Justin Tomkins, Living with Hope in a World of AI
- Prof. Bob White FRS, Disasters, COVID and a Christian Response

For more information or to register please [click here](#).

Catch Up

Ireland - online

The 2020 Walton Lecture on Science and Religion was presented by Prof. Katharine Hayhoe - "*Climate Change: Facts, Fictions, and our Faith*" and is available via the CiS YouTube Channel — [click here](#)

Other News

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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?

Grants Launch to Promote Science in Church

Churches can now apply for grants to engage with scientific topics and affirm the role of scientists within their communities.

The Scientists in Congregations programme, organised by Equipping Christian Leadership in an Age of Science (ECLAS), has 20 grants available worth up to £20,000 each. Applications are open to churches in England, Wales, and Northern Ireland, of any Christian denomination. Grants could support events such as exhibitions, public talks, theatre productions, or online activities which explore a scientific issue or questions of science and faith.

Through our Scientists in Congregations programme we want to affirm and celebrate the vocation of scientists. These grants will enable churches to create spaces to ask questions, engage with exciting or emerging scientific issues, and benefit from the knowledge and experience of scientists in their communities. We are looking forward to seeing a range of creative submissions that seek to deepen the conversation around science and faith.”

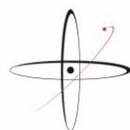
Applications are open *from 2 November 2020 until 31 January 2021*. More information and examples from previous participants can be found at www.eclasproject.org or contact us by email - sciencein.congregation@durham.ac.uk

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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