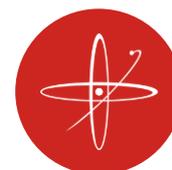


CiS UPDATE



Digital Theology and the Church

CiS Northern Conference 2021

May 7th-8th

**Book
today**

Speakers:-

- Steve Furber - *Brains, Minds and AI*
- Andrew Graystone - *Too Much Information?*
- David Robertson - *What Would Jesus Post?*
- Anna Pearson - *Quantum Mechanics, Faith and Unresolved Questions*
- Peter Philips -
- Maggi Savin-Baden - *Post Digital After Life and the Spiritual Realm*

To book your ticket, please click [Eventbrite](#)

April 2021

Digital Theology and the Church – Northern Conference

PreCiS and S&CB

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Science & Christian Belief - table of contents

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

The latest PreCiS and the S&CB are posted this month.

In PreCiS we have :-

An interview with Dr Diana Briggs (retiring CiS Gen Secretary)

2021 Northern Conference details

New CiS General Secretary required

Local Group News

The S&CB index is listed at the end of this Update.

Enjoy reading.

CiS Upcoming Events

24th April
10-11am

Online - *Christians and Science Education:*

Considering the Nature of Science in our classrooms

Are you a Christian working in Science Education? We're holding our second LIVE online event for Science Educators, in our new series to support colleagues in any phase of education, anywhere in the world. For more information and to book your ticket please click here - [Eventbrite](#)



3rd May
19:00

Online - *After the Monkey Trial*

Dr Christopher M. Rios (Baylor) will be joining us from America. Christopher is a historian of science and recently the author of the book 'After the Monkey Trial' which explores the development of key evangelical science organisations. This includes the Research Scientists Christian Fellowship, which was to become our own Christians in Science. Please register via [Eventbrite](#) or contact sec.cismanchester@yahoo.co.uk



7th - 8th
May

CiS Northern Conference 2021

Digital Theology and the Church

A short promotional video you can share with friends - https://youtu.be/Le9tl_Bb-3Y
Please book via [Eventbrite](#)



11th May
19:00

Local CiS Group Leader meeting – online

If you would like to be included, please contact our Development Officer, Steph on steph.cis@outlook.com



7th Jun
19:00

Online - *The Environment and Theology*

Dr Hilary Marlow (Cambridge)
We are embracing the opportunity to host meetings on Zoom, and we have an exciting and varied programme prepared for first half of 2021. We will have a meeting at 7pm on the first Monday of every month. Please register via [Eventbrite](#) or contact sec.cismanchester@yahoo.co.uk



Other News

Church Affiliation

As we come out of the lockdown in stages, please encourage your church to become affiliated, sharing the CiS leaflets or [video](#) with them, as and when it is ok to do so under government regulations. (These leaflets were posted to members in Sept last year.) Paul Ewart, CiS Chair, has contacted the leaders of most major denominations. Hopefully this information about Church affiliation has been passed along, but your encouragement to your church will be the best way forward.

We believe it is important for churches to hold a positive view of science as a gift from God. We can provide resources to enhance faith and worship within the church and assist it in its outreach to the world. We can be your church's partner in mission. (more information available on our [website](#))

We hope next month to include a short snippet from our first Affiliated church about how they are going and why they signed up *last year*.

The more churches that sign up will help open new opportunities to share about Science and Faith.

John Polkinghorne (16 October 1930 – 9 March 2021)

We continue to receive personal remembrances of John and these can be found on our [website](#). These include a personal account from Rev Terry Baillie. (John was his curate in Bristol in 1984.)

YouTube video

The latest video to be available via our YouTube channel is [Theology of the Quantum World - Prof. Mark Harris](#)

Books

A number of new books by CiS members are available:-

- *Modifying Our Genes* - Authors: Alexander Massman and Keith Fox
If our bodies could do more things, would our lives be better? Should we change human embryos genetically to achieve such goals?
<https://www.faraday.cam.ac.uk/shop/modifying-our-genes/>
- *Why Science and Faith Belong Together: Stories of Mutual Enrichment* - Author: Malcolm A. Jeeves
As we try to understand ourselves and the world we live in, all too often we look first to science—and then, if gaps remain in our understanding, we try to fill the gaps with reference to God and our faith.
This is available at [Amazon](#) and may be available at other stores.

- *A Christian Guide to Environmental Issues (2nd Edition)* - Authors: Martin & Margot Hodson
Our first edition came out in 2015, and a LOT has changed since then! In this extensively updated 2021 edition, we consider eight key environmental issues, including biodiversity and climate change, and then help the reader integrate environmental thinking and Christian faith.
<https://jri.org.uk/cgei/> 15% discount if pre-orders until 23rd April - ENVIRON15
- *Green Reflections* - Martin and Margot Hodson bring together scientific and theological wisdom to offer 62 reflections inspired by the Bible.
Biblical reflections on the environment and our relationship with it. How should we look after the world we inhabit?
[BRF - online](#)

Can you assist in a PhD student survey

Jen Brown is doing an online final survey as part of her PhD and is looking for participants. Participation in the survey is voluntary and all responses are anonymous. If you are willing to take part, just click on the link below to be taken to the survey. Please note that the survey may not be compatible with all web browsers.

If you have any questions or would like more information before taking the survey, please feel free to contact Jen at brownj68@uni.coventry.ac.uk

To take part in the survey, please click [here](#). Thank you to all who participate.

CNOne – Carbon Neutral One

I am gathering material for a proposed project called CNOne – Carbon Neutral One – which aims to help individuals, households and companies become carbon neutral one by one and so create momentum in practice to worldwide carbon neutrality.

If you, your church or where you work are interested in this, please contact Ian Benson - i@evang.org

CiS short videos to share

Did you know we have produced a few short videos for you to share:-

- 1) Church Affiliation - <https://youtu.be/MScPvHVAo6E>
- 2) Christians in Science: Who are we? - <https://youtu.be/7sI5Em5G5bA>

Other Events

Christian Resources Exhibition

**12-14 Oct
2021** **CRE National 2021: Sandown Park, Surrey**

Jeff Lucas - The much-loved Bible teacher and author will open CRE National and introduce us to the biblical story of Daniel and friends, deported and forced into a form of lockdown.

<https://creonline.co.uk/>

Save the date —

**23-24 Feb
2022** **CRE South West 2022: Westpoint, Exeter**

With a ban on large public gatherings in place for the foreseeable future, we are writing to inform you that we have postponed CRE South West until early next year.

Faraday research seminars and other events online

Seminars will be held as Zoom Webinars and are free to attend. Events may have a charge. More information and the zoom links can be found at [Faraday website](#)

**23rd April
10:00 -
24th April
13:00**

Speakers: Dr Denis Alexander, Dr Ruth Valerio, Dr David Randall

If you're a Church leader, a Christian working in a science-related profession, or a Christian with a strong interest in learning how to approach scientific questions through biblical lenses, then this event is especially for you!

This short course will be run in partnership with Keswick Ministries. Speakers will be delivering their talks remotely, but discussions will be led by Ruth Bancewicz.

For more information: <https://keswickministries.org/event/engaging-with-science/>

**27th April
13:00 to
14:00**

Exploring the Foundations of Religious Behaviour

Dr Emily Burdett

For more information [click here](#)

11th May

13:00 to

14:00

Common ground between science and faith: what it means to be human.

Dr Praveen Sethupathy

For more information [click here](#)

God, Freedom and Nature: Lectures on the Metaphysics of Science

Monday, May 17th - *Lecture 1: "Souls in Spacetime?"*

Speaker: Dr Brian Pitts

17th May –
25th May

Wednesday, May 19th - *Lecture 2: "Human Persons and Quantum Entanglement."*

Speaker: Prof. Michael Esfeld

16:00 –

17:30

Friday, May 21st - *Lecture 3: "God, Aristotle and Emergence."*

Speakers: Prof. Robert Koons, Dr William Simpson

Tuesday, 25th May - *Debate: "Is Nature God's icon?"*

Dr Brian Pitts, Prof. Michael Esfeld and Prof. Robert Koons, with Dr William Simpson (moderator)

For more information [click here](#)

25th May

13:00 to

14:00

The Goodness, the Glory and the Goal of Creation

Revd Dr Chris Wright –

For more information [click here](#)

Note for your
diary

Faith in Science? Interaction of Science and Belief in a Challenging World

Faraday Summer Course online this year - the course will run 4-9 July.

For more information [click here](#)

Prayer Focus

- Please pray for the ongoing work of CiS. Please continue to share and invite others to our events who may not otherwise be able to join in.
- Please pray for our upcoming Northern conference during May. Please pray for the team in all their preparations and the event will be enjoyable and well attended.
- Please pray for the events we have coming up in the next couple of months, for Educators and the local CiS group leaders.
- Diana Briggs will be retiring from the position of CiS General Secretary in October this year. Please pray we are able to find a suitable replacement for the position and for Diana to enjoy her much deserved retirement.
- As we come out of lockdown, please continue to pray for one another. Many have had their first vaccine jab, and some have had their second, but we still need to take care and be vigilant with our safety and the safety of many others in this pandemic.
- Pray for our local churches, schools, universities, employers, councils and Government as they make decisions on how to move forward in light of keeping people safe as we come out of lockdown in stages.



Thank you for your prayers

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