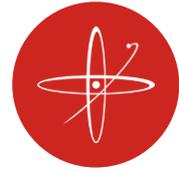


CiS UPDATE



Is this something you could do?

General Secretary position

Our current General Secretary, Dr Diana Briggs will be retiring at the end of this year. Christians in Science is looking for a suitably qualified person to act as General Secretary. This is senior administrative role, working alongside the Chair of the CiS Executive Committee and the CiS Trustees to provide support and oversight of CiS activities.

This voluntary role is part-time, requiring approximately 1½ days per week. A background in science is essential and basic administrative, HR and networking skills are desirable.

For more detail – [please click here](#)
Please send your application by 30th June

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Suggestions for CiS Trustees please

We require 3 new Trustees. Do you know someone who could take on this role?

Please send your suggestions of suitably experienced people, male or female, young and not so young, to Mary, our Executive Officer - maryb.cis@outlook.com

Prior to lockdown the board generally met 3 to 4 times per year in London.

CiS Upcoming Events

Online - The Gospel in an Age of Science

1st (and 8th)
June
19:00

Two webinars with Prof Paul Ewart (Oxford University) and Ian Benson (Missionary Training Service) to discuss the presentation of the Christian Gospel in today's world in which Science is often perceived as the only source of truth and the Gospel as out-of-date superstition.

A Scripturally Coherent view of Science (Part I)

Why is science seen as a problem both by believers and unbelievers? In the first webinar Paul Ewart will present some Biblically-based principles for presenting the Gospel in a secular culture influenced by the scientific world-view.

For more information and to book via Eventbrite, [please click here](#)



Online - The Environment and Theology

7th Jun
19:00

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



Online - Dying well: palliative care and the coronavirus pandemic

7th June
19:30

Prof John Wyatt (UCL and Faraday Institute for Science and Religion, Cambridge)

The catastrophic impact of Covid-19 has transformed human societies across the world. Its impact has been most brutal at life's ending and we have had to endure digital goodbyes, solitary grieving and funerals with a handful of masked mourners unable to physically comfort one another.

The pandemic has created unimaginable challenges for doctors, nurses, carers and many other front-line workers who have been forced to deal with life and death issues far beyond their normal experience.

For the link, contact Nick Brewin sfnorfolk1@gmail.com



Online - The Gospel in an Age of Science

8th June
19:00

Two webinars with Prof Paul Ewart (Oxford University) and Ian Benson (Missionary Training Service) to discuss the presentation of the Christian Gospel in today's world in which Science is perceived as the only source of truth and the Gospel as out-of-date superstition.

A Scientifically Coherent view of the Gospel (Part 2)

In this webinar Ian Benson will deal with communicating the Gospel in a way which relates key Gospel themes to modern science.

For more information and to book via Eventbrite, [please click here](#)



Evolution and Scripture

Revd Dr Ernest Lucas (Bristol Baptist College and Spurgeon's College, London)

Norwich Cathedral Nave – Tickets (£5 each) will be available via the online booking system on the [Cathedral website](#).

20th Jul
19:00

Displaying the Natural History Museum's Diplodocus skeleton in Norwich Cathedral Nave as the focus of the "Dippy on Tour" exhibition, invites questions such as: "How should we relate what we read in the Bible to current scientific knowledge?" "Is the process of evolution compatible with creation by God?" "Were the dinosaurs created by God or by evolution – or both?"



Family News

Sadly, two CiS members passed away last year.

Dr Derek Ashburner (Chemistry) of Winchester, passed away last December, aged 80 years.

Dr Donald Lees (Materials Scientist) of Manchester, passed away last year.

Our thoughts and prayers are with their family and friends.

Other News

Save the Date - Autumn Conference: Climate Change – a Christian Response

Saturday 16th October - Details are currently being finalised. More information should be available next month but please save the date in your diary.

Membership video

We are excited to announce we now have [a CiS Membership video](#) you can use to encourage friends and colleagues to join CiS. It includes CiS members sharing why they became a member. Please share as widely as possible - email, Facebook, Twitter or any of the other social media platforms you may use.

Surrey

Sadly, after many years of regularly organising talks in Croydon, Local Group leader, Joy Perkins is stepping down from this position. If you can take on this role, PLEASE contact Steph our Development Officer - steph.cis@outlook.com We wish to thank Joy for her many years of supporting CiS.

YouTube video

The latest videos available via our YouTube channel are:

[After the Monkey Trial](#) - Dr Christopher M. Rios

In 1925 Mr John T. Scopes was tried for teaching Evolution in school in the small town of Dayton, Tennessee USA. An article from the New York Times 1925 and 2015 - [click here](#) - *Remembering When Teaching Evolution Went to Court*.

Five talks from the Spring Conference - 7th and 8th May 2021

[Digital Church in a post-COVID world?](#) - Peter Philips

[Quantum Mechanics, Faith and Unresolved Questions](#) - Anna Pearson

[What would Jesus post?](#) - David Robertson

[Too Much Information?](#) - Andrew Graystone

[Brains, Minds and AI](#) - Steve Furber

Exciting news from GatBB.

We have been awarded funding by the John Templeton Foundation to expand our work with primary and secondary schools. The project is also relocating to St John's College, Durham University. St John's College has a strong track record of facilitating and delivering science-faith projects and is one of the leading centres for science-engaged theology in the UK, so we are really excited to have a new home there.

The 3-year project extension will see the us run more than 200 events reaching 20,000 students and teachers to explore the exciting interaction between science and faith. Working with science, theology and education specialists, we will also conduct research into how students of secondary age make decisions on science and faith and believe the results could be influential for future science-faith activities.

We have more information on our website - <https://gatbb.co.uk/the-expansion/>

Other Events

God and the Big Bang

The Cosmic Cabaret / Open Mic

18th May
20:00 to
21:30

Matt Pritchard is starting an 'Open Mic' night event for GATBB on the 18th May. This is an opportunity for anyone to try out new material or give speaking a go for the first time.

The aim is to create a fun and informal evening where together we can explore science-faith ideas by listening to a host of fascinating talks. Speakers range from experienced communicators who want to try out some new material through to those just dipping their toes into doing talks and are looking for a safe and encouraging space. Expect to see novel science demonstrations, hear amazing stories & research, and ponder some new ideas.

To learn more [click here](#)

John Ray Initiative

24th May
10:00 to
16:00

Creation Care: How can Christians Respond to the Environmental Crisis?

A day course with speakers Martin and Margot Hodson, and run by Sarum College in Salisbury. This course is open to all for £60 and is available free to those eligible for the Salisbury Diocese CMD programme.

For more detail and to book – [click here](#)

Science and Religion Forum

Annual Conference: Science, Religion and Human Identity

26th - 28th
May

Speakers and Titles

The Gowland Public Lecture: *'Transformative Creatures: Theology, Gender Diversity and Human Identity'* – Prof. Susanna Cornwall with Rev. Canon Dr Rachal Mann responding.

'What can science and biblical scholarship say about human identity as imago Dei' – Prof. Mark Harris

'Neurology and religion: the role of clinical case studies in understanding the relationship between the brain and faith.' – Rev. Dr Joanna Collicut McGrath

'What Experimental Approaches can Contribute to Understanding the Psychobiological and Social Effects of Religion' – Dr Miguel Farias
'Psychopathology and Religious Experience: Towards a both-and approach' – Dr Tasia Scrutton
'All in the Head?: Spiritual Technologies and the New Science of Psychedelics' – Dr Sarah Lane Ritchie
View the [Conference Program](#).
Register for the Conference [here](#).

York Festival of Ideas

Science Religion and Humanity: Who Gets to Say?

9th June
20:00 to
21:00

Nick Spencer (Theos think tank) will be drawing on his BBC Radio 4 series *The Secret History of Science and Religion* and forthcoming book on the subject. Nick explores how the two have, do and can relate to one another. The event will include an in-conversation segment with Vicky Johnson, Canon Precentor at York Minster, as well as an opportunity to ask your own questions.

Admission: Free admission, booking required.

For more information [please click here](#)

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](#)

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

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

The Goodness, the Glory and the Goal of Creation

Revd Dr Chris Wright –

For more information [click here](#)

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

Keynote Speaker: Rev Prof Alister McGrath

Life in this world produces an ever-increasing range of challenges, whether Covid-19, the climate emergency, medical ethics or finding meaning and purpose. Science and Faith both give us ways to understand and respond to these challenges, especially when they work together.

4th - 9th July

The Faraday Summer Course 2021 will feature 13 leading academics in 10 fields of study including; Behaviour and Ecology, Climate Science, Genetics, History of Science, Mathematics, Neuroscience, Oceanography, Philosophy and Theology of Science, Physics and Space Exploration.

Regular ticket: £75, Student ticket: £25.

For more information [click here](#)

Prayer Focus

- Please pray for the family and friends of both Dr Derek Ashburner and Dr Donald Lees.
- Please pray for our Autumn conference on Climate Change prior to the COP26 Conference in Glasgow. Please pray for the team and speakers in all their preparations.
- Please pray for the events we have coming up in the next couple of months.
- Diana Briggs will be retiring from the position of CiS General Secretary in October this year. Please pray we find a suitable replacement for the position and for Diana to enjoy her much deserved retirement.
- As we hopefully come out of lockdown for the final time, please continue to pray for one another. Many have had their second vaccine jab, 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, and for those considering becoming a CiS Affiliated church, 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 the final stages.



Thank you for your prayers



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