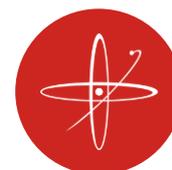


CiS UPDATE



Nominations are open for the CiS Oliver Barclay Lecture 2022

Christians in Science sponsors an annual “Oliver Barclay Lecture” in memory of Dr Oliver Barclay who was the driving force behind the establishment of The Research Scientists Christian Fellowship, the predecessor of CiS, and who was keen to encourage the next generation of effective communicators on Science and Faith.

The lecture is awarded to a promising young individual, usually under the age of 35, who has demonstrated an ability to communicate effectively on issues relating to Science and Faith. The chosen individual, who will normally be an active UK-based scientist, will present a short lecture on the topic of their choice at the annual Autumn Conference.

CiS members are invited to nominate an early career scientist for the annual award. **Closing date of midnight
31st March 2022**

Additionally, if you would like to be considered for this lectureship, (self-nomination) please contact secretary@cis.org.uk to discuss further.

Full Criteria is available on [our website](#)

December 2021

Oliver Barclay Lecture 2022

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Book list

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

Books published by CiS members this year

You will find the complete list at the end of this Update.

Upcoming CiS Events

Online - Sparking Wonder

Monday 13th

Dec

20:00

Dr Matt Pritchard (God and the Big Bang)

Join us for an evening of magic and illusions to celebrate Christmas with a science/faith twist. We will be joined by the Science Magician Dr Matt Pritchard who will dazzle and amuse us but also get you thinking!

Free to attend but necessary to book via [Eventbrite](#) to obtain details, online link etc.

Being human – Am I just my brain?

Friday 21st

Jan

Dr Sharon Dirckx (Speaker & Author at OCCA – The Oxford Centre for Christian Apologetics)

Location: Christ Church Clifton, Bristol BS8 3BN which is served by both the No 8 and 505 bus services.

Tea and coffee at 7pm, talks start at 7.30pm

For more information [click here](#)

Other News

2021 COP 26 report

Christians in Science, The Faraday Institute and the John Ray Initiative were present in the Green Zone of the COP26 conference. This space was made available for charities, businesses and community groups to exhibit and showcase their role in tackling the climate crisis. Being a part of this space was a real encouragement to delegates from around the world to hear what people are already practically and physically doing to make a difference.

On our stand, we were able to direct attendees to valuable resources on how the church can and should respond to the climate crisis. We had some encouraging conversations with attendees, including those from different faiths and no faith at all. Full report is available on our [website](#)

Official video by COP26 - from the green zone.

Staring our very own DO - Steph Bevan, at the start of the video - [click here for the YouTube video](#)

2021 Autumn Conference - The Climate Crisis: A Christian response

[YouTube link](#) for all the Speakers' talks:

- Euan Nisbet: Climate Change
- Ruth Valerio: Climate Justice
- Hannah Malcolm: Climate Action
- Meric Srokosz: Climate Hacking
- Mirjam Schilling: 2021 Oliver Barclay Lecture

Engaging your church with science?

With so many of our talks available on our [YouTube channel](#) it has never been easier for you to encourage your church to have discussions on Science and Faith topics.

You could organise a group to listen to a recorded talk and then discuss and also encourage them to join CiS as an [Affiliation church](#). We provide resources to enhance faith and worship within the church and be your church's partner in mission.

Why not have a discussion on Creation care and have our "*Thinking about...*" leaflets available to hand out as well? Or any one of the 16 topics covered by these [leaflets](#). Each leaflet outlines the basic science behind the topic, how it relates to the Christian (biblical) understanding of the world and suggests some other resources for those who want to take it further.

If you would like to discuss hosting a video in your church, please contact [Steph](#), our Development Officer.

Christians in Science have produced a first class series of resources, helping the church think more deeply about the interaction between faith and scientific discovery. These contributions are short and punchy, yet at the same time thoughtful and excellent introductions to various themes in this important area.

— Rt Rev Dr Graham Tomlin, Dean, St Melitus' College

Job Vancancy:

Christian Teachers: The Association of Christian Teachers is seeking an enthusiastic part-time Administration & Development Officer to join our staff team at this key stage in our growth.

The post is initially for 16 hours per week, to include occasional Saturdays and evenings.

Further details are available from our Executive Officer, Lizzie Harewood who can be contacted via: executiveofficer@christian-teachers.org.uk

Closing date: 5pm Wed 5th Jan 2022, Interviews Week Commencing 10th Jan 2022.

Rev Melvin Tinker:

Sadly, long time friend of CiS and leading British Anglican evangelical speaker and author, Rev Melvin Tinker, died in November aged 66. A full tribute may be found on the website - [Christian Today](#)

Melvin was Director of Theology at the Christ Church Network, Hull, and author of around 15 books.

His son, Michael J Tinker said his dad "would want to be remembered as a sinner saved by so gracious and merciful a King".

Our thoughts and prayers go to his wife and family.

Other Events

Faraday events

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](#)

Faith and Science in the Local Church 2022

Speakers: Dr Ruth Bancewicz, Steph Bryant, Mr Graham Budd, Prof. Paul Ewart, Prof. Keith Fox, Cara Parrett, Prof. John Swinton

7th to 8th Jan
2022

A two-day workshop designed for Christian leaders - whether ordained, lay, or active and experienced members of a local church. Participants will be equipped to engage with scientific issues in the day-to-day life of their ministry context.

Location: Online and in Cambridge.

To register interest in attending this event please contact: events@faraday.cam.ac.uk

ChaplaincyPlus - Birmingham

Science and Faith in the Second City

The project *Science and Faith in the Second City* will be running in Birmingham and the west Midlands in the spring and autumn of 2022. There will be a series of public lunchtime and evening lectures aimed at helping people think through some of the more difficult questions that arise from the interaction between science and the Christian faith. The project is being organised and run by the charity ChaplaincyPlus who are based in central Birmingham.

16th Feb
2022
12:30

Church leaders - save the date. The launch event for church leaders will be in central Birmingham at 12.30, on Wednesday 16th February 2022. Lunch will be provided and the Rev Prof David Wilkinson, St John's College Durham will speak on '*Why Science and Faith work together*'.

For further details consult <https://chaplaincyplus.org.uk>, or email Prof Hugh Rollinson at hugh.rollinson@chaplaincyplus.org.uk

Science and Religion Forum - SRF Annual Conference 2022 – Birmingham

Information and Reality – Questions for Religions and Science

26th to 28th
May 2022

We are aiming to host this conference as an in-person event, but we remain conscious of the ongoing global situation with Covid so may have to revise our plans at short notice. If this occurs, we will endeavour to move our conference to a suitable online

event as in recent years.

The conference will address the topic through two strands: (1) Metaphysics, nature of reality and divine/human being (2) The use and ethics of information (data) for science, religion, and society.

Call for Short Papers: Proposals, in the form of a title and a 200 word summary, should be sent by 5pm 1st March 2022 (GMT) to [Finn Lawson](#).

Location: Woodbrooke Study Centre, 1046 Bristol Road Birmingham, B29 6LJ, United Kingdom

For further details please see their [website](#)

Institute on Religion in an Age of Science – Call for papers

“We” & “They”: Cross Cultural Conversations on Identity

IRAS is an international society of learners and thinkers, natural and social scientists, philosophers, theologians and people from many other backgrounds and professions.

How we perceive and enact our identities influences how we love, create, and discover, and whether we construct systems of oppression and war.

We encourage professionals across disciplines to submit proposals for papers that address the theme topic.

Proposals for panels and short papers on the topic or other facets of interaction between religion and science are invited. Please submit a 500 word abstract along with author details by February 7, 2022

Send your abstract to: Dr. CJ Love IRAS Conference Co-Chair

Email: carolynjlove3@gmail.com

For information, see the website <https://www.iras.org>

June 25
to July 2
2022
Star Island,
Gosport, NH

Prayer Focus

- Please pray for a successful outcome as our application is submitted this month to the John Templeton Foundation. A grant will assist us to further develop our work during the next 3 years.
- Please pray for our new General Secretary - Dr Gavin Merrifield for a smooth handover this month and as Dr Diana Briggs has a lovely retirement.
- Please continue to pray for one another, winter is here and we have many storms coming and going at the moment. Plus the latest C-19

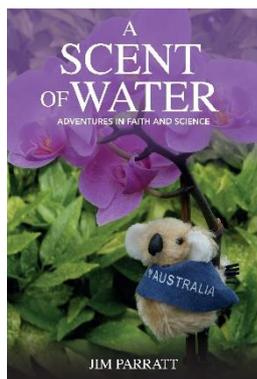


variant. Please pray the various vaccines will give a high level of protection to everyone. We still need to take care and be vigilant with our safety and the safety of others.

- Please remember in prayer the family of Rev Melvin Tinker who died recently.

Thank you for your prayers

Books published this year by CiS members:-



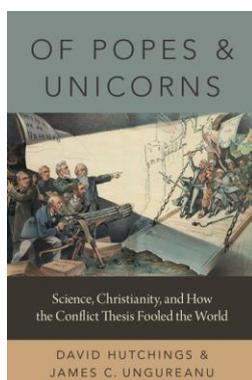
A scent of water. Adventures in faith and science

Author: Jim Parratt

Purchase from: Sanctusmedia.com

Cost: £15

Content: “The strength of a memoir is its personal nature; we are here allowed to share some of the story of a fascinating life. It is always an encouragement to learn more of how God called an individual to committed discipleship. Jim Parratt shows here how he responded to Jesus’ call, ‘Follow me’, and how this became the defining quality of all the years that followed. This is a story not only to read, but to re-read, gaining more each time!” Bishop Timothy Dudley-Smith



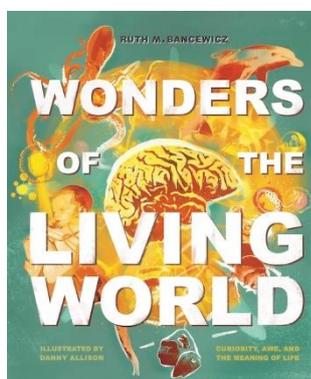
Of Popes and Unicorns

Author: David Hutchings and James C. Ungureanu

Purchase from: Oxford University Press

Cost: £25.99

Content: Science, Christianity, and How the Conflict Thesis Fooled the World. This is the story of John Draper, Andrew White, and the conflict thesis: a centuries-old misconception that religion and science are at odds with one another.



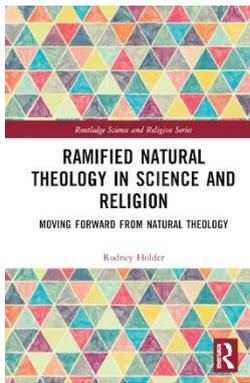
Wonders of the Living World: Curiosity, awe, and the meaning of life

Author: Ruth M Bancewicz, illustrated by Danny Allison

Purchase from: <https://www.faraday.cam.ac.uk/shop/>

Cost: £11

Content: Accompanied by videos, articles, sessions for adult small groups and school lesson plans, at <https://wondersofthelivingworld.org>



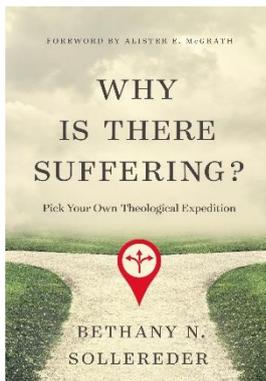
Ramified Natural Theology in Science and Religion: Moving on from Natural Theology

Author: Rodney Holder

Purchase from: [The Faraday Institute on-line shop](#)

Cost: £84

Content: In like manner to arguments of natural theology for the existence of God, reason and evidence are used in ramified natural theology to argue for the truth of specifically Christian claims.



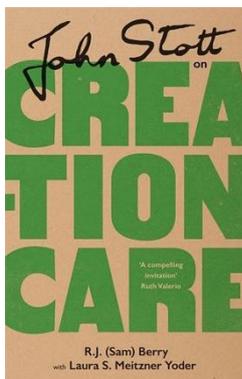
Why is there Suffering? Pick Your Own Theological Expedition

Author: Dr Bethany Sollereder

Purchase from: [Blackwells](#) or order through your local Christian book shop

Cost: about £11.00

Content: Explores the tangled theology of suffering through a light-hearted, self-guided exploration through multiple choices. The reader is asked to make a theological decision every few pages and is directed to the next appropriate step of their theological journey.



John Stott on Creation Care

Author: By R. J. (Sam) Berry, Laura Yoder

Purchase from: [IVP books](#)

Cost: £14.99

Content: Discover John Stott's writings on creation care, brought together for the first time in this definitive collection for the global church. This brilliant anthology demonstrates both Stott's passion for the environment and its place in Christian discipleship.



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