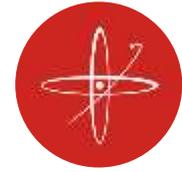


CiS UPDATE



CiS Spring Conference

Science, Faith and Public Engagement

Saturday 7th May
Durham

Conference Timetable:

9:30: Arrival and refreshments

10:00: Welcome

1015: Keynote - Prof. Bob White

1045: ECLAS (Equipping Church Leaders in an Age of Science) Team

1130: BREAK

1200: GATBB (God and the Big Bang) Team

1245: The Oliver Barclay Lecture Award

1300: LUNCH - (Exhibition time and Networking)

1430: UCCF Science Leadership Network Team

1545: The Faraday Institute Team

1630: Closing Remarks

To book your place - [click here](#)

April 2022

CiS Spring Conference

Upcoming CiS Events

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Prayer Focus

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

Upcoming CiS Events

Faith in Science

Trans World Radio UK have a number of CiS members in their “*Faith in Science*” programme. The sessions will air every Saturday at 7am and each episodes will repeat the next day at 7pm. The podcasts will be available once they’ve aired, at: www.twr.org.uk/ondemand (and then search for “Faith in Science”!)

Running order as follows:

Starting
Saturday 2nd
April
And repeating
on Sunday’s

23/04 Dr Rhoda Hawkins
30/04 Professor Tom McLeish
07/05 Dr Jona Foster
14/05 Dr Anna Pearson
21/05 Professor Bill Clegg
28/05 Dr Neville Cobbe
04/06 Kate Ellis-Sawyer
11/06 Clare Foster
18/06 Professor Sir Colin Humphreys
25/06 Nathan Bossoh

Then the whole series will repeat, from Saturday 2nd July. Starting with:-

02/07 Introduction to CiS with Dr Diana Briggs & Professor Paul Ewart
09/07 Cara Parrett
16/07 Dr Gavin Merrifield

Here’s how to tune in: <https://www.twr.org.uk/how-to-listen/>

Bristol - Exoplanets, aliens and God - who is out there and what is the real future of humanity?

5th May

Speaker: Prof David Wilkinson. David is Principal of St John’s College and Professor in the Department of Theology and Religion at Durham University

Location: Christ Church Clifton, 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](#)

CiS Spring Conference

7th May

The theme for the day will be - “Science, Faith and Public Engagement” and we hope to make it a hybrid event i.e. online and in-person.

Location: St John's College, Durham.

To book your place, [click here](#)

Other News

Science and Christian Belief Journal

The April issue is currently being delivered and you may have received it already. The index is at the end of this Update.

Our journal's website has recently had a makeover. You can check it out here - [New website](#) ! Previous issues available to non- subscribers - including up to Oct 2018

Vacancy - Science and Christian Belief Book Reviews Editor

Are you interested in becoming the Book Reviews Editor for Science and Christian Belief? Meric Srokosz will be standing down at the end of 2022 and we are looking for his replacement. The Reviews Editor receives (or requests) copies of new books from publishers, invites reviewers (and then reminds them of the due date for the review as the deadline approaches!) and assembles and checks the reviews ready for the typesetter. No prior experience is required. A list of potential reviewers in different subject areas will be provided and there will be plenty of help during the handover period. We typically publish about 15 reviews in each issue, so 30 reviews each year. Meric will have organised the reviews for the first issue of 2023. Please contact [Meric](#) or [Keith](#) for further details and for a chat about the role.

ECLAS - Scientists in Congregations is open for new applications!

We are offering grants of up to £10,000 to support churches to explore a creative science-faith project in 2022-23. We have 10 grants of up to £10k on offer. As there's a reduced timeline, we won't be asking for follow-on projects as part of this round. Projects will be expected to run summer 2022 until summer 2023.

As always, the ECLAS team is more than happy to have a conversation with anyone who's considering an application.

Applications close at 5pm Monday 2nd May. For more details - www.eclasproject.org/congregations

Other Events

Radio Maria - *Faith Journeys in Science*

Radio Maria is bringing Science and Faith to parishes near you! Join in with these LIVE events in which scientists, theologians and others share their testimonies and how they have continued their faith alongside their careers.

For details on how to book or to see even more events, please [click here](#)

23rd April
19.00

Speakers: Prof Jim McManus and Prof Daniela de Angelis

Location: St. Bartholomew's, 47 Vesta Ave, St Albans AL1 2PE

[Click here](#) to register your free space.

Can science explain everything?

26th April

Speaker: Prof John Lennox is Professor of Mathematics (Emeritus) at the University of Oxford, Associate Fellow of the Saïd Business School, University of Oxford, and Emeritus Fellow and Pastoral Adviser of Green Templeton College.

Starts: 12:30 pm and again at 7:30 pm

Professor Lennox is well known as a Christian apologist both as a writer and speaker. He has a number of books on the interface between science, philosophy and theology.

For tickets go to scienceandfaith.co.uk, or for live streaming contact hugh.rollinson@chaplaincyplus.org.uk or steve.bavington@chaplaincyplus.org.uk

Why climate change matters

24th May

Speaker: Dr Ruth Valerio from Tearfund

Starts: 12:30 pm and again at 7:30 pm

Ruth Valerio is an environmentalist, theologian, social activist and author and is the Global Advocacy and Influencing Director for Tearfund. She has a theology degree from Cambridge and a doctorate from Kings College London in which she explored the issues of simplicity and consumerism. She has written extensively on justice, environment and lifestyle issues, particularly from a Christian perspective.

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Who am I? Am I just my brain?

15th June

Speaker: Dr Sharon Dirckx from the Oxford Centre for Christian Apologetics

Starts: 12:30 pm and again at 7:30 pm

Dr. Sharon Dirckx is a senior tutor at the Oxford Centre for Christian Apologetics. Originally from a scientific background, she has a PhD in brain imaging from the University of Cambridge and has held research positions at the University of Oxford, UK, and the Medical College of Wisconsin, US.

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Faraday events

More information and the zoom links can be found at [Faraday website](#)

A Beautiful Quest: The Promise and Peril of Aesthetics in Science

26th April

Speaker: Dr Brandon Vaidyanathan

Starts: 1:00 pm

Location: Online - A link will be made available the morning of the seminar.

Location: In Person - KC Shasha Suite, Woolf Building, CB3 0UB

Scientists are often seen as the epitome of unemotional, dispassionate rationality. But in studying scientists around the world, we learn that science, in practice, is a deeply emotional and aesthetic pursuit. Beauty, wonder, and awe play a vital role in scientific inquiry, draw scientists into scientific careers, and propel them to communicate these aesthetic experiences with others.

For more information, [click here](#)

Science - Beauty - Theology: A Virtual or Vicious Trinity?

CiS/ Faraday Institute Public Lecture

9th May

Speaker: Prof. Tom McLeish FRS

Starts: 6pm

Location: Emmanuel College, Cambridge

How do we mend the broken bonds between the sciences and the arts/humanities, especially when both are ambivalent at best about aesthetics?

For more information, [click here](#)

What's the use of Natural Theology?

10th May

Speakers: Prof Paul Ewart and Revd Dr Andrew Moore

Starts: 1:00 pm

Location: Online - A link will be made available the morning of the seminar.

Location: In Person - KC Shasha Suite, Woolf Building, CB3 0UB

For more information, [click here](#)

The Faraday Institute Summer Course 2022

Sunday 3rd to
Friday 8th July

Dr Francis Collins will be joining us on the course as the plenary speaker.

In-Person Attendance: Includes participation in the full program plus all lunches, dinners and refreshments from 3pm on Sunday 3rd July until 3pm on Friday 8th July at the course venue. *Places are limited to a maximum of 50 people.*

Online Attendance: Includes participation in the full program, as well as access to talk recordings and supplementary online materials.

Costs: Online-only: regular ticket £150, student ticket: £75.

In-person [Non-Residential]: regular ticket £750, student ticket £475

For further information, including a list of speakers please [click here](#)

Derby - Anglican, Catholic and Evangelical discussion group

3rd May

The group meets on the first Tuesday of the month. Participants from all churches are welcome, as well as anyone interested in Science & Faith.

Would you like to be a speaker for the group on the topic of creation and / or evolution? If so, please contact Clare.

For more details, please contact Group coordinator and discussion chair: [Clare Merry](#)

Science and Religion Forum (SRF) Annual Conference 2022 - Birmingham

Information and Reality – Questions for Religions and Science

26th to 28th
May

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.

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

Deadline for registration MIDNIGHT 19th May

To register and for further details, please see their [website](#)

Science Wonder Days

Fun Family Days to attend

Three Science Wonder Days are happening in churches across the North of England over the rest of 2022 with funding from the ECLAS Scientists in Congregations scheme. These are family-fun days hosted in local churches that explore the wonders and excitement of science. To see an example of a previous event, check out <https://youtu.be/8A5qMHq484E>.

28th May

23rd July

22nd Oct

Events are happening at:

Blackpool - Saturday May 28th

Stalybridge (Manchester) - Saturday July 23rd (This is actually part of a Wonder Week not just a single day, so other opportunities are available!)

Wakefield - Saturday October 22nd

Volunteers are needed to help run experiments and demonstrations, chat to visitors and just generally be great examples of good scientists and Christians.

If you would like to know more or to volunteer for any of these events, then please get in touch with Gavin Merrifield at contact@believingscience.org

Science and the Human Person

The question of what it means to be human has never been more relevant. Are we just our brains? Or is there more to us? Will computers one day be able to do everything that we can do? And if so, what does that say about our value? And what will become of the planet on which humans emerged? These developments at the cutting edge of science go right to the heart of the question of human value and purpose and in the universe.

20th June

Location: Wycliffe Hall, University of Oxford

At this workshop we will consider three streams falling under the heading of Science and the Human Person:

- The Human Person and Intelligent Machines
- The Human Person and the Environment
- The Human Person and the Body

The workshop will feature keynote lectures and short papers. Submissions for short papers are invited.

For full details, visit: <https://www.wycliffe.ox.ac.uk/workshop>

Prayer Focus

- Please pray for the upcoming CiS Spring Conference in Durham - 7th May. Pray we have a good attendance and for the team as they continue to prepare all the details for the event.
- Please pray we have a wide audience for the CiS members' talks during the "Faith in Science" program on Trans World Radio UK, continuing through till August.
- Please continue to pray for a successful outcome to our application for new funding to the John Templeton Foundation. The grant would assist us to further develop our work during the next 3 years.
- Please continue to pray for one another. We still need to take care and be vigilant with our safety and the safety and care of others.
- Please remember to pray for those you know who are not yet a believer. Easter is a good time to share God's love with them.



Thank you for your prayers



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