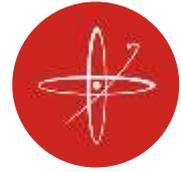


# CiS UPDATE



## ***Please Give Thanks***

**We recently advertised for a number of vacancies, and we appreciate all those that enquired and/or applied for the positions.**

**Please give thanks that each position has been filled. We wish to thank each of the people who previously filled those positions for their many years of help and assistance to CiS and our membership.**

**Membership Secretary:**

**Colin Taylor**

**Development Officer:**

**Jack Alderson**

**S&CB Reviews Editor:**

**Dr Todd Kantchev**

May 2022

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

# Upcoming CiS Events

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## *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 episode will repeat the next day at 7pm.

### Running order as follows:

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

Continuing this  
Saturday and  
repeating on  
Sunday's, till  
end of August

The whole series repeats 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  
23/07 Dr Rhoda Hawkins  
30/07 Professor Tom McLeish  
06/08 Dr Jona Foster  
13/08 Dr Anna Pearson

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

The podcasts will be available once they've aired, at: [www.twr.org.uk/ondemand](http://www.twr.org.uk/ondemand)  
(and then search for “Faith in Science”!)

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## *14<sup>th</sup> Annual Science-Faith Cathedral Lecture 2022*

### *How can science fit with miracles?*

Speaker: Professor Sir Colin Humphreys FRS

Starts: 7.30pm

Location: Norwich Cathedral Nave

All welcome      No booking required      Retiring collection

7<sup>th</sup> Sept

Miracles play a powerful role in Christianity: but how should we interpret them? In an age that claims to be one of scientific rationalism can we continue to accept miracles? Did the River Jordan really stop flowing so that the ancient Israelites could walk across and enter the land of Canaan (the Holy Land)? Did Jesus really rise from the dead? Both these miracles have been pivotal in human history. But how can a scientist believe in miracles? Professor Humphreys insists we should be sceptical about all potentially miraculous events, but he also believes that both events really happened. Come along and find out why!

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## Other News

### **ECLAS - *Seeding New Narratives***

The ECLAS project is piloting a new initiative called 'Seeding New Narratives', which aims to study how Twitter users respond to the conflict narrative of science and religion. As part of the pilot, we're collecting stories from people already engaged in the area of science and faith that show how science and religion can work together. We would be very grateful for your input to this project.

For further details please [click here](#).

## Other Events

### **ChaplaincyPlus – Birmingham**

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#### ***Why climate change matters***

Speaker: Dr Ruth Valerio from Tearfund

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

**24<sup>th</sup> May**

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.

For tickets go to [scienceandfaith.co.uk](http://scienceandfaith.co.uk), or for live streaming contact [hugh.rollinson@chaplaincyplus.org.uk](mailto:hugh.rollinson@chaplaincyplus.org.uk) or [steve.bavington@chaplaincyplus.org.uk](mailto:steve.bavington@chaplaincyplus.org.uk)

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#### ***Who am I? Am I just my brain?***

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

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

**15<sup>th</sup> June**

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.

For tickets go to [scienceandfaith.co.uk](http://scienceandfaith.co.uk), or for live streaming contact [hugh.rollinson@chaplaincyplus.org.uk](mailto:hugh.rollinson@chaplaincyplus.org.uk) or [steve.bavington@chaplaincyplus.org.uk](mailto:steve.bavington@chaplaincyplus.org.uk)

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## Science and Religion Forum (SRF) Annual Conference 2022 – Birmingham

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### *Information and Reality – Questions for Religions and Science*

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.

26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup>  
May

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](#)

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### *Radio Maria - Science and Faith – Season 3 “Faith Journeys in Science”*

Radio Maria is bringing Science and Faith together. To find out how you can listen click [here](#)

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27<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>  
and 30<sup>th</sup> May

Episode 2 – Begins broadcasting on May 27 (Friday) at 8:30pm, May 29 (Sunday) at 4pm and May 30 (Monday) at 10pm

Speakers include Fr Philip Miller and Miss Maria Findlay-Wilson

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3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>  
June

Episode 3 – Begins broadcasting on June 3 (Friday) at 8:30pm, June 5 (Sunday) at 4pm and June 6 (Monday) at 10pm

Speakers include Professor Mike Kelly and Sofia Carozza.

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13<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and  
16<sup>th</sup> June

Episode 4 – Begins broadcasting on June 13 (Friday) at 8:30pm, June 15 (Sunday) at 4pm and June 16 (Monday) at 10pm

Speakers include Dr Charles Wilson and Giacomo Casale.

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20<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and  
23<sup>rd</sup> June

Episode 5 – Begins broadcasting on June 20 (Friday) at 8:30pm, June 22 (Sunday) at 4pm and June 23 (Monday) at 10pm

Speakers include Fr. Robert Gay and Dr. Szmon Stelter.

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27<sup>th</sup> June, 5<sup>th</sup>  
and 6<sup>th</sup> July

Episode 6 – Begins broadcasting on June 27 (Friday) at 8:30pm, July 5 (Sunday) at 4pm and July 6 (Monday) at 10pm

Speakers include Fr. Robert Verrill and Dr. Maria Ubiali.

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## Science Wonder Days

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### *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>.

28<sup>th</sup> May

23<sup>rd</sup> July

22<sup>nd</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup>

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](mailto:contact@believingscience.org)

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## Derby - Science & Christianity Discussion Group

Third Wednesday of the month at 8pm

Location: Meets at Derby Brewing Tap House, upstairs room, Derwent Street, Derby DE1 2ED

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

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### *What? And how many? / Scientific classifications of plants and animals*

15<sup>th</sup> June

The session will kick off with three short speeches on this topic followed by discussion.

Science is the basis to our modern society. Can you believe in science and in God? If God created all things, in what way is this true? Different Christians hold different views. What are their views, and what are yours?

Join us for a drink, an exchange of ideas, thoughts and random chatter at Derby Brewing Tap House

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### *The Flood and geology / Fossils and palaeontology*

20<sup>th</sup> July

The session will kick off with three short speeches on this topic followed by discussion.

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***Science and the Human Person***

***Three Day Workshop***

20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup>  
June

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.

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.

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

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**Faraday events**

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

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***The Faraday Institute Summer Course 2022***

Dr Francis Collins will be joining us as the plenary speaker for our next Faraday Institute Summer Course in 2022.

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> to  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July

In-Person Attendance: Includes participation in the full course 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 course 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](#)

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# Prayer Focus

- Please pray for the new Membership Secretary, Colin Taylor, Development Officer, Jack Alderson and Book Reviews Editor, Todd Kantchev as they take up their posts.
- Please pray we have a wide audience as CiS members talk 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.



Thank you for your prayer



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