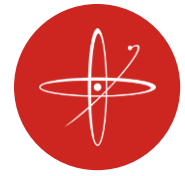


# **CiS UPDATE**



**November 2023**

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## **Books published by CiS members 2023**

**At the end of this CiS Update is a list of books by some of our members.**

**Whether you are looking for a book for yourself, or as a gift for an adult or a child (my 12 year old grandson can highly recommend God's Cosmic Cookbook), we hope you will find one of the books suitable.**

**Enjoy reading.**

## Upcoming CiS Events

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### *2084: Artificial Intelligence and the Future of Humanity*

Speaker: Prof John Lennox

**21<sup>st</sup> Nov**

**19.30**

**Worcester**

As a follow-on to his recent book of the same title, John has produced a series of videos, and we will watch the introductory video, explaining core ideas, and then discuss what we believe are the issues that arise for humanity from this technological innovation, which is being deployed around us in many forms.

Doors open at 7.30pm for coffee and cake, and the talk will begin at 8pm.

Location: Worcester Baptist Church, Sansome Walk, Worcester WRI ILN.

For more information [click here](#)

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### *Stem cells and multiple sclerosis; ethics and science*

**26<sup>th</sup> January**

**19:00**

**Bristol**

Speaker: Prof Neil Scolding – Neil is Emeritus Professor of Clinical Neurosciences at the University of Bristol and Gulu University Faculty of Medicine, Uganda. He is a neurologist and neuroscientist with a particular interest in brain repair.

Location and time: Redland Parish Halls at 7.30 pm with coffee and tea from 7pm.

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### *Consciousness, Creativity and Generative AI*

**3<sup>rd</sup> May**

**19:00**

**Bristol**

Speaker: Prof Nigel Crook - Nigel is Founder and Co-Director of the Institute for Ethical Artificial Intelligence at Oxford Brookes University.

Location and time: Redland Parish Halls at 7.30 pm with coffee and tea from 7pm.

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## Other News

### **Volunteers - We need YOU!!**

Thank you to the volunteers that fulfilled last month's requirements.

But..... we urgently need a new Executive Committee Chair. After many years Prof Paul Ewart is standing down from this role.

If you would like to be considered, or know someone suitable, please contact Prof Bill Clegg (Interim Chair of Trustees) via Mary Browett – [maryb.cis@outlook.com](mailto:maryb.cis@outlook.com)

## In June we had the CiS Spring Conference plus a Friday night event in Edinburgh

These talks are now available on [our YouTube channel](#)

On the Friday night we had talks on the theme - *Talking Together? Science and the Church:-*

- [Talk 1](#) Mark Harris - Prof Mark Harris is an Anglican Priest and Prof of Natural Science and Theology at the School of Divinity, University of Edinburgh.
- [Talk 2](#) Emily Messer - Dr Emily Messer is a primatologist and science communicator at Heriot-Watt University. Her research interests are around how learning and social behaviour interact with each other in primates.
- [Talk 3](#) Paul Ewart - Prof Paul Ewart is an Emeritus physics professor at the University of Oxford and the Chair of Christians in Science.
- [Talk 4](#) Rachel Gilmour - Dr Rachel Gilmour is a science communicator and tutor with a background in astronomy and astrophysics.
- [Panel Discussion](#)

We had a great line up of speakers on the Saturday:-

- [Miracles](#) – Dr Bethany Sollereder, Lecturer in Science and Religion, University of Edinburgh
- [Why does Evolution work?](#) – Dr Zachary Arden, Postdoctoral Fellow, Wellcome Sanger Institute and CiS Oliver Barclay Lecturer 2022
- [What can Theology learn from Science?](#) – Dr Joanna Leidenhag, Lecturer in Theology and Liberal Arts, University of Leeds
- [Science and the hiddenness of God: towards a kenotic theology of science](#) – Professor Wilson Poon, Professor of Natural Philosophy, University of Edinburgh
- [Panel Discussion](#)

## Other Events

### The Réseau des Scientifiques Evangéliques (French Network for Evangelical Scientists)

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#### *Errare humanum est... Truth and Error.*

What role does error play in the scientific enterprise? What does the Bible have to say about the human propensity to make mistakes? These are just two of the many questions we'll be exploring at this conference.

**20<sup>th</sup> January  
2024 in  
Paris and  
also online**

Speakers : Henri Blocher, Isabelle Godin, Thomas Merklings, Dollyane Muret, Emile Nicole, Nick Spencer (*Nick's talk will be the only one in English*), Jonathan Vaughan

For further information on the conference, please check their website : [www.scientifiquesevangeliques.org](http://www.scientifiquesevangeliques.org)

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## The Faraday Institute for Science and Religion

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### *Course - Communicating Science and Faith*

**2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> Feb  
2024**

**Speakers:** Cara Parrett, Steph Bryant, Cathy Priest, Dr Ruth Bancewicz

Would you like to spend a weekend developing your skills in communicating about Science and Faith alongside other like-minded individuals? We believe that the world needs clear, engaging, humble, and positive communication about science, faith and their interactions – and the opportunities are many.

**5:30 pm Friday 2nd February – 4:15 pm Sunday 4th February 2024**

**Location:** The Moller Institute, Cambridge

For more information [click here](#)

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### *Course – Nature of Science training for Secondary Science Teachers*

**11<sup>th</sup> March  
2024  
16:00 to 17:30  
Online**

**Speaker:** Cathy Priest

*‘Research suggests that teacher education needs to take an explicit and reflective approach to teaching teachers about the Nature of Science and its methods, in service teachers need high-quality subject-specific CPD on this topic’ (OFSTED 2021).*

Can science answer all the questions asked by young people in your classrooms? What is the power of science? What are its limits? Our world needs scientifically confident young people, and they need more than just science literacy to become the creative, motivated and responsible scientists of tomorrow. Learning about the ‘Nature of Science’ will help them to fulfil their potential.

For more details [click here](#)

**Location:** Queen's Lecture Theatre, Emmanuel College, Cambridge

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## The John Ray Initiative (JRI)

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### *JRI 25th Anniversary Celebration*

**26<sup>th</sup> Feb  
2024  
19:45  
online**

**Speaker:** Dr Katherine Hayhoe

Katharine is an atmospheric scientist whose research focuses on understanding the impacts of climate change on people and the planet. She is the Chief Scientist for The Nature Conservancy and a Horn Distinguished Professor and Endowed Professor of Public Policy and Public Law at Texas Tech University.

This event will be a bit different from our normal webinars, there will be a small charge for tickets which will be available shortly via Eventbrite. However, if you would like to register your interest in attending [please click here](#) to leave your name and email address and we'll get back to you when further details are known and tickets go on sale.

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## Prayer Focus

- Please continue to pray for the CiS Trustees, Committee and teams as we meet to discuss ideas to take CiS forward - for wisdom, guidance and provision of resources. To meet the needs of our current members and those we hope will join across the age spectrum. To enable CiS to continue the breadth of our work.
- Please continue to pray as we search for a new Executive Chair as Paul Ewart plans to step down at the end of the year. (Please see the item on page 2 if you would like to be considered or know someone suitable.)

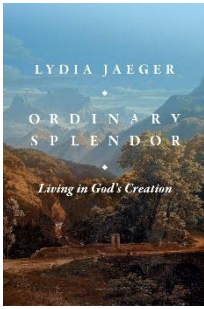


**Thank you for your prayers and support**



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# Books Published by CiS members



Ordinary Splendor: Living in God's Creation

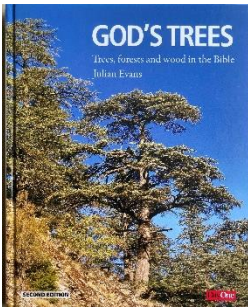
Author: Lydia Jaeger

Purchase from: Publisher Lexham Press,

UK distributor : [Eden](#)

Cost: Currently on offer at Eden £12.79

Content: Through a detailed study of the first two chapters of Genesis, Jaeger uncovers the implications of the doctrine of creation for daily life, from work and food, to sex and marriage, touching on issues such as ecology, ethics and discrimination.



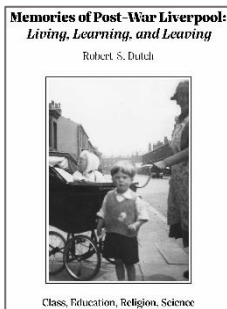
**God's Trees - Trees, Forests and Wood in the Bible**

Author: Professor Julian Evans OBE

Purchase from: [www.dayone.co.uk](http://www.dayone.co.uk) or from [author](#)

Cost: £25 (£20 from author)

Content: A richly illustrated coffee-table book that is a commentary on verses and passages in the Bible relating to trees and forests. Julian seeks to bring science and occasional devotional thoughts to the theme.



**Memories of Post-War Liverpool: Living, Learning, and Leaving.**

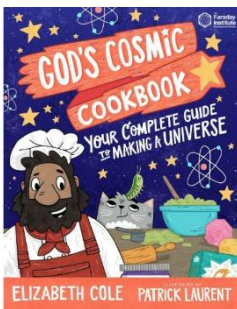
Author: Robert S. Dutch

Purchase from: Amazon, Waterstones, Foyles, or local independent bookstores

Cost: £12.99

Content: Robert grew up in a working-class community. Although he failed various examinations, he eventually reached university. Afterwards, he became a scientist/tutor in the nuclear power industry. He holds a classics-theology PhD and has written a Christian case for nuclear energy.

## Books for Children



**God's Cosmic Cookbook – your complete guide to making a universe**

Author: Elizabeth Cole

Illustrator: Patrick Laurent

Published: by Hodder and Stoughton

Available from: all good bookshops in the UK and US including: Waterstones, Eden books, WH Smiths, Barnes and Noble, Amazon and others.

List price: £10.99.

Content: 'God's Cosmic Cookbook' features God the narrator guiding young readers through the various steps of making their own universe. Aimed at 8-14-year olds the

book presents state-of-the-art science and mainstream theology with gentle humour throughout.

Acknowledgement: Faraday Institute for Science and Religion for their extensive help with editing and with reviewing the science and theology