**

Summer School in Biblical and Theological Studies

**A Deeper Understanding:** **The Relationship Between Science and Faith**

*Sunday 14th to Saturday 20th July 2019*

Today’s society tends to see science and religion as being at odds with one another − two different world views with competing and incompatible truth claims. But is that really how it is? Modern science was pioneered by people of faith, and down the ages the Church has been a promoter of, as well as at times wary about, scientific enquiry.

We live in an age of unprecedented scientific and technological development, with change happening at an incredible pace. Understanding how Christianity and science have related to each other historically can help us answer some of the questions that science poses for us as Christians today: How do we share the Gospel in this scientific age? How can the Church engage with science? Should faith groups have a say in the public discourse on the ethics of science and technology? This year’s Biblical and Theological Studies Summer School will look at some of the areas of debate within science and religion, both historical and contemporary, and explore how we might begin to answer these questions.

A range of speakers who are leaders in their field, including some drawn from the staff of Ripon College Cuddesdon, will bring their expertise and insight on the subject.

**PROGRAMME**

Optional Morning Prayer (08:00am) and Compline (21:30pm) each day.

**Sunday 14th July**

16:00 Welcome and Afternoon Tea in the Common Room

16:30 Introduction: The Thinking behind the Theme

*with Principal,* *Bishop Humphrey Southern, and Course Director, Revd Jen Brown*

18:00 Welcome Drinks Reception and Supper

**Monday 15th July**

09:15 Creativity and wisdom in science and the Christian tradition

*Professor* *Tom McLeish*

11:30 From myth to science? The natural world in ancient civilisations

*Dr Hywel Clifford*

14:30 An overview of the science-faith relationship

*Canon Professor Keith Ward*

19:30 Social Activity

**Tuesday 16th July**

09:15 Bringing science and faith into conversation

*Dr Tobias Tanton*

11:30 Why the science-faith relationship matters

*Revd Jen Brown*

14:00 **EXCURSION – OXFORD**

*A guided tour of the University of Oxford's* ***History of Science Museum****, followed by some free time in Oxford,* ***Evensong* at Christ Church**, and returning to College for a late supper.

**Wednesday 17th July**

09:15 Cosmology and anthropology in the New Testament

*Revd Dr Michael Lakey*

11:30 Mystical experience and epilepsy

*Revd Dr Joanna Collicutt*

14:30 “What is there between you and me?” Social Media and Theology in a Digital Age

*Revd Dr Peter Phillips*

19:45 Social Activity

**Thursday 18th July**

09:15 **EXCURSION - WESTMINSTER ABBEY, LONDON**

*Free time for lunch followed by a* ***guided tour of Westminster Abbey*** *with specialist Blue Badge Guide, Mark Godowski, staying for Evensong at 5pm before returning to the College for a late supper.*

**Friday 19th July**

09:15 Science fiction: a window into spirituality

*Jaime Wright*

11:00 Free Time/option to attend the College's Friends and Former Members' Day - Eucharist (Preacher: The Rt Revd Helen-Ann Hartley, Bishop of Ripon), buffet lunch, Lecture by Dr Paul Gooder

18:45 Drinks Reception

19:30 Gala Dinner

**Saturday 20st July**

09:30 Final plenary and feedback

11:30 Closing Eucharist (optional)

13:00 Lunch and Departure

**Visiting Speakers:**

**Professor Tom McLeish**, Physicist and Professor of Natural Philosophy at York University and chair of the Royal Society’s Education Committee.

**Canon Professor Keith Ward**, Regius Professor of Divinity Emeritus at Christ Church Oxford.

**Revd Dr Peter Phillips**. Director of the CODEC Research Centre, Durham University

**Jaime Wright**, doctoral candidate at the University of Edinburgh, studying the intersection of science, religion, and literary works.

**Resident Lecturers:**

Revd Jen Brown, Course Director for the Cuddesdon School of Theology and Ministry, will be acting as our host and co-ordinating the week. Our Resident Lecturers include:

* Dr Hywel Clifford, Old Testament
* Dr Tobias Tanton, Christian Doctrine
* Revd Dr Michael Lakey, New Testament
* Revd Dr Joanna Collicutt, Psychology and Spirituality

**FURTHER INFORMATION AND FEES**

Ripon College Cuddesdon is located in the rural village of Cuddesdon, Oxfordshire, six miles from the centre of Oxford. There is limited public transport to the College and it is recommended that participants arrive by car, or by taxi from Oxford bus or train stations.

**Fully inclusive residential fee: £550**

**Day rate: £45 per day**

*A reduced rate is available for clergy and people in ministerial training.*

The Summer School fee includes accommodation in standard student rooms (some en-suite and accessible accommodation is available on request); all meals; and lectures and excursions as outlined in the Programme.

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