



Ripon College
CUDDESDON



SUMMER SCHOOL IN BIBLICAL AND THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

“The Earth is the Lord’s”: Caring for Creation, Honouring God
Sunday, 5th to Saturday, 11th July 2020

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A residential summer school for those wishing to learn more about biblical and theological studies, and share worship and community in a renowned theological college in the beautiful rural setting of Cuddesdon, close to the City of Oxford.

Programme

Optional daily Morning Prayer at 08:00 and Compline at 21:30

Sunday 5th July

- 16:00 Welcome and afternoon tea in the Common Room
- 16:30 Introduction: The Thinking behind the Theme
The Rt Revd Humphrey Southern, Principal
Revd Jen Brown, Summer School Director
- 18:00 Welcome Drinks Reception followed by Dinner

Monday 6th July

- 09:15 Creation Care in the Old Testament
Dr Hywel Clifford, Lecturer in Old Testament
- 11:30 The kingdom of God and the transformation of the wilderness in the Synoptic Gospels
Dr Rebecca Dean, Lecturer in New Testament
- 14:30 Caring for the Oceans
Prof. Meric Srokosz, National Oceanography Centre, Southampton
- 18:30 Dinner followed by a social activity

Tuesday 7th July

09:15 **EXCURSION – Slimbridge Wetland Centre**

We will be welcomed to Slimbridge by one of the Centre’s experts who will then take us on a guided walking tour of the reserve. During the day there will be time to go up the observation tower for a panoramic view of the site, buy grain to feed ducks and geese, spend time in one of the hides, see all six species of flamingo, visit the Scott House Museum, and take refreshments in the Kingfisher Kitchen.

Wednesday 8th July

- 09:15 Why conserve wild nature?
Dr Hilary Marlow, Director of Studies, Girton College, University of Cambridge
- 11:30 Of Faith and Feathers: or Conservation as a Human Rights Issue
Dr Andrew Gosler, Associate Professor in Applied Ethnobiology and Conservation, Mansfield College, University of Oxford
- 14:30 The work of Operation Noah, a Christian charity working with the Church to inspire action on climate change
Revd Dr Darrell Hannah, Operation Noah
- 18:30 Dinner followed by a social activity

Thursday 9th July

- 09:15 Jo Herbert-James,
Theology and Networks Manager, Tearfund UK
- 11:30 **EXCURSION – Windsor and St George's Chapel**
We will arrive in Windsor to allow for some free time to have lunch or to shop before being met at St George's Chapel by Canon Martin Poll, Canon Chaplain of St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, and Chaplain to the Great Park. We will then have a private tour of St George's Chapel, followed by afternoon tea inside the Castle precincts, and Evensong.

Friday 10th July

- 09:15 Loving our neighbours: the inclusion of non-human animals in Creation Care
Revd Jen Brown, Director, Summer School and the Cuddesdon School of Theology and Ministry
- 11:30 Eucharist in the Bishop Edward King Chapel
Free afternoon to enjoy the grounds or to visit Oxford
- 18:45 Drinks Reception in the Common Room, followed by a Gala Dinner

Saturday 11th July

- 08:30 Breakfast and depart

Visiting Speakers

Revd Dr Andrew Gosler is Associate Professor in Applied Ethnobiology and Conservation, holding a joint position between the Department of Zoology and the School of Anthropology and Museum Ethnography in the University of Oxford. Andy is a Fellow of Mansfield College and Research Director of the Ethno-ornithology World Atlas. During his career his research interests have grown from pure Ornithology studying woodland bird ecology, to embrace Ethno-ornithology, and especially its value in reconnecting people with nature (and God). He trained for ministry on the Oxford Ministry Course at Ripon College Cuddesdon and was ordained Priest in 2019.

Dr Darrell Hannah is the rector of All Saints parish church, Ascot Heath. An American, Darrell moved to the UK in 1992 to pursue a doctorate at the University of Cambridge, in Christian Origins, and has lived here ever since. He moved into full-time parish ministry, in 2008, after academic posts at the universities of Sheffield, Birmingham and Oxford. When time allows, Darrell continues to write and publish in the areas of Second Temple Judaism, the New Testament and early Christianity. Darrell represents the Environmental Issues Network of Churches Together in Britain and Ireland on the Board.

Jo Herbert-James works for Tearfund in the UK as their Theology and Networks Manager, focused on Environmental and Economic Sustainability. She has an MA in Theology in Ministry from King's College London and has focused her studies on the impact of consumerism and individualism on the western church, the planet and the lives of people in poverty. She is passionate about a holistic and practical approach to faith and theology and seeks to live it out in her own life, including journeying towards a zero waste lifestyle.

Dr Hilary Marlow is Director of Studies at Girton College and an Affiliated Lecturer in the Faculty of Divinity, University of Cambridge, teaching Hebrew Bible and Biblical Hebrew. Hilary's research focuses on reading religious Scriptures in the context of modern society, with emphases on interfaith dialogue and ecological hermeneutics. Her other research focus is the depiction of the interaction between people and the natural world in the Hebrew Bible. This includes textual studies on the portrayal of nature, analysis of creation texts and their interpretation in later Jewish and Christian traditions, and work on ecological hermeneutics and the use of the Bible in environmental ethics.

Professor Meric Srokosz is Professor within Southampton Marine and Maritime Institute at the University of Southampton, and is based at the National Oceanography Centre. His applied maths PhD at the University of Bristol in the 1970s was on theoretical aspects of wave power and he has worked on various aspects of waves – such as, wave breaking, measuring waves from space – ever since. He coordinates the Rapid Climate Change programme looking at how changes in the north Atlantic circulation will affect UK and northwest European climate.

Cuddesdon Faculty

Revd Jen Brown is the director of the Cuddesdon School of Theology and Ministry and from 2014 to 2018 was Science Missioner in the Churn Benefice in South Oxfordshire. She has degrees in psychology and the psychology of religion. She has a particular interest in the ways in which religious practice shapes moral thinking and practice, and is currently pursuing a PhD in this area. Her other interests include liturgy, Christianity and the arts, social justice, the environment, and Christian theology and animal welfare.

Dr Hywel Clifford is Lecturer in Old Testament at Cuddesdon. He studied divinity at Edinburgh University where he majored in Biblical Studies before a master's degree in Old Testament, and a doctorate at Christ Church, Oxford. Hywel's areas of interest include monotheism, early Greek philosophy, the thought of Philo of Alexandria, the history of Biblical Interpretation, and the archaeology of biblical lands.

Dr Rebecca Dean is New Testament Lecturer and is also the Admissions Tutor for Ripon College Cuddesdon. She has a bachelor's degree in Theology from the University of Birmingham, and master's and doctoral degrees in New Testament Theology from the University of Oxford. Rebecca's doctoral research focused upon the portrayal of religious experience and dream-visions in the Acts of the Apostles. Other research interests include the function of storytelling within the New Testament, and the construction of authority and identity within (religious) communities.

Further Information and Fees

Ripon College Cuddesdon is located in the rural village of Cuddesdon, Oxfordshire, six miles from the centre of Oxford.

Fully inclusive residential fee:£550

Day rate:£45 per day

The Summer School fee includes all lectures and excursions outlined in the Programme, accommodation, and meals in College. There are 21 en-suite rooms which will be allocated on a first come first served basis, and accessible accommodation is available on request.

Bursaries are available on application for people in training for ministry.

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