



BISHOP'S NOTICES

To Congregations from the Bishop of Edinburgh

9 October 2009

BISHOP BRIAN'S CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION 2009

Entries are invited from all children in the Diocese (under 16) to design Bishop Brian's official Christmas Card 2009. The artwork should be no larger than A4 (the final card will be A5). Please put name and age of artist, church and contact details on the back of all entries.

Please send entries by post to:

Michelle Brown, Youth & Children's Officer, Diocese of Edinburgh, 21a Grosvenor Crescent, Edinburgh EH12 5EL

or scan them in and submit by e-mail to youth@dioceseofedinburgh.org.

Impartial judging will be done by Bishop Brian and guest judges.

There will be a prize for the best entry.

Closing date is 18 November 2009.

THE GIFFORD LECTURES 2009 12, 13, 15, 19, 20, 22 October at 5.30pm

Professor Michael Gazzaniga will deliver the Gifford Lectures on the these "The Science of Mind Constraining Matter" on 12, 13, 15, 19, 20, 22 October at 5.30pm at the Playfair Library, Old College, South Bridge, Edinburgh.

Michael Gazzaniga is Professor of Psychology at the University of California, Santa Barbara, where he heads the SAGE Center for the Study of the Mind, overseeing an extensive research programme investigating how the brain enables the mind.

To book a place at the Gifford Lectures, please phone the University on 0131 651 3166

POST-GIFFORD LECTURE DISCUSSION – THURSDAY 22 OCTOBER

In response to the Gifford Lectures, Adventures in Faith and Edinburgh University Chaplaincy Centre invite you to a Post-Gifford Lecture Discussion chaired by The Rt Rev Brian Smith on Thursday 22 October from 7.30-9pm at the Edinburgh University Chaplaincy Centre, 1 Bristo Square, Edinburgh. EH8 9AL. Wine and nibbles will be served.

THE APOCRYPHAL GOSPELS: THEN AND NOW ***The Rev Dr Paul Foster***

**Following the Service of Compline on Thursday 22 October 2009 at 7.30pm
St Mary's Cathedral**

Light Refreshments afterwards in the Chapter House, providing an informal opportunity to chat to Paul about his talk.

ALL WELCOME

MUSIC FOR AN AUTUMN EVENING – FRIDAY 30 OCTOBER

Scottish Churches House, Kirk Street, Dunblane

6:00 pm PRE-CONCERT DINNER

7.15 pm CHAMBER CONCERT

Tickets: DINNER AND CONCERT £25 (£45 FOR TWO) CONCERT ONLY £10

In aid of Scottish Churches House Jubilee Appeal

Bookings: Telephone: 01786 823588 (includes credit card bookings)

or

Email: <mailto:reservations@scottishchurcheshouse.org>

See also: www.scottishchurcheshouse.org



Lauriston Jesuit Centre and Adventures in Faith



Evolution and Faith with Professor Brian Kilbey

Mondays from 26th October to 30th November 2009

7.30 - 9.00 p.m. at 28 Lauriston Street, Edinburgh. EH3 9DU

In association with the Scottish Episcopal Church 'Adventures in Faith' Series, and to begin the second Lauriston 'Environment Series', Professor Brian Kilbey of Edinburgh University will present six evening talks on evolution and faith.

2009 marks the 150th anniversary of the publication of Charles Darwin's 'On the Origin of Species', which broke new ground in understanding evolution. These talks will attempt to show that evolution, as it is currently understood, is not only compatible with a belief in a loving creator God, its acceptance is vital if we are to reach a better understanding of God's activity in the world.

All Welcome.

For more information please contact:

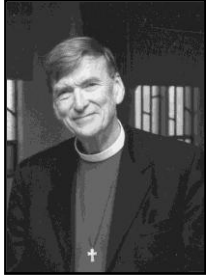
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Bishop Jack Spong in Britain
Eternal Life: A New Vision



Bishop Jack Spong, leading communicator of a new Christianity for a new age, will be speaking across Britain to the themes of his long-awaited new book in October 2009.

He will be in Edinburgh on Thursday 22nd October at St John's Princes Street at 7.30pm.

Other venues on the tour include:

Colchester on Tuesday 20th October at Lion Walk URC.

Sheffield on Wednesday 21st October at St Mark's Broomhill.

Exeter on Monday 26th October at Southernhay URC.

And a day conference on Saturday 24th October in London, starting at 10.45 am at St James's Piccadilly.

To book tickets one of these events, please complete the booking form which can be found on the Diocesan Website at www.edinburgh.anglican.org.

Bishop Spong's tour is organised by the Progressive Christianity Network – Britain, which works to support and promote open Christian understanding.

For more information on our work contact us at PCN Britain, St Faith's Vicarage, 62 Red Post Hill, London SE24 9JQ or visit www.pcnbritain.org.uk

FAMILIES TODAY – WHERE ARE WE NOW?

Wednesday 11 November 2009

McDonald Conference Centre, 95 McDonald Road, Edinburgh

A one day conference looking at issues facing today's families. What do we mean by 'family' today? What issues face families in Scotland in the 21st century? What responses can we make to these issues?

The conference will bring together practitioners, policy-makers and academics to consider these key questions. It will provide opportunities to consider research and practice and to discuss key issues.

Themes:

Kinship care

Alcohol and drugs

Prisoners

Families in the recession

Panel session

Speakers include:

Lynn Jamieson, *Professor of Families and Relationships, University of Edinburgh*

Susan Deacon, *Professor of Social Change, Queen Margaret University*

Your chance to find out what ideas are shaping the political manifestos of the future and influence these.

Who should attend? Anyone with an interest in families from social work, health, education, academia or the churches.

Cost

1 Large organisation* £50 (includes lunch) 1 Small organisation* £20 (includes lunch)

To book go to: www.crfr.ac.uk/events/familiesbook.html

For a definition of large and small organisations, please go to the web address above

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(CRFR) Circle, Circle Project