



Leeds Postgraduates' Christian Fellowship



Knowing Christ as Lord and Saviour in Leeds' universities

“In your hearts honour Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defence to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect.” 1 Peter 3:15

Our purpose

- ✚ To **encourage and equip postgraduate students** to know God and become more like Jesus Christ through fellowship, study and prayer
- ✚ To share the **good news of Jesus Christ** with students and colleagues within and outside the university
- ✚ To **explore the implications of Christ's lordship** and bring a **redeeming influence** in contemporary issues and academic disciplines
- ✚ To **encourage friendships** and mutual understanding among postgrads, postdocs, staff and our families throughout the year.

Come and join us

- ✚ We invite anyone involved in higher education in Leeds to join us.
- ✚ We welcome Christians of all traditions and those of other views.
- ✚ Two groups **meet throughout the year in the Emmanuel Centre** (Leeds Chaplaincy) – the church building next to Parkinson Steps:

Wednesdays, 7–8.30pm: Bible study

Meet at the International Students' Club (upstairs) from 6pm onwards

Thursdays, 12–1pm: Topical discussion

Join us for lunch in the University of Leeds Refectory after each meeting

Interested?

- ✚ E-mail Simon DeSmet on gy09sd@leeds.ac.uk (Weds meeting) or kevin.macnish@gmail.com (Thur meeting).
- ✚ See overleaf for the programme of the Topical discussion group



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Thursdays, Spring 2012



Date	Topic
12 Jan	Feminist ethics and the Bible (Kevin Macnish) <i>How far does feminism overlap with Christianity?</i>
19 Jan	Mathematics from a Christian perspective (Mark Day) <i>Surely one plus one always equals two?</i>
26 Jan	The Christian vision of Gerard Manley Hopkins (Rachel Webster) <i>Earthy poetry by a Victorian Jesuit</i>
02 Feb	Why prioritise teaching? Guest speaker: Jonathan Darling , Leeds Institute of Medical Education
09 Feb	Biblical vs. popular depictions of the Christian message (John Gibbens, Bible translator) <i>What is the Gospel?</i>
16 Feb	Lady Ottoline Morrell and the relationship between spirituality and creativity (Richard Whitney) <i>A whole-of-life approach to art?</i>
23 Feb	19th-century evangelicals set the stage for modern world mission (John Gibbens) <i>Understand your church's history</i>
01 Mar	Cosmological arguments for the existence of God: a shot in the foot? (Richard Gunton) <i>Are we persuaded by finely-tuned physics?</i>
08 Mar	Creation, Cosmos & Covenant: what is the world for? Guest speaker: David Hanson , West Yorkshire School of Christian Studies
15 Mar	A Christian perspective on vegetarianism and food sustainability (Richard Gunton) <i>The ethics of eating</i>
22 Mar	Never had it so good? The challenges of the nuclear family (Richard Whitney) <i>A historical perspective on domestic life</i>
29 Mar	William Wilberforce and the Evangelical campaign for Abolition (Rachel Webster) <i>How was British colonial slavery ended?</i>

All meetings take place from 12–1pm upstairs in the Emmanuel Centre.

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