



BIBLE & SCIENCE

An interdenominational group from Worcester's local churches



PROGRAMME FOR SPRING 2016

19th January: **CHRISTIANITY AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF SCIENCE (A HISTORICAL OVERVIEW)**

It is sometimes claimed that without Christianity there would have been no modern science. While this view is an exaggeration, intimate links between Christian doctrine and the growth of the empirical sciences were forged during the Industrial Revolution. *Prof. John Hedley Brooke* will consider the way in which scientific research has been justified in theological terms and will refer to some of the great names of 17th century science (Boyle, Bacon, Newton ...) and to arguments that Christianity provided some of the pre-conditions of an enduring scientific culture.

Prof. Brooke is currently Professor of the History of Science at Lancaster University and Visiting Professor in the School of Philosophy, Religious Studies and the History of Science, University of Leeds. A former Editor of the British Journal for the History of Science, he has been President of the British Society for the History of Science and of the Historical Section of the British Association for the Advancement of Science.

16th February: **CREATION OF THE UNIVERSE AND ITS BIBLICAL DESCRIPTION**

Dr. Mathew Clark will discuss the origins and development of the physical universe as understood by scientists, and make comparisons with the biblical account of how humanity began.

15 March: **THE FUTURE OF MARRIAGE**

Living together has become much more common in the west, with over six million couples now living together without marrying. Are they more likely to break up, or is marriage simply a piece of paper? *Philippa Taylor*, who works with the Care Trust, is head of public policy at the Christian Medical Fellowship, and has an MBA in Bioethics, will speak to us from both a social science and biblical perspective.

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We are an interdenominational Christian group, affiliated to Christians in Science. We organise regular talks and discussions fronted by leading scientists and thinkers, to explore significant scientific, bioethical and technological issues of our day, and see how faith and science work together.

The meetings are open to all those who seek to make sense of this changing world, especially those interested in how scientific advance might impact on religious beliefs, and are not restricted to those with a "science" background. They take place at Lindisfarne House, 4 Barbourne Terrace, Worcester WR1 3JS.

The talks are generally from 8 to 9.30pm, in three sections, with space in between for questions, and finish with coffee and cake, and the opportunity for more informal discussion, or time to catch up with friends.

All are welcome - entry, parking and refreshments are free, although we suggest a donation of £3, to cover expenses.

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www.bibleandscienceworcester.org.uk*