

MAKING SENSE 2023

St John's, Waterbeach

All sessions will be at 7pm in the Church Room

Sunday 29th January 2023

Making Sense of God's Good Creation and the Origin of Evil

The Revd Dr Matthias Grebe

Matthias Grebe is a lecturer and tutor at St Mellitus College, an Anglican theological college in London, Associate Vicar at St Edward King and Martyr in Cambridge, and the Church of England's Adviser for European Church Relations for the Council for Christian Unity. He holds a PhD from the University of Cambridge and was previously a research fellow at the University of Bonn. Matthias read Theology, Philosophy and Rhetoric at the University of Tübingen, where he also trained for a professional certificate in psychotherapy. He is co-editor of the forthcoming T&T Clark Handbook of Suffering and the Problem of Evil.

Sunday 26th February 2023

Making Sense of Mission Teams

The Revd Dr Ian Silk

Ian Silk is a practical theologian and researcher in mission spirituality. He grew up in Bristol and came to a personal faith in Christ at Pembroke College, Cambridge while studying classics as an undergraduate. He taught English to internationals in Cambridge before training for ordination in Bristol and a ministry in Lincolnshire, and the completing a doctorate at the University of Chester. Ian and his wife Alison live in Littleport where they are part of the mission of the churches in the local community, as well as the Friends International team in Cambridge. Ian loves singing, long-distance walking, photography, reading history and guided tours.

Sunday 12th March 2023

Making Sense of Trauma in the Hebrew Bible/ Old Testament

Dr Alison Gray

Dr Alison Gray is Tutor in Old Testament Language, Literature & Theology at Westminster College. She was previously Director of Studies and Tutor in Old Testament at Westcott House. Alison is a Lay Preacher and an Elder in her local URC church in Fulbourn. Alison teaches Ancient Hebrew, Biblical Exegesis and Interpretation, and Adult Education and Discipleship in the Cambridge Theological Federation. She has recently completed a Postgraduate Certificate in Teaching and Learning in Higher Education at the Institute of Continuing Education (University of Cambridge) and is an Associate Fellow of the Higher Education Academy. Her research interests include the Theology of the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament, Semantics of Ancient Hebrew, Reception History of the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament, the Book of Psalms and Metaphor in Bible translation and interpretation.

Sunday 21st May 2023

Making Sense of Movements in World Mission

The Revd Dr Ian Randall

Ian Randall comes originally from the north of Scotland. His Christian experience developed while at university in Aberdeen, where he and his wife, Janice, met. Following some years working in human resources, Ian trained in Oxford for Baptist ministry and had two local church pastorates. He then joined the staff of Spurgeon's College, London, teaching church history and spirituality. He has written extensively on movements of renewal and mission. For five years Ian and Janice lived and worked in Prague, assisting with training younger leaders in Central/Eastern Europe. They have two married daughters, who live in Czech Republic and Sweden. In Cambridge, Ian was one of the ministers at Cambourne ecumenical church and was a part-time chaplain at Addenbrooke's Hospital. He is involved in the Cambridge Theological Federation and in spiritual direction and Ignatian guided prayer, mostly accompanying theological students and ministers.

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