

# The St Michael's Lectures, 2017

## Summer Programme

7.30 pm, Weds 28th Jun: Dr Lindsay Whetter

“A Researcher’s Notebook: Stories from Prisons”



Dr Whetter has spent many years in prison but has never been arrested nor convicted of a crime; she spends time in prison as a researcher, a facilitator and a Christian - listening to people’s stories and ‘walking alongside’. Having begun her career working with children and young people behind bars, she is driven by a passion and commitment to helping empower those who have become embroiled in the criminal justice system to realise their true value and potential. Dr Whetter will share some of her experiences in prisons in order to shed light on the UK’s prisons crisis and to offer insights into where hope can be found.

7.30 pm, Weds 19th Jul: The Reverend Glen Graham

“Building the Body Beautiful: A Vision of a Perfectly Imperfect Church”



The Reverend Glen Graham is the Minister of Cullompton Baptist Church and Chair of Churches for All, a national organisation which offers coordination for disability initiatives. He has also been the Moderator of the Baptist Union’s Disability Justice Group. Having been blind from birth and has exercised a long ministry to people from all backgrounds in the Baptist Church., he has written and spoken widely on what it means to be human and created in the image of Christ, with disability at the heart of this vision.

7.30 pm, Weds 27th Sept: Dr Felix Flicker

“Paradoxes: Jokes, Riddles, Zen Buddhist Kohns, and some Questions in Theoretical Physics”



Felix Flicker is the Astor Junior Research Fellow of Physics at New College, Oxford. Originally from Ottery St. Mary, Dr. Flicker recently returned from a two-year stint in Berkeley, California, where he found himself in the position of riddle-setter in a co-operative named Lothlorien. Taking inspiration from the riddles contained in the 'Exeter Book', he found much overlap between the structure of the riddles and the process of seeking knowledge in the modern scientific method. In this lecture, he will discuss the overlaps between a range of fields which operate by this 'method of paradox': setting up two seemingly sound lines of reasoning which result in an apparent or actual contradiction. He will argue that, ultimately, all learning takes this form, using by way of illustration various examples from physics and how resolving the paradoxes has updated our understanding of the world.

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