



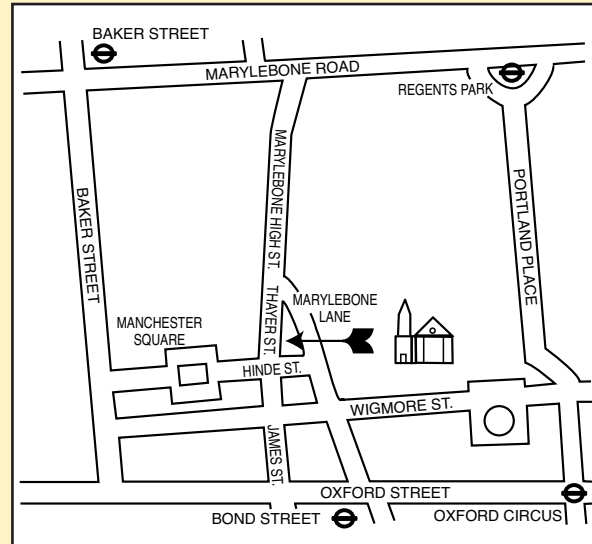
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We are a diverse group of people worshipping, loving, serving, learning and seeking to share our faith in and from the centre of London. We seek to live within a Methodist tradition of personal and corporate discipleship – alive to God and enabling others to discover God’s transforming activity.

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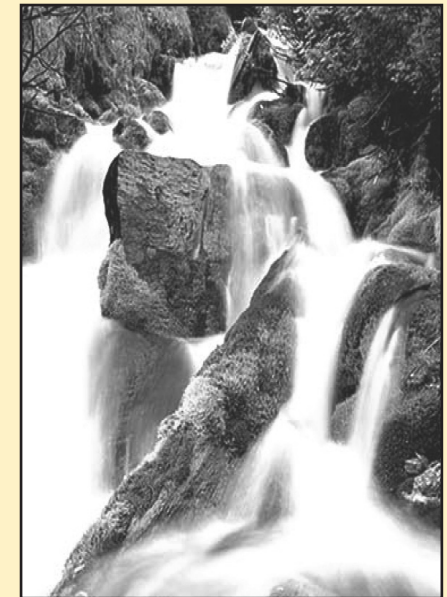
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This is the eleventh series of Hugh Price Hughes Lectures. The Revd Hugh Price Hughes founded the West London Mission in 1887. He was one of the most forward-looking thinkers of the day. We believe these annual lectures are making a significant contribution towards exploring our faith in the 21st Century.

HUGH PRICE HUGHES LECTURES 2009

“Refreshing Church”



Hinde Street Methodist Church
London W1

Admission Free

All lectures are on a Tuesday evening at 7.30pm and are free.

As we journey towards the second decade of the twenty-first century many are asking about the future of the church. Does it have one? How can it be transformed? What do we need to do?

These lectures will explore the resources available to refresh the church. They will not suggest programmes or short term solutions, but will consider how engaging with our contemporary contexts and the traditions of our faith might re-fresh and transform the future of the church.

February 10th

Christopher Jamison: – “Church as Sanctuary”

Father Christopher Jamison is the Abbot of Worth, a Benedictine monastery in Sussex. Born in Australia in 1951, he studied Modern Languages at Oxford University and became a monk in 1973. He became Headmaster in 1994 and was elected Abbot in 2002. He is President of the international Commission on Benedictine Education, responsible for promoting the order's schools around the world.

In 2005/6, Worth Abbey was “*The Monastery*” on BBC TV, described as the surprise TV hit of the year. His book *Finding Sanctuary: Monastic Steps for Everyday Life* was a best seller in 2006 and is published in twelve other languages. *Finding Happiness: Monastic Steps for a Fulfilling Life* was published in October 2008

March 10th

Dion Forster: “Revolution or Evolution? Considering the impact of ‘emerging church’ conversations on the mission and ecclesiology of established churches”

Dr Dion Angus Forster is an ordained Minister of the Methodist Church of Southern Africa. He is a theologian, teacher and author, and currently

serves as a consultant and spiritual advisor to the Global Day of Prayer movement and the movement's founder. He was formerly the Dean of the Seminary of the Methodist Church of Southern Africa, John Wesley College, in Kilnerton, Pretoria.

His research interests are broad and he has published on a wide variety of issues including African theology, the Southern African philosophy of “ubuntu”, theology and science, human consciousness, religious consciousness, and individual identity, social justice, human rights and marketplace ministry.

April 21st

Grace Davie: “Understanding Religion in modern Europe/Britain”

Grace Davie has a personal Chair in Sociology of Religion in the University of Exeter. She is a past-president of the American Association for the Sociology of Religion (2003) and of the Research Committee 22 (Sociology of Religion) of the International Sociology Association (2002-06). In the 2000-01 she was the Kerstin-Hesselgren Professor in the University of Uppsala, where she returned for the 2006-07 academic session. In 2005 she spent a semester researching and teaching at Hartford Seminary, CT.

In addition to numerous chapters and articles, she is the author of *Religion in Britain since 1945* (Blackwell 1994), *Religion in Modern Europe: a memory Mutates* (OUP 2000), *Europe: The Exceptional Case* (DLT 2002) and *The Sociology of Religion* (Sage 2007); she is co-editor of *Predicting Religion* (Ashgate 2003) and co-author of *Religious America, Secular Europe* (Ashgate 2008)

She is lay Canon of the Diocese of Europe and served on the Doctrine Commission that produced *Being Human: A Christian Understanding of Personhood* in 2003.

May 12th

Jonathan Bartley: “Sedition, subversion and anarchy: the church's emerging political mission”

Jonathan is co-director of the religious thinktank Ekklesia, and is a regular commentator in the press, on television and radio relating to issues of faith and politics. He is the author of a number of books including ‘The Subversive Manifesto’ (BRF: 2005) and ‘Faith and Politics After Christendom’ (Paternoster, 2006).

He worked in the House of Commons for four years, and although he is not a Tory, found himself part of John Major's campaign team in the 1995 Conservative Party leadership election. He was general secretary of the cross-party Movement for Christian Democracy from 1997-2001 before he founded Ekklesia in 2002.

June 9th

Trevor Dennis: “Fresh expressions of God. The God who runs up the road to meet us, and then...”

Trevor Dennis is Vice Dean at Chester Cathedral. He was once a chaplain at Eton College, and then tutor in Old Testament Studies at Salisbury and Wells Theological College and Vice Principal. He has published four books on Old Testament narratives, two on stories from the New Testament, a children's Bible, and five collections of story and verse sermons. Passionate about the Bible, he believes we should be entirely honest about both its bright treasures and its all too many images of a tyrannical and abusive God, and strive to come to terms with the God presented by the life and teaching of Jesus of Nazareth.