

LENT CONVERSATIONS

2024

Faith, Creation and Climate change



*From Churches Together in
Cotham, Redland and Clifton with
Hotwells.*

22nd February—Dr Ruth Valerio—Climate Justice and the Church, a global perspective

Ruth will start our talks with knowledge and understanding through Tearfund's worldwide work and her long experience. Global Advocacy and Influencing Director at Tearfund, Ruth is an environmentalist, theologian and social activist. Ruth holds a doctorate from King's College London and honorary doctorates from the Universities of Winchester and Chichester. She is Canon Theologian at Rochester Cathedral and her home church is part of the 24/7 Prayer Network. She enjoys living sustainably - practising what she preaches and inspiring others as she does so - in the South of England with her family.

Venue: Christ Church, Clifton

BS8 3ED

27th February—Mary Colwell Curlews, Conservation and Faith

A personal take on faith and the environment from a former BBC TV producer. Mary Colwell is an award-winning author, producer and campaigner for nature. Mary Colwell is an award-winning author,

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producer and campaigner for nature. She has written four books, including *The Gathering Place*, an account of a 500-mile pilgrimage, which has been shortlisted for the Edward Stanford Best Travel Writing for 2024. Mary successfully spearheaded the establishment of a GCSE in Natural History. In 2019, Mary set up the charity Curlew Action and in March 2021 she was appointed Chair of the Curlew Recovery Partnership England. She has four major conservation awards, including the RSPB Medal.

Venue: Clifton Cathedral BS8 3BX

**5th March-
Revd Dr Dave Gregory
'Now My Eyes Have Seen You'
— Seeing God in Creation**

Exploring the science of the environment and climate crisis through the lens of Christian Faith.

Dave's theme as Baptist Union President 2018-2019 was "Divine Windows – Glimpses of God in Life, the Universe and Everything". Since 2022 he is Baptist Missioner in Science and the Environment, after a career in both science and church ministry. Dave studied Physics and Astrophysics at Leicester University and gained a Doctorate in Atmospheric Physics at Imperial College, London in 1986. He worked for 15 years at the Met Office and European Weather Centre. David has an active interest in the interface of science and faith and climate change in the wider Christian Community.

**Venue: Tyndale Baptist Church
BS8 2QG**

*Join us at 7pm for 7.30pm
start—for all talks
(- Zoom details to follow)*

***Keep reading—4th talk
overleaf***

***PLUS
Our Spring Environmental
Fair***

11th March—

Revd Dr Al Barrett

'Ensoiled spirituality': living out an earthed faith

An exploration of Creation Spirituality. Revd Dr Al Barrett has been the lead Anglican minister of Hodge Hill Church, a URC-CofE local ecumenical partnership in east Birmingham, since 2010. He has been involved in long-term journeys of intergenerational community-building with neighbours and pursuing racial and environmental justice within and beyond the local church community. He is co-author, with Ruth Harley, of *Being Interrupted: Re-imagining the Church's Mission from the Outside, In* (SCM, 2020) and co-editor with Anthony Reddie and Jill Marsh of a forthcoming volume on *Critical White Theology*. Al is engaged in ongoing theological explorations (in writing and elsewhere) in the intersecting fields of gender, race and ecology.

Venue: Cotham Parish Church, BS6 6DR

Please join us at 7pm with refreshments, for 7.30pm start.

(Details of how to join some of the talks online via Zoom to follow)

Churches Together in Cotham Redland and Clifton with Hotwells bring you a series of talks based on our Environmental and climate crisis in the context of our Christian Faith.

PLUS:

A Spring

Environmental Fair—

23rd March 2024, at Alma Church, Clifton

11am to 3.30pm

An opportunity for young and old, families and all:

- * many stalls,**
- * Performances, workshops,**
- * games,**
- * learning and sharing**
- * pop-up café**

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