

Holy Trinity & St Peter South Wimbledon

Green Faith

LENT 2009 Wednesday evening lectures at Holy Trinity South Wimbledon

8.00pm – tea/coffee available from 7.30pm

£10 (£8concs) for entire series or £3/lecture

Booking & Cheques payable to Holy Trinity & ST Peter PCC c/o Parish Office.

4 March. Matthew Reed. Climate change: poverty made permanent?

The reasons why people live in poverty and social injustice are now well understood. What is now becoming equally apparent is that climate change is the single biggest threat to poverty eradication. Matthew will lay out why climate change is primarily a justice issue, and why addressing it is both realistic and critical in the struggle against poverty.

Matthew Reed is a director for Christian Aid. He is responsible for Christian Aid's voluntary income, the care of supporters, and the relationship with the 41 Christian denominations that sponsor Christian Aid. Matthew was ordained in 1993 and served as a curate in Merseyside and a vicar in Buckinghamshire. He has a degree in theology from Oxford, degrees in engineering and management, and a master's degree in management.

11 March. Nick Robins. - When we were still far off: climate change, faith and action

Nick Robins is head of HSBC's Climate Change Centre of Excellence and is also author of Sustainable Investing: the art of long-term performance. He lives in West Wimbledon and helped set up the Christ Church Eco-Congregation group.

18 March. John Bell. The Love of God and Global Warming

JOHN L BELL... a member of the Iona Community and a native of Kilmarnock, who lives in Glasgow where he studied Arts and Theology. After spells of voluntary work in London and Amsterdam, and engagements in student politics, he was ordained by the Church of Scotland. For ten years he worked in youth ministry with his colleague, Graham Maule, before transferring to concentrate on music and worship. He lectures, preaches and conducts seminars across the denominations in Europe, North America, Australasia, and more recently, in Southern Africa. He is a hymn writer, author and occasional broadcaster on national radio and television, but retains a primary passion for congregational song. He and the work he shares with his colleagues has been honoured by the Royal School of Church Music, the Hymn Society in the US & Canada, and the University of Glasgow, the first and second of which bestowed on him the status of Fellowship, the third a Doctorate.

25 March. Ellen Teague. Becoming a Green Christian

Ellen Teague is a London-based freelance Catholic journalist who writes and campaigns on Justice, Peace and Ecology issues. She is a member of the Faith and Justice Team of the Columban Missionary Society in Britain and edits their newsletter, Vocation for Justice. She also writes regularly for The Tablet, Messenger of St. Anthony International Edition and Redemptorist Publications. She collaborates closely with organisations involved in the National Justice and Peace Network and with Christian environmental organisations such as Christian Ecology Link and Eco-Congregation.

She has recently produced two booklets: Paint The Church Green - a study guide for groups on faith and environment and Becoming A Green Christian, for individuals. Ellen will base her talk on the issues raised in these study guides.

1 April. Professor Simon Owens. Stewarding the earth-why bother?

Professor Simon Owens is Head of Strategic Projects at Kew Gardens. By training he is a geneticist and reproductive biologist and has worked in a laboratory environment. However, for nearly 12 years he was the Keeper (Head) of the Herbarium at Kew, a major plant collection with 7 million specimens and some 200 staff, students, honorary researchers and international visitors. His current post is focussed on delivering Kew's breathing planet programme and, in particular, supporting the next phase of the Millennium Seed Bank project.

Using examples from Kew's work, his talk will focus on why science and conservation are important today and why we still need to improve our stewardship of the Earth