



**The St Mary's Centre Annual Symposium  
in  
Practical Theology and Religious Education**

**in association with**



*Warwick Religions & Education Research Unit*



**21 – 23 October 2014  
Noddfa, Penmaenmawr, LL34 6YF**

**Public Lectures:**

**Tuesday, 21 October 2014, 8.00pm**  
**The Revd Professor Jeff Astley**  
*Christianity in cliché: Too ordinary a theology?*

**and**

**Wednesday, 22 October 2014, 8.00pm**  
**Professor John Harper**  
*Music and being Church*

## TUESDAY, 21 OCTOBER

### 12.30 Lunch

### 2.00 Welcome

### 2.30 Collegial Session 1

Room 1: Paul Rolph, Jenny Rolph, John Cole and Albert Jewell (1 hour)  
*Valuing the faith stories, gifts and needs of older church-goers*  
(Chair: Christopher Rutledge)

Room 2: Gill Hall (1 hour)  
*Sensing, intuitive, thinking and feeling types' interest in Celtic Christianity:  
Empirical findings*  
(Chair: John Lloyd)

### 3.45 Tea

### 4.15 Collegial Session 2

Room 1: Henry Ratter (1 hour)  
*The relevance and value of the Glowinkowski Predisposition Indicator  
(GPI) for modelling church growth: A study in Chester Diocese*  
(Chair: Duncan Strathie)

Room 2: Randolph Ellis (1 hour)  
*Formational possibilities: Life and death within a group*  
(Chair: Jeff Astley)

### 5.30 Collegial Session 3

Room 1: Paul Thompson (30 min)  
*Alien worshippers*

Room 1: Owen Edwards (30 min)  
*Young people and the experience of Christmas: Knowing about the bible*  
(Chair: David Lankshear)

Room 2: Nicholas Thanissaro (30 min)  
*Buddhist mystics and proper Buddhists*

Room 2: William Kay (30 min)  
*Future research on personality type: An outline of ideas*  
(Chair: Christine Brewster)

### 6.30 Dinner

### 8.00 Public Lecture 1

Room 1: The Revd Professor Jeff Astley  
*Christianity in cliché: Too ordinary a theology?*  
(Chair: The Rt Revd Dr David Walker)

## WEDNESDAY, 22 OCTOBER

**8.00 Eucharist**

**8.30 Breakfast**

**9.30 Plenary 1**

Room 1: David Walker (1 hour)

*Unsettling the Guardian: Quest religiosity and psychological type among Anglican churchgoers.*

(Chair: Leslie J Francis)

**10.30 Coffee**

**11.15 Collegial Session 4**

Room 1: Paul Rolph, Jenny Rolph and Douglas Turton (1 hour)

*Learning to live in the real world: Towards an understanding of resilience and its relationship with faith*

(Chair: Kelvin Randall)

Room 2: Kathy Hampson (1 hour)

*Emotional intelligence and young people who have offended*

(Chair: Neville Emslie)

**12.30 Lunch**

**2.00 Collegial Session 5**

Room 1: Ann Casson (1 hour)

*A variety of ways to express a sense of belonging to the Catholic faith: New evangelisation and non-church going Catholic parents in England and Wales*

(Chair: Paul Thompson)

Room 2: Kelvin Randall (1 hour)

*Twenty years on: The continuing careers of Anglican clergy*

(Chair: Robin Rees)

**3.00 Collegial Session 6**

Room 1: Giuseppe Crea (30 min)

*Religious attitude and attachment styles with parents and peers among Italian adolescents*

Room 1: Neville Emslie (30 min)

*Reflections on interviews of Archdeacons on Emotional Intelligence*

(Chair: Ann Casson)

Room 2: Tim Higgins (30 min)

*Beyond heritage: 'What did you go out to the wilderness to see?'*

Room 2: Steve Glowinkowski (30 min)

*Behaviour change for team/individual effectiveness*

(Chair: Sylvia Baker)

**WEDNESDAY, 22 OCTOBER (contd)**

**4.00 Tea**

**4.30 Plenary 2**

Room 1: Leslie J Francis (1 hour)

*Are church schools equipping young people for life in religiously plural societies?*

(Chair: Jeff Astley)

**6.30 Dinner**

**8.00 Public Lecture 2**

Room 1: Professor John Harper (1 hour)

*Music and being Church*

(Chair: The Revd Canon Professor Leslie J Francis)

## THURSDAY, 23 OCTOBER

**8.00 Eucharist**

**8.30 Breakfast**

**9.30 Collegial Session 7**

Room 1: David Knight (1 hour)

*What constitutes a good death?*

(Chair: Paul Thompson)

Room 2: David Lankshear (1 hour)

*Growing old in the church: A study of those who are over seventy and attend Anglican churches in the Diocese of Southwark*

(Chair: Nicholas Thanissaro)

**10.30 Coffee**

**11.00 Collegial Session 8**

Room 1: Albert Jewell, John Cole, Paul Rolph and Jenny Rolph (30 min)

*The faith of those caring for loved ones with dementia*

(Chair: David Knight)

Room 2: Sarah Lawrence (30 min)

*Baptism or christening?*

(Chair: Clare Slattery)

**11.45 Conclusion and evaluation (Room 1)**

**12.30 Lunch**

## DELEGATES

Tania ap Sion	Steve Glowinkowski	Kelvin Randall
Tomos ap Sion	Gill Hall	Henry Ratter
Jeff Astley	Kathy Hampson	Robin Rees
Edward Bailey	John Harper	Jenny Rolph
Sylvia Baker	Tim Higgins	Paul Rolph
Christine Brewster	Penny Jennings	Christopher Rutledge
Ann Casson	Albert Jewell	Clare Slattery
John Cole	William Kay	Duncan Strathie
Giuseppe Crea	David Knight	Paul Thompson
Owen Edwards	David Lankshear	Nicholas Thanissaro
Randolph Ellis	Sarah Lawrence	Douglas Turton
Neville Emslie	John Lloyd	David Walker
Leslie J Francis		



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## **Christianity in cliché: Too ordinary a theology?**

*A public lecture by*

*The Revd Professor Jeff Astley*

**8.00pm, Tuesday, 21 October 2014  
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Jeff Astley was Director of the North of England Institute for Christian Education from 1981 to 2013. He previously worked in parish ministry, university chaplaincy and higher education. He has recently been appointed to a part-time post as Professor of Religious and Spiritual Experience at Glyndwr University. He is also Honorary Professor in the Department of Theology and Religion and Professorial Fellow of St Chad's College, Durham University, and a Visiting Professor at York St John University. Jeff is the author or editor of over thirty-five books on Christian education, practical theology or religious faith.

*Christianity in cliché: Too ordinary a theology?* Clichés are, of course, very common, in the sense of widespread. They are also often thought to be common in the sense of being vulgar and to be disparaged - as unthinking, over-repeated, ineffective and therefore worthless language. But, like much that is ordinary, they deserve more respect; not least when they are used in talking about life, experience and God. I shall attempt in this paper to defend the ordinary wisdom and theological depth of these figures of ordinary speech.



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## **Music and being Church**

*A public lecture by*

*Professor John Harper*

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John Harper is Honorary Professor in Liturgy and Music at the University of Birmingham, Emeritus Professor at Bangor University and Emeritus Director of The Royal School of Church Music. During recent years he has led a Centre for Sacred Music Studies (first based at Bangor University, but now continuing more informally), and a major research project exploring the experience of worship within the Religion and Society research programme.

*Music and being Church.* In 2013 the Faith and Order Commission of the World Council of Churches published the consultation document, *The Church: Towards a common vision*, inviting responses by late 2015. This paper seeks to explore aspects *koinonia* (communion or fellowship) as a key facet of any common vision of church. Drawing on work undertaken within Sacred Music Studies and insights gained in the Experience of Worship project, this lecture explores ways in which aspects of music and musical practice might offer stories and insights that might enable 'being Church' to be better understood at a variety of levels – local, institutional, and inter-denominational – and so contribute to reflection on and response to the World Council of Churches consultation.