



PROGRAMME

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

18-20 September 2018
Noddfa, Penmaenmawr, LL34 6YF

Public Lectures:

Tuesday, 18 September 2018, 8.00pm

Professor John Lloyd

The everyday mystery of answered prayer

and

Wednesday, 19 September 2018, 8.00pm

The Revd Canon Professor Leslie J Francis

Resilience, pathologies and wellbeing in ministry

TUESDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER 2018

12.30 Lunch

2.00 Welcome and Introduction to the Research Community

2.30 Session 1

Tania ap Siôn
Insights from a prayer board within a Christian Ethos school
(Chair: Christine Brewster)

3.45 Tea

4.15 Session 2

David Lankshear
Shared Human Experiences, Grandparents, Stories and a dog called Cumberland
(Chair: David Freeman)

5.30 Session 3

Patrick Laycock
A statistical commentary on distinguishing Agnosticism from Atheism in young people
(Chair: Steve Glowinkowski)

6.30 Dinner

8.00 Public Lecture 1

Professor John Lloyd
The everyday mystery of answered prayer
(Chair: The Revd Canon Professor Leslie J Francis)

WEDNESDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER 2018

8.15 Breakfast

9.30 Session 4

Jacqui Wilkinson
Attitudes towards Christianity and Spiritual wellbeing
(Chair: Sylvia Baker)

10.45 Coffee

11.30 Eucharist (chapel)

12.30 Lunch

2.00 Session 5

Steve Glowinkowski, Henry Ratter, Gary Winter
Theory, research, application: Building servant leadership skills
(Chair: Giuseppe Crea)

3.15 Session 6

Steve Glowinkowski and Henry Ratter
Operationalising the servant leadership roles
(Chair: Giuseppe Crea)

3.45 Tea

4.15 Session 7

Neville Emslie
The gospel of empathy according to archdeacons
(Chair: Christopher Rutledge)

5.30 Session 8

Giuseppe Crea
Personality, emotional intelligence and burnout among Catholic priests and nuns: An empirical investigation in Italy
(Chair: Clare Slattery)

WEDNESDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER 2018 (contd)

6.45 Dinner

8.00 Public Lecture 2

The Revd Professor Canon Leslie J Francis
Resilience, pathologies and wellbeing in ministry
(Chair: The Revd Dr Tania ap Siôn)

THURSDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER 2018

8.15 Breakfast

9.30 Session 9

Randolph Ellis

“It is not my perception of the tent that shelters the carnival from injury in the storm”: Attempting to overcome “the staleness of the philosophy of human access”

(Chair: Neville Emslie)

10.30 Coffee

11.00 Conclusion and Evaluation

11.30 Eucharist (chapel)

12.30 Lunch

DELEGATES

Tania ap Siôn	David Lankshear
Sylvia Baker	Patrick Laycock
Christine Brewster	John Lloyd
Giuseppe Crea	Ursula McKenna
Randolph Ellis	Stella Mills
Neville Emslie	Henry Ratter
Leslie J Francis	Robin Rees
David Freeman	Christopher Rutledge
Steve Glowinkowski	Clare Slattery
John Harper	Jacqui Wilkinson
Penny Jennings	Gary Winter

Note:

All sessions will be held in the large room next to the entrance hall.



The everyday mystery of answered prayer

A public lecture by

Professor John Lloyd

**8.00pm, Tuesday 18 September 2018
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Petitionary prayer is a foundational and ubiquitous part of practical theology. Although such prayer can be immature or selfish, it is also a key component of mature discipleship. Moreover, those who pray in faith frequently experience what they can only interpret as direct and sometimes astonishing answers to their prayers.

Theologians, philosophers and scientists struggle with issues concerning God's interaction with the physical world. The regularity of natural processes, which makes them (so helpfully) predictable and accessible to scientific enquiry, is often understood as God having given the creation a real autonomy. If this is so, is it possible for God also to intervene specifically, either unprompted or in response to prayer? Some say no: any apparent efficacy of prayer can only be an effect on the one who prays. Others find this explanation inadequate and contrary to their experience.

These questions will be considered in the light of the undeniable ability of human beings to change the course of events in the natural world.

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Resilience, pathologies and wellbeing

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This presentation reports and reflects on a new survey conducted among ministers serving in the Church of Scotland. A response rate of just over 50% produced 505 completed surveys including measures of Psychological Type, Burnout, the Dark Triad of Pathologies, the Bright Trinity of positive affect, a Role Inventory and contextual data.