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FUTURE CHURCH

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**Saturday 8th May 2021
10:30am to 4:00pm**

Join us online for a series of talks looking
at the future shape of the church in the UK

Due to ongoing COVID-19 restrictions the
event will now be held online only.

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Programme

10.30 'Re-Wilding the Church Eco-System'

- Rev Dr Dave Gregory

Dave is the team leader of Croxley Green Baptist Church and served as Baptist Union President in 2018-19. Before he was called as a minister he worked in research at the Met Office and European Weather Centre for 15 years, specialising in how clouds affect weather forecasting and climate prediction.

11:15 Coffee break

11:30 'Shaping the Future Church' - Rev Dr Mark Collinson

Mark is the Director of Ministry for the Winchester Diocese School of Mission. He spent nearly 14 years in the Netherlands developing a vision for new Anglican church plants. From 2015 to 2020 he was Canon Principal of the School of Mission and residentiary canon of Winchester Cathedral. He has recently completed his PhD in Anglican Ecclesiology and Missiology.

12:15 Lunch Break

13:00 'Musical Worship and Lockdown' - Dr Alan Kerry

Alan is worship coordinator at Croxley Green Baptist Church and administrator of Faith & Thought. He has spent the last year producing a significant amount of digital content during the COVID-19 Lockdowns and has conducted a short observational survey looking at how other churches have responded to this challenge. Will our future church services be changed forever by what we have learned in going online?

13:45 Tea Break

14:00 'Shifting Convictions: Women's Equality and views from below'

- Rev. Gale Richards

Gale is the minister of Zion Baptist Church, and an associate chaplain at Anglia Ruskin University. She is author of the Text and Story, Prophets for their time and ours Bible study resource (2014). She was also a member of the editorial team, and a contributor to two books, Journeying to Justice – Contributions to the Baptist tradition across the Black Atlantic (2017); and Gathering up the Crumbs - a collection of original worship material to mark the centenary of Baptist women's ordination (2020).

15:00 Open Forum and Discussion followed by AGM

An open forum for discussion will be held online via Zoom—login details will be sent in advance of the meeting, if you wish to join us please email admin@faithandthought.org The AGM will follow

- Approval of Officers—including appointment of Rev Dr Sally Nelson as Council member and trustee.
- Annual accounts
- Plans for Symposium 2022

Papers from earlier symposia:

Homosexuality (2014)

Dealing with Conflict (2015)

What survives death? (2016)

Is God Violent? (2017)

A History of the Victoria Institute (Lecture 2018)

Is the Bible 'Fake News'? - Evidence from Archaeology (2019)

The Christian Approach to Catastrophe (2020)

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