



Churches Together in Lancashire with the Lancashire Theological Society
Invite you to take part in an **Ecumenical Convention**
Monday June 20th – Friday June 24 at 7pm
& Saturday June 25th 10.00am-2.00pm
Venue: Cardinal Newman College Preston

Each evening will be hosted by a leader from one of the Christian denominations in Lancashire and joined by a prominent speaker to explore:

When the common good becomes the common harm

Professor David Cook 20th and 22nd

Oxford University & the University of Chicago.
and Radio 4's Moral Maze
Ethics and Environmentalism –

Dr Claire Foster-Gilbert Tuesday 21st

Faith and Fanaticism – Evangelist or Extremist?

Dr Philip Lewis – Thursday 23rd

Is Christianity Dying in the West?

Dr Elaine Storkey – Friday 24th

An invited panel will respond to the key speaker and engage with the audience in open debate and question time

Saturday will be a day of workshops and practical activities based around each of the topics examined in the week in addition to a discussion about the Management & Leadership of Church as an organisation

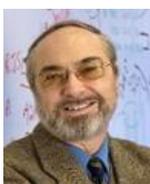
The day will close with a gathering of the denominations across the County.

For details visit www.ctlancashire.org.uk and go to Ecumenical convention

This week of events is aimed at all those with an interest and concern for the ethical engagement of church and faiths in the community.

Ideal for students engaging with school or college based Philosophy and Ethics
Essential for Christians seeking to put faith in contemporary context

There will be 100 places per evening and 200 places on the Saturday
To register an interest email: admin@ctlancashire.org.uk





Claire Foster Gilbert

After reading theology at Balliol College, Oxford, Claire developed expertise in medical ethics as a Research Fellow at King's College, London. She published *The Manual for Research Ethics Committees* (KCL, 1995, republished each year) and later *The Ethics of Medical Research on Humans* (CUP 2001) and became a national expert in research ethics committees, developing and teaching an intellectual framework for the ethical scrutiny of medical research and working with the Department of Health to create a comprehensive network of ethics committees across the UK. Claire then moved to work for the Archbishops' Council of the Church of England as policy adviser in medical ethics and also environmental issues.

She led the efforts to shift the Church's thinking on environmental issues, offering a sound theological basis and practical guidance to change minds and hearts across the country. She published *Sharing God's Planet* (CHP 2005); *How many lightbulbs does it take to change a Christian* (CHP 2007), and; *Don't stop at the lights* (CHP 2008). During that time Claire became a lay Canon at St Paul's Cathedral and in 2003 co-founded St Paul's Institute, where she co-edited a book of Rowan Williams' dialogues on global issues *The Worlds We Live In* (DLT 2005). In 2008 she left the Archbishops' Council to found a charity, The Ethics Academy, and published *Hero's Journal* (The Ethics Academy, 2009), a programme teaching moral strength and courage to young people and adults through the story of the 'hero's journey'. The programme was offered in schools of every kind, to NEETs, street homeless people, asylum seekers and victims of torture. Claire combined the charity work with being Development Director at St Martin-in-the-Fields until she came to Westminster Abbey as founder director of its Institute in 2012.

Claire has been a member or chair of numerous public and advisory bodies, including the Royal Society's Science in Society Committee, the 10 Downing St coalition on climate change, the Sustainable Development Education Panel of the Department for Education and DEFRA, Central Oxford Research Ethics Committee, the Banking Code Standards Board and the Royal College of Paediatrics Ethics Committee. She is currently member of the British Medical Association's Medical Ethics Committee, Unilever's Central Research Ethics Advisory Committee and the McDonald Centre for public theology and ethics, Christ Church, Oxford.





Dr Philip Lewis the Inter-Faith Adviser to the Bishop of Bradford and a specialist on Christian-Muslim relations Philip Lewis sits on a number of regional, national and international committees: National Christian Muslim Forum, Churches Regional Commission, the national ecumenical body - Churches Commission on Inter-faith Relations, and the European Churches' 'Islam in Europe' committee. He is also a member of the Commission on British Muslims and Islamophobia and lectures within the Department of Peace Studies at the University of Bradford.

He is well regarded for his academic work, giving many papers both here and abroad on Christian Muslim relations and the role of Muslims in civic and public society. Philip has recently published a new book 'Young, British and Muslim'.

Elaine Storkey has authored several books including *What's Right With Feminism* and *Mary's Story, Mary's Song*. She began broadcasting with the BBC in 1986 and has since been involved in many documentaries, arts, news and current affairs programmes. She has been a presenter on Radio 4's Thought for the Today for over 20 years and has written many scripts for the BBC World Service. She has also been a member of the General Synod of the Church of England since 1987, serving on the Archbishops Rural Commission and the Cathedrals Commission. For many years she wrote for *The Independent* and now regularly writes for the Swedish newspaper *Dagen*, and for the *Church Times*. During the 1990s she collaborated with Catholic author and theologian Margaret Hebblethwaite and they co-authored a book exploring Christian feminism from two different traditions. Their writings on women are widely used within the Catholic as well as protestant churches.

After many years teaching and writing with the Open University, and presenting radio and television documentaries on gender, race and ethnicity, Elaine Storkey became the Director of the London Institute for Contemporary Christianity in 1991, a post she held until 1999. She also taught with King's College London. In 1997 Elaine Storkey became President of Tearfund, a Christian relief and development charity, and was been involved in monitoring aid, relief and advocacy work in countries of the Global South until she stepped down in 2013. In 2010 she and her husband, Alan, became founder members of Restored, an organisation committed to advocating against violence to women.

She has served on many other boards and councils, including the Crown Nominations Commission, the environmental agency A Rocha, the global advocacy group, Micah Challenge, and as Vice President of the University of Gloucestershire. She is currently Chair of Fulcrum, the Church of England think-tank. Her book *Created or Constructed* grew out of lectures given at the University of New South Wales in Australia. From 2003 to 2007, Storkey was a Senior Research Fellow at Wycliffe Hall, Oxford. She became a member of High Table at Newnham College, Cambridge in January 2008 and in February 2009 she was appointed as Director of Education and Training for the Church of England's Church Army. In the summer of 2009 she held a Cambridge Templeton Fellowship in Journalism and in 2010 she became Chair of The Church and Media network.





David Cook is Holmes Professor of Faith and Learning, [Wheaton College](#); Fellow, [Green College, Oxford](#); and Professor of Christian Ethics, [Southern Seminary, Louisville](#).

Professor Cook was educated at [Edinburgh](#) and [Arizona State](#) Universities in philosophy and taught in Nottingham at [St. John's Theological College](#) and the [University](#), then in 1979 moved to Oxford to Westminster and [Regent's Park Colleges](#). He was elected to a fellowship at Green College where he served as Chaplain and was the founding Director of the Whitefield Institute. His teaching ranged from Medical Ethics to Philosophy of Religion and Christian Ethics. His writing includes 'The Moral Maze', 'Question Time', 'Blind Alley Beliefs' and 'Not Just Science'. He was a member of the [Radio Four Moral Maze](#) team and a regular on Thought for the Day, Pause for Thought and the Daily Service. He had his own radio and television series, advised on a BBCI TV drama series and was regularly interviewed on medical and ethical issues. A former member of the BMA Medical Ethics Committee and the Archbishops' Medical Ethics Advisory Committee, he remains a member of the [United Kingdom Xenotransplantation Interim Regulatory Authority](#) and has given advice to Select Committees of the Commons and Lords. He was awarded an honorary doctorate by [Gordon College, Mass](#).

Currently David has completed a book on Contraception and is working on 'Through the Moral Maze', a new book looking at looking at fertility, genetics, sexuality, environment and war and peace. He is also working on books on the ethics of Palliative Care and one on the Beginning of Life.

With Dot Chappell he edited and contributed to 'Not Just Science' which draws from a wide range of the sciences and examines how Christianity influences and affects scientific work. He is interested in neuroethics, genetic engineering, xenotransplantation and robotics as well as medical ethical issues.

