## New project launch!



# **Why Science and Faith Work Together**

## Wednesday 16 February 2022 | 12.30-14.00 | Second City Suite, 9th floor, Quayside Tower, Birmingham

Join other church leaders for this special **launch** of the 'Science and Faith in the Second City' project - a series of Christian apologetics talks for Birmingham in 2022. A buffet lunch will be provided.

The project is designed to equip the church in its evangelism and discipleship by showing how science and the Christian faith work well together.



Project co-director Steve Bavington
will introduce the project and
Revd Professor David Wilkinson
will speak on 'Why Science and Faith
Work Together'.

**Revd Professor David Wilkinson** 

David Wilkinson is Principal of St Johns College, University of Durham. Before working in Durham as a theologian, he was a scientist and then a Methodist minister in inner city Liverpool. His background is research in theoretical astrophysics, with a PhD in the study of star formation. He has researched and published on the chemical evolution of galaxies and terrestrial mass extinctions such as the event which wiped out the dinosaurs. His current work involves the relationship between Christian theology and contemporary culture, from science to pop culture. His recent books include *God, Stephen Hawking and the multiverse*, and *When I pray, what does God do?* 

#### Our event series

Many people are of the view that science has 'killed' God, so making the Christian faith irrelevant. This event series will address many of the questions which emerge from this view and show, how science and the Christian faith are not only compatible but, that the Christian faith has important insights into contemporary scientific and cultural issues.

The Science and Faith project is administered by ChaplaincyPlus and the 'IS FAITH REASONABLE?' partnership. The aim is to enable Birmingham-based churches and Christian organisations to be part of a series of 6 public events bringing leading scientific speakers to the second city. Topic discussions will include climate change, mental health, genetic engineering, and human identity with speakers such as Professor John Lennox and Dr Sharon Dirckx.

### Dates for your diary:

**Tues 26 April –** Can science explain everything? ~ Prof John Lennox (University of Oxford)

Tues 24 May – Why climate change matters. ~ Dr Ruth Valerio (Tearfund)

**Wed 15 June –** Who am I? Am I just my brain? ~ Dr Sharon Dirckx (Oxford Centre for Christian Apologetics)

**Tues 20 September –** My mental health and spirituality. ~ Rev Prof John Swinton (University of Aberdeen)

Wed 12 October - Making sense of our identity in the 21st century world.

~ Prof Glynn Harrison (University of Bristol)

Wed 16 November - Do scientists have the right to change our genes?

~ Prof. Keith Fox (University of Southampton)

#### Keep an eye on the ChaplaincyPlus website for more details.