

PROGRAMME

Thursday 1st June

12.00	Arrival and Registration	St George's House
12.45	Lunch	Dining Room
14.00	Welcome and Introductions – Professor Chris Baker and Barbara Ridpath	Vicars' Hall
14.15	Session One: Economy and Business – Jayne-Anne Gadhia	Vicars' Hall
14.30	Plenary discussion One	Vicars' Hall
15.30	Tea/ Coffee	Vicars' Hall
15.45	Session Two: Media/Policy – Rosie Dawson & Professor Tariq Modood	Vicars' Hall
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What role, if any, should the state play in multiculturalising our national identity?• Is an 'established' church incompatible with multiculturalism?• Would extending multicultural recognition to 3m new Euro-Britons threaten the work of de-emphasising whiteness in our understanding of a multicultural Britishness?	
16.15	Plenary discussion Two	Vicars' Hall
17.00	Evening Prayer	St George's Chapel
18.00	Session Three: Theology/Philosophy – Professor Elaine Graham	Vicars' Hall
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Is it possible to think of common values at the root of public life?• Can religious traditions inform values	

in public life in a plural society?

- Is it possible to envisage spaces of shared discourse in which ideas of the common good can be debated?
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18.15	Plenary discussion three	Vicars' Hall
19.15	Close	Vicars' Hall
19.30	Dinner	Dining Room
20.45	Session Four: Environment/Grassroots communities – Revd Dr John Reader and Shahin Ashraf MBE	Vicars' Hall

- Is it possible that concern for the environment/our relationship with "nature" could form the basis for a neutral faith-based entry into political debates so not identified with any one political party as such? Therefore be a unifying factor?
- Given that environmental campaigning groups now steer away from the "we are heading for disaster" language which turns people off and tends instead towards a focus on enjoyment and celebration – what I would call an appeal to the emotional or pre-rational – and that politicians now use the same tactic through direct and simple messages, what are the ambiguities of such an approach and do faith groups collude with this or challenge it?
- What are the "assets" or opportunities that faith groups possess which might help to promote the environmental debate – e.g. spaces, buildings, liturgy, schools, a

different language through which to articulate relationships between the human and the non-human?

21.15	Plenary discussion four	Vicars' Hall
22.00	Chapel Tour	St George's Chapel

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Friday 2nd June

08.00	Breakfast	Dining Room
09.00	Session Five: British History/ Religion – Professor John Wolffe	Vicars' Hall
09.15	Plenary discussion five	Vicars' Hall
10.15	Tea/Coffee	Vicars' Hall
10.30	Session Six: Education – Dr Mark Chater	Vicars' Hall

- What sort of nation could we be? Do we as a nation still believe in free universal compulsory education? Can we agree how, and at what pace, to reform it? Can we think seriously about levels of trust in public education? A nation that engages in a public conversation about the education it wants and the literacies it looks for.
- What values and beliefs sustain your vision? How do our communities, and faiths, value learning? How is this manifested?

What are the 'palaces' of knowledge
and civilisation that we can agree to
build?

10.45	Plenary discussion six	Vicars' Hall
11.45	Comfort Break	
11.55	Final Session: Next Steps	Vicars' Hall
12.45	Lunch	Dining Room