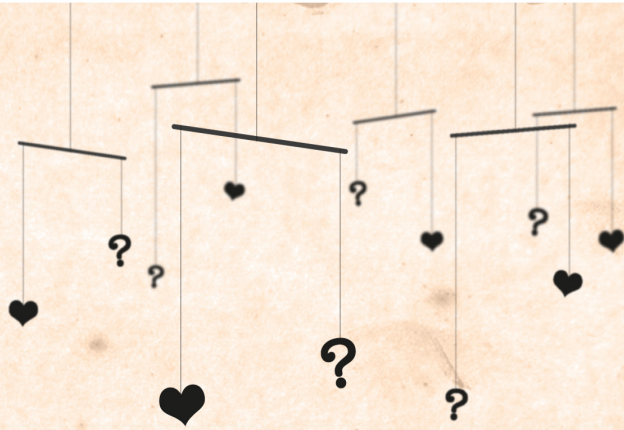
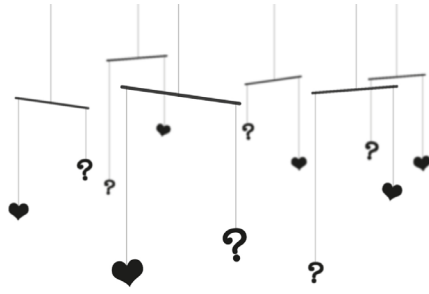


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## **BAPTISTS AND THE MISSION OF GOD**

**TUESDAY 30 AUGUST – FRIDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 2011**



# HEARTS & MINDS

BAPTISTS DOING THEOLOGY IN CONTEXT



Welcome to Hearts and Minds. Thank you very much indeed for being here for what promises to be a very worthwhile and engaging few days. The Conference is intended to provide opportunities for reflection, stimulating conversation, and the sharing of new ideas in a friendly and supportive atmosphere. It is organized with Baptist Christians in mind but we are open to insights from those from other traditions. There is a major theme, Baptists and the Mission of God, and we are looking forward to a range of contributions on that issue. However, a glance at the seminar programme will tell you that contributions have been offered and accepted on a broad range of other issues too. The organizing committee is particularly grateful to Cathy Ross and to Stephen Holmes for agreeing to be our keynote speakers. In addition, we would like to thank the staff of Regent's Park College who are our hosts for the occasion. Finally, we are delighted that the conference is sponsored by and represents the partnership between BMS World Mission, the Baptist Union of Great Britain and six of the Baptist Colleges.

*Stephen Finamore*  
Convenor, Organizing Group



Today's world is complex - we all know that. Society is simultaneously secular and spiritual. People have a surfeit of virtual friends but the reality for so many is loneliness and self-doubt. We have more information than we know what to do with but information alone doesn't make the world a better place. The age-old problems of war and peace, hatred and love, excess and poverty scar our common humanity. And through it all, God is denied, ignored or blamed.

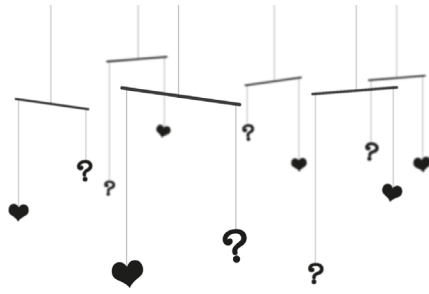
For these reasons and a thousand more, exploring theology is not a luxury. Theology is the beating heart of a faithful community. And nothing catches this better than the theme of the mission of God. Through this 'Hearts and Minds' partnership with BUGB and our Colleges, I believe we can create a theological environment that will be inspirational, insightful and challenging. Make no mistake – the vibrancy of our life together, and our common witness in and to the world stands or falls on the vitality of our theology. Its as important as that."

*David Kerrigan*  
General Secretary, BMS World Mission



Pastors are often the 'resident theologian' for their congregation, articulating and guarding the faith, exploring how it addresses culture and is addressed by it. Finding time to reflect together is priceless, therefore, if Baptist ministers are to develop that theological task and exercise that ministry with imagination and understanding. A gathering of Baptists to engage in theological conversation is not self-indulgence, then, but an indispensable opportunity to reflect more deeply upon theology and culture, for the sake of the health of the church and its mission.

*Paul Goodliff*  
BUGB Sponsor



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I am looking forward to the Hearts & Minds Conference very much. There are two stimulating keynote speakers of course, but also the opportunity to hear work in progress from so many colleagues from so many different contexts, and all committed together to the theological task as and among Baptists. The different format of some sessions will enable us to use our theological imaginations more fruitfully – and of course, the sun will shine too. Well...

*Robert Ellis, Principal of Regent's Park College*



Intelligent and responsible theological awareness is one of the needs of the hour. Hearts and Minds intends to stimulate this and to help us become a denomination known for its generous, thoughtful and profoundly Christian witness to the faith.

*Nigel Wright, Principal of Spurgeon's College*



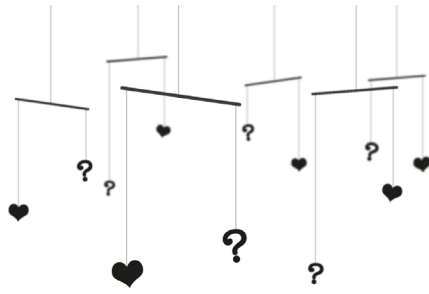
All our learning programmes at Northern encourage people across a whole range of ministries to reflect on experience in their own context and so in dialogue with the bible and tradition to do theology. That is what we are about this week. Of course, the keynote speakers give valuable input, but they are not the heart of this enterprise; rather it is the local minister (in the broadest sense) who takes this unique opportunity to share her or his even tentative and inchoate thoughts and reflections and discuss them with a supportive peer group, as together we try to make sense of what God is saying and doing in the local and global contexts. This is the common quest we undertake this week; it will engage our hearts and stretch our minds as we support one another, searching for God's voice which all from the 'least' to the 'greatest' may speak.

*Anne Phillips, Co-Principal of Northern Baptist College*



The constructive task of doing theology in a constantly changing world presents many challenges. The Hearts and Minds Conference helps us on our way by providing an opportunity to pause and experience the renewing of our minds.

*Peter Stevenson, Principal of South Wales Baptist College*



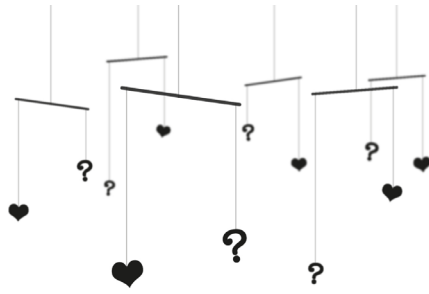
## EVENT PROGRAMME

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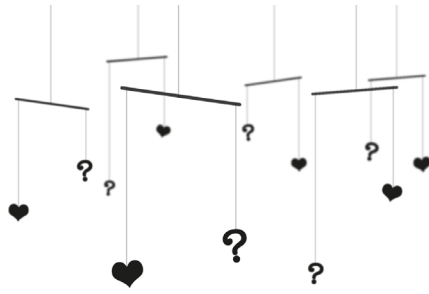
### Tuesday 30th August

10.45am	Arrive
1.00pm	Lunch
2.00pm	Welcome
2.15pm	<b>Plenary Session - Dr Stephen Holmes</b>
3.45pm	Tea
4.30pm	<b>Session 1</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ruth Moriarty <i>A Holy Huddle or House</i></li><li>• Margaret Gibbs <i>The Spirituality of Music</i></li><li>• Nigel Wright <i>Baptism into Union with Christ</i></li><li>• Steve Langford <i>Baptist Identity and Sacred Space</i></li></ul>
5.30pm	Free Time
6.00pm	Evening Meal
7.15pm	<b>Dr Rob Ellis</b> <i>Theological Reflection on Film (concluding in prayers)</i>



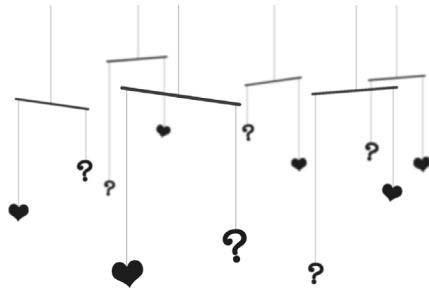
## Wednesday 31st August

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| 8.00am  | Prayers   |
| 8.15am  | Breakfast   |
| 9.00am  | <b>Plenary Session - Dr Cathy Ross</b>  |
| 10.30am | Coffee  |
| 11.15am | <b>Session 2</b>  |
|         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Jacky Storey<br/><i>Eastenders, Israelites and Us</i></li><li>• Peter Stevenson<br/><i>Where have all the Prophets Gone? Revisiting Prophetic Preaching</i></li><li>• Anne Phillips<br/><i>Daughters of God</i></li><li>• Simon, John and Helen<br/><i>Baptist Hermeneutics</i></li></ul> |
| 12.30pm | Lunch   |
| 2.00pm  | Free Time - Tour of C. S. Lewis' Oxford<br>Alternative - Trip to Ark T Centre with James Grote ( <i>to return at 6.00pm</i> )   |
| 3.45pm  | Tea   |
| 4.30pm  | <b>Session 3</b>  |
|         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sally Nelson<br/><i>Put the Past Behind Us</i></li><li>• Ed Kaneen<br/><i>That You May Believe: Reading John's Gospel as a Missionary Text Today</i></li><li>• Rob Ellis<br/><i>Theology and Sport</i></li></ul>  |
| 5.30pm  | Free Time   |
| 6.00pm  | Formal Dinner   |
| 8.30pm  | Prayers   |



**Thursday 1st September**

- 8.00am Prayers
- 8.15am Breakfast
- 9.00am **Plenary Session - Dr Stephen Holmes**
- 10.30am Coffee
- 11.15am **Session 4**
- Neil Draisey  
*Reflections on an Encounter with Cancer*
  - Andy Goodliff  
*Being Sent: Theological Reflections on the End of Worship*
  - Randall Brown  
*Conflict and the Cross: A Theological Reflection on the Northern Ireland Peace Process*
  - Paul Fiddes
- 12.30pm Lunch
- 2.00pm Free Time - Tour of Bodleian Library and Ashmolean Museum
- 4.30pm **Session 5**
- Clare McBeath & Tim Presswood  
*Real Life Worship*
  - Ruth Bottoms  
*Is Conversion Different for Women?*
  - David Gregory  
*God of Creation - Medea or Gaia?*
  - Tim Carter
- 6.00pm Dinner
- 7.15pm **Simon Woodman & Stephen Finamore**  
*Theological Reflection on Contemporary Music (Concluding in Prayers)*
- Paul Goodliff**  
*Theological Reflection on Art (Concluding in Prayers)*



**Friday 2nd September**

8.00am	Prayers
8.15am	Breakfast
9.00am	<b>Session 6</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Susan Stevenson <i>Story and Multiculturalism within the Contemporary Church</i></li><li>• Stephen Finamore <i>Veiled Presence: Spurgeon's Great Communion Hymn</i></li><li>• Rowena Wilding <i>The Inspired Word of God: Masculine Translation versus Feminist Hermeneutic</i></li><li>• Peter Colyer <i>The apologetic advantages of science</i></li></ul>
10.00am	Coffee
10.30am	<b>Plenary Session - Dr Cathy Ross</b>
12.00pm	Feedback
12.30pm	Prayers
1.00pm	Lunch
2.00pm	Depart



Stephen is Senior Lecturer in Theology at the University of St Andrews. His recent writings have included 'Samuel Taylor Coleridge' in *The Nineteenth Century Theologians* and 'The Dangers of Just Reading the Bible: Orthodoxy and Christology' in *Exploring Baptist Origins*. He also reflects on his thinking on his blog *Shored Fragments*.



Cathy is Director of Training and Senior Lecturer in Mission and World Christianity at the London School of Theology. Cathy and her family have worked in Rwanda, Congo and Uganda as mission partners with NZCMS. Her recent publications are *Women with a Mission: Rediscovering Missionary Wives in Early New Zealand* and *Mission in the 21st Century: Exploring the Five Marks of Global Mission*, co-edited with Andrew Walls. Her current research is looking at hospitality as a metaphor for mission.