

South East Methodist District (Western Area): Study Day

“Living and Worshipping Honestly in God’s World”



led by Revd Dr Philip Luscombe

Assistant Chair: South East District (Eastern Area)

Saturday 15th July 2017

10am – 4pm

(Coffee available from 09.30, sandwich lunch provided)

at Trinity Methodist Church, Woking

Brewery Road, Woking GU21 4LH

<http://www.trinitywoking.org.uk/>

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To book, contact David Morgan on ddv_morgan@hotmail.com or on 0118 977 1269 by 24 June. There is no charge for this meeting.

When booking please advise of any additional needs, e.g. wheelchair access, dietary requirements.

For directions to Trinity Methodist Church, Woking please see <http://www.trinitywoking.org.uk/>

The church is close to Woking station (7 minutes walk).

There are disabled parking spaces at Trinity itself. Other people will need to park in Brewery Road car park (within 2 minutes' walk).

Timetable

0930 – Coffee Available

1000 – Start

1130 – Break

1145 – Session 2

1300 – Lunch

1345 – Session 3

1500 – Break

1515 – Communion Service

1600 – Close

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Outline Programme

The Reverend Dr Philip Luscombe spent twenty years in teaching and ministerial training in Durham and Cambridge. He is now a member of a team ministry in Ashford with Paul Dean, a United Reformed colleague, working within the South Kent Circuit and also serves as Assistant Chair of the Eastern Area of our District. He is committed to the importance of rigorous training for all types of ministry, and especially the need to help all worship leaders and preachers be fully equipped for their awesome calling. He also tries to pursue his own particular research interests in the relationship of science and theology.

Living Honestly in God's World

Post-truth was word of the year for 2016. In a time when anything goes, does it matter what we believe, how we live in God's world, and how we express our faith in prayer and worship? I plan to explore day to day issues, and also some of our most distinctive Christian beliefs. I hope the day will be interesting to anyone and exciting for those who want to get drawn into the questions. It is aimed at all Christians (and anyone else interested for that matter), and should provide plenty of stimulating questions for Worship Leaders and Preachers.

Honest Believing

'Faith seeking Understanding' is an early description of trying to think about our faith. What is God like? Father Christmas, perhaps, or an angry Father up in the sky. What is most important to us as human beings? And how do we put our beliefs about the important things into words? 500 years ago Luther started the Reformation and sent believers back to their Bibles; God never changes, but do we?

Honest Exploring

My background is in science, and I have always been interested in the Religion and Science debates. They can sometimes seem academic, or anti-Christian, but I think that these questions touch our lives in many more places than we realise: What does it mean to be human? Do doctors 'play God' in modern medicine? Are there really Little Green Men out there, and if so, can they know God? Would you baptise a robot? Not to mention the old worries about the Bible and modern science.

Honest Worshipping

Worship is a meeting place between faith and doubt; God and humans; and all the rich variety of humanity: 'Faith seeking understanding' again. How can we best equip ourselves to reach out to God in our praise; and to hear God when the Word is spoken to us?