



The Friends of The Oxford Centre for Christianity and Culture



The Quad at Regent's Park College

What we do

About the Centre

Founded in 1993, The Oxford Centre for Christianity and Culture aims to make links between the Christian faith, theology and cultural changes in society, including interaction with other Religions. It is based in Regent's Park College, Oxford.

The Oxford Centre for Christianity and Culture (OCCC) has two strands to its work:

dissemination and **research**.

Dissemination

Each term OCCC convenes a series of themed public lectures given by distinguished academics from around the world. These lectures are sometimes published and are now available as podcasts so that a wider audience can enjoy them.

Research

There are currently 10 Centre Fellows who carry out valuable research into the field of Christianity and Culture. Alongside the Centre Fellows, OCCC also offers scholarships to graduate students to assist them with their university and college fees during their time at Oxford.

We also support research projects on Christianity and Culture, including:

- Theology and Play (exploring how churches use their outdoor space)
- African-Caribbean Diaspora Church (examining its formation in both the UK and the USA)
- Interfaith Centre Initiatives (coordinating work across all the Faith Centers in Oxford)

If you would like to make a gift to support specific research projects please speak to the Director of the Centre or Dr Louise Nelstrop

Why Join

We know from the feedback we receive that the lectures and the other work of the centre is highly valued.

Becoming a Friend of the Oxford Centre for Christianity and Culture is an essential next step in supporting the ongoing work of the Centre.

It is our desire to continue to secure the best academics from around the world to deliver our lectures. We also want to provide these lectures free of charge so that we can attract the widest possible audience. On average, each lecture costs £150.

As a friend of the Centre you will be helping to make this possible.

As a friend we shall be glad to offer you the following:

- Reserved seating at the weekly lecture as long as you let us know that you are attending by the end of the Monday before the lecture
- A regular newsletter telling you about the forthcoming lecture series, as well as seminars and conferences that may be of interest to you.
- An invitation to the Annual Centre Dinner which will be held at Regent's Park College each May . (Friends will receive a subsidised rate)
- If you donate to a specific research project you will receive an annual update on the project's progress.

Friends are asked to make a minimum annual donation of £25 towards the work of the Centre for Christianity and Culture

Become a Friend right-away...

Our Aims

The Centre aims to bring a Christian perspective to the experience of life in the twenty first century through:

- Encouraging theological study in the light of other academic disciplines
- Facilitating the study of other disciplines in the light of a Christian mind
- Developing research in inter-disciplinary Christian studies
- Fostering culturally aware Christian ministers and leaders
- Enabling critical Christian thinking on practical and ethical issues

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