

**Saturday 16th November 2019- A day conference at Ripon College Cuddesdon
with Rev Dr Dave Bookless and Rev Mia Smith**

We are very pleased to welcome Rev Dr Dave Bookless (A Rocha International) as our guest speaker for a day looking at environmental theology and mission, and entitled "God's Family and Other Animals". We will also have Rev Mia Smith (Hertford College, Oxford) with us to launch her recent Grove Booklet "The Plant-based Diet: A Christian Option?"

Places are limited and this is likely to be an EXTREMELY popular day so book soon!

Best Wishes,

Dr. Martin J. Hodson

PROGRAMME

10.00-10.30 Arrive and Coffee.

10.30-10.45 Welcome and Introduction to CRES (Martin Hodson)

10.45-12.00 Dave Bookless, Lecture and Discussion 'Why bother with biodiversity? Biblical and secular values in dialogue'

12.00-12.15 Break

12.15-12.45 Dave Bookless will lead a session on 'All you've ever wanted to ask about God, the Bible & Ecology: an open Q & A session'

12.45-13.00 Book Launch, Mia Smith will introduce her new Grove booklet "The Plant-based Diet: A Christian Option?"

13.00-14.00 Lunch

14.00-15.15 Dave Bookless, Lecture and Discussion 'Liability or Hope? The global church in an age of ecological crisis.'

15.15-15.30 CRES News

15.30-15.45 Short Service

15.45-16.00 Tea and depart.

THE SPEAKER



Rev. Dr Dave Bookless is Director of Theology for *A Rocha International* (www.arocha.org), an international Christian nature conservation organisation. He is also a CMS Mission Partner and an Anglican Priest, serving as Vicar of St. Mary's Norwood Green, in Southall, London and as a member of the Church of England's Environment Working Group. In addition, Dave is a *Global Catalyst for Creation Care* with the *Lausanne Movement*, and recently completed a PhD in Theology and Biodiversity Conservation at Cambridge University. Born in India, Dave and his family have lived in multifaith Southall since 1991. He speaks on environmental issues, and has contributed to over 20 books including *Planetwise* (translated into Chinese, Dutch, French, German and Spanish) and *God Doesn't do Waste*. To relax, he enjoys wildlife, running, mountain walking and Indian food.

BOOKS

If you borrowed books from the Principal Tutor travelling collection last time, please bring them back! You can only borrow further books if you do so! The Hodsons will be bringing along some of their books for sale. There will also be a variety of other relevant literature for sale.

TRAVEL

a) By Car

Ripon College Cuddesdon (RCC) is located in the small village of Cuddesdon about 4 miles East of Oxford. The postcode is OX44 9EX, for those of you who use on-line maps. Full directions are given on the RCC web site:

<http://www.rcc.ac.uk/>

We want to use as little carbon as possible, so sharing cars seems sensible! If you can offer a lift, or would like one, let us know and we will see if it is possible. Students and Local Tutors might benefit from travelling together- lots of time to chat!

b) By Train to Oxford Station. We will try to arrange lifts from the station, but allow at least 30 minutes to get out of Oxford and over to Cuddesdon. So aim to arrive before 9.30 a.m. Let us know time of arrival.

c) Both the Oxford Tube (<http://www.oxfordtube.com/>) and Oxford Bus Company (<http://www.oxfordbus.co.uk/espress1.shtml>) run many coaches out of London from Victoria station stopping at a few places in London on the way. You need to get off at the Thornhill Park and Ride just East of Oxford. We will arrange lifts if you tell us a time. Aim to be there before 9.45 a.m.

d) Emergencies on the day. Martin Hodson will base himself at RCC from about 9.00 a.m. on the day. He will turn his mobile on- 07794-631927. Note- he very rarely puts his mobile on, and messages left on it may only get picked up weeks later!! So it is not a standard route to contact Martin, but will be useful on this occasion.

e) We are in the Harriett Monsell Room, which is the ground floor room in the new block that we have used for some of our previous meetings. If you are coming from Oxford this is nearer the first car parking area!

BOOKING

This day is FREE (included in fees) for the speakers, present CRES students, tutors, senior tutors, and members of the CRES steering group and is **£30** for everyone else. Lunch and refreshments are included. Persons with special diets should let us know so that we can inform RCC. Please note that ALL who intend to come to Cuddesdon must book by 1st November 2019 (this means CRES students, tutors, senior tutors and steering group **must book** even though they will not pay). Bookings will be dealt with by the CRES administrator, Lynda McKeown.

If you do need to pay then please email (cres@jri.org.uk) or write to Lynda saying that you will be coming and then pay in one of these ways:

1) By bank transfer into the JRI account using the following account details:

Sort code: 40-52-40; Account: 00098437; Reference: CRES and your surname;
Bank details: CAF Bank Ltd, 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4JQ

2) Please send a cheque made out to THE JOHN RAY INITIATIVE to our address:
The CRES Administrator, THE JOHN RAY INITIATIVE (JRI), City Works, Alfred Street, Gloucester, GL1 4DF, UK Telephone (mobile): 07583 481759. Email: cres@jri.org.uk