

Carrs Lane has a long tradition of being on the 'open' wing of the Church, and in the past has played a prominent part in the development of the Civic Gospel. The Church has a continuing concern for social justice and dialogue between people of different faiths.

Past Lectures' events have provided a platform for lively debate on liberal and unconventional views and an open environment where such questions can be explored without embarrassment. We invite you to join us for this radical thinking about theology and the Church, confident that your mind will be stretched and your imagination quickened. Whatever your faith or lack of it, from whatever background you come, you are most welcome.

Do come along!

We are located in the city centre, next to Marks and Spencer and the Travelodge Hotel, within easy walking distance of all bus stops and New Street Station, and very close to Moor Street Station.

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Lectures at



Radical Christian Faith

RE-IMAGING GOD

David Boulton
Donald Horsfield

Saturday 18th October
10am – 4pm

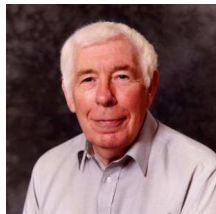
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coffee and tea will be available all day;
please bring your own lunch



RE-IMAGING GOD

SPEAKERS



David Boulton has written twenty-two books on social history and radical religion. He was a founder member of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament in the 1950s and editor of its journal *Sanity* before joining Granada TV where he became editor of the investigative series *World in Action* and head of news, documentaries and current affairs.

In 1997 he was appointed a member of the Broadcasting Standards Commission. A Quaker and a humanist, he subsequently edited *Sea of Faith* magazine and founded the Nontheist Friends Network. His most recent books are *The Trouble with God*, *Who on Earth was Jesus?* and *Godless for God's Sake*.

David says, 'Millions of people living in the so-called 'Christian West' long for a thoroughly modern, intellectually defensible, emotionally satisfying faith which is unashamedly 'religious' in its commitment but frankly 'secular' in the true sense of the word: anchored to this world and this age. Of such is the republic of heaven! The old creation story is that God created us. The new story is that we created the gods - including the god named God. I want to see what happens to religion when we think of God (and the whole realm of angels and demons, heaven and hell) as the wondrous, awesome products of the creative imagination - fruits of the wholly human spirit. Which brings us back to the republic of heaven.'

Richard Holloway describes David Boulton as 'affectionate, sane, learned and extremely funny'.

Donald Horsfield was ordained in 1965 into the Congregational Church, served overseas with CMS/CWM until 1987 and is now part-time minister at Church Stretton URC. During his ministry, he has passed through various stages of theological development and says his main concern now is how to understand and talk about God in a meaningful way to people living in a world very different from biblical times.

He believes there is a widespread movement of the Spirit leading us deeper into the truth of our existence. He feels he is not alone in that and, whilst recognising there are what he modestly calls 'greater minds than mine' at work, he will be pleased to share his thinking with us.



We look forward to listening to what both of our speakers have to say...

PROGRAMME FOR THE DAY

10.00: Registration and welcome refreshments

10.30: Introduction to the day

10.45: Lecture: *Who or what is God?*
Donald Horsfield

11.30: Lecture: *The Trouble with God*
David Boulton

12.30: Reflecting and talking time; preparing questions for the Question Box

13.00: Lunch

13.45: Lecture: *Tell me the New, New Story!*
David Boulton

14.45: Question Time

15.30: Closing remarks

16.00: Finish

and we hope you will enjoy the day with us!