

# Springdale College: Together in Mission

## SPRING TERM NEWSLETTER

In times of rapid change, leadership is the issue. Because we have been in significant cultural change for some decades, it is hard to remember what the issue used to be. Just to remind you, it used to be the issue of managing. Of course we still do need to manage organizations, programmes and people but the issue of how you lead in all these areas has become much more critical.

Summer school every year is an opportunity for our MA students to grapple with these subjects. In order to service our MA students we have brought together some excellent communicators from North America, Australia and the UK.

A number of church leaders have asked why we don't share that superb resource more widely. So this year we are beginning our annual **Leadership School** – an opportunity for church leaders who are not currently students to engage with skilled mission thinkers and practitioners around key leadership themes.

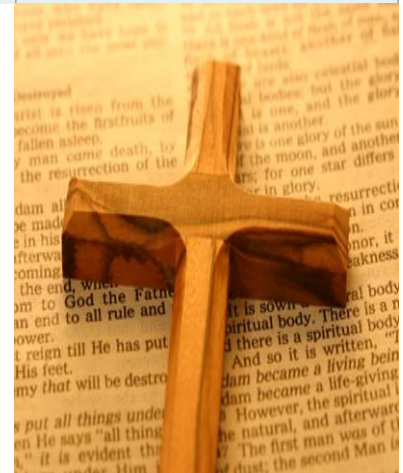
Amongst other issues we will be examining: the skills of empowerment, communicating with post moderns and coping with the pressures of leadership. You may know people who would benefit from interacting in a relatively small group at some depth over a period of days. We are limiting the number of places to 25 to enable all the participants to have quality "air time".

In addition to the full Leadership School there is an opportunity to have a whole day with Alan Roxburgh in a Master Class situation. Alan is an acknowledged world expert on change and in particular the issue of systems change (his excellent new book 'Joining God in the Neighbourhood' has just been released). Master Class will be a highly affordable £30 including lunch. Full details on the website soon.

We are beginning to accept enrolments for the MA in Missional Leadership ready for either the July (Summer School) or September entry points. You may know someone who is actively considering studying. This would be a great time to point them in the direction of the MA. They can apply online, by email, phone or post.

We also have the BTh (Hons) Mission programme which we introduced last year. A unique feature of this course is the fact that nearly one third of the marks are gained by serving in a placement. Again you may know someone who is looking for a chance to study and serve at the same time.

Rev. Dr. Martin Robinson



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**YSJ Students:** Soon it will be time to submit your 406.2 essay (29<sup>th</sup> April—more info on p. 4). As well as sending us a hard copy, you should all be aware by now that we also require an electronic copy, which must be uploaded to us via Moodle.

You will notice on the front page of Moodle, after you have logged in, a box on the right called ‘Upcoming Events’, and in there you will see the 406.2 essay and the reflective exercise.

Click on the 406.2 essay and then go to ‘My submission’. Give it a title, select from the drop-down box whether it is the essay or reflective exercise. Click ‘Choose File’ and find the essay on your computer. Now all you need to do is tick the box and click ‘add submission’.

Now repeat the process for the reflective exercise. **Make sure you change the ‘submission part’ to ‘reflective exercise’** - if you don’t do this you will just overwrite your previous submission.

You may find that you can no longer access your Springdale College email. If you log into Moodle and hold your mouse over ‘Resources’ at the top of the page, then click ‘My Email’, this will log you straight in without having to type in your username and password

Any problems, please phone the office on 0121 458 5240 — Pete

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## 2011 Lent Talks by Martin Robinson at Coventry Cathedral

Over the last few weeks I have greatly enjoyed giving four Lent talks at Coventry Cathedral. The talks were videoed and are available as downloads from our website. Do look out for these topics, offered under the broad title, Mission in a Secular and Spiritual age:

### 1 Europe the Exceptional Case

For most of the world, God is back. While the rest of the world discovers faith and encounters God, Europe is the odd one out. The rest of the world is moving to Europe and challenging secular perspectives. How did Europe and the UK become so secular and what might be happening now?

### 2 The Church is not the Issue!

There is a temptation to believe that if we can only fix the church then people will be attracted to come. The evidence suggests that the church is not the issue but how we do mission is. We will explore how we move from a church focus to a mission focus.

### 3 Religion "No", Spirituality "Yes"

It seems to be the case that increasing numbers of people describe themselves as “a spiritual person” but not a “religious person”. How do we understand this changing landscape?

### 4 Making Disciples

Making disciples. How do we make disciples rather than produce converts? What are the key elements that will allow us to see lives shaped to be life long followers of Jesus?

Click here to watch the recordings:

<http://vimeo.com/21440165>

# NEW BTH (HONS) MISSION LEAFLET

Do you know someone in your congregation who might be interested in the BTh Mission? Find the full leaflet and more info on our website:

[www.springdalecollege.org.uk](http://www.springdalecollege.org.uk)

How it has worked	We also offer	Springdale College: Together in Mission	B.Th (Hons) Mission
<p><b>Quotations from students who have taken our courses</b></p> <p>"The materials are really thorough and helpful – a life long resource."</p> <p>"This course has helped me to understand the significance of the work that I am engaged in. I am now able to see how the Bible acts as a resource in my ministry"</p> <p>"Working with other students in a group has helped me to explore the learning packs in ways that would not have happened if I were studying on my own. The other students are a great resource."</p> <p>"I am a very practical person and I needed a practical course to help me in my ministry"</p> <p>"Working with a Coach has been tremendous in developing my learning and my spiritual life."</p>	<p>Springdale College also offers the following courses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• MA Missional Leadership – 3 years part-time</li><li>• Multiply – An introduction to mission and leadership for the whole church and much more to support you in engaging effectively in mission</li></ul> <p><b>Springdale College Learning Centres</b></p> <p>Bath – Bath City Church <a href="http://www.bathcitychurch.org.uk">www.bathcitychurch.org.uk</a></p> <p>Birmingham <a href="http://springdalecollege.org.uk">http://springdalecollege.org.uk</a></p> <p>Children Worldwide - Future Builders <a href="http://www.future-builders.co.uk">www.future-builders.co.uk</a></p> <p>DNA' <a href="http://www.dna-uk.org">www.dna-uk.org</a></p> <p>Greenwich – Christ College' <a href="http://www.christ-college.org.uk">www.christ-college.org.uk</a></p> <p>Exeter - South West Youth Ministries <a href="http://swym.org.uk">http://swym.org.uk</a></p> <p>International Christian Youthworks <a href="http://www.icy.org.uk">www.icy.org.uk</a></p> <p>London College of Theology <a href="http://www.londoncollegeoftheology.org">www.londoncollegeoftheology.org</a></p>	<p>Mission Church requires Mission Leadership</p> <p><b>A practical leadership course for:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Emerging Church leaders</li><li>• Youth Church leaders</li><li>• Children's workers and leaders</li><li>• Small group leaders</li><li>• Those interested in developing leadership skills in Christian organisations and other work related settings</li></ul> 	
 <p>Listen to Hannah's story at: <a href="http://www.springdalecollege.org.uk">www.springdalecollege.org.uk</a></p>			
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## SUMMER SCHOOL 2011

This year's Summer School will run from the 14th - 17th July. On the first evening Martin Robinson will take a session on the Nature of Missional Leadership. Thereafter the topics will be drawn from next year's syllabus: **Biblical Frameworks for Gospel and Culture; Mentoring; and Research Methodology.**

Rick Lewis is coming from Australia to teach on Mentoring and he will act as the 'chaplain' for the event.

On the Saturday evening we will have the graduation ceremony and we hope that Alan Roxburgh will be the speaker. Alan is a driving force behind the Missional Network in the US and is the author of several books on mission, as well as being an author of some of the units on the MA.

We are running a School of Leadership alongside the Summer School. Do invite friends and colleagues whom you feel might benefit from engaging with some of the ideas from the MA.



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## YSJ RSN DATES NEXT TERM

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Here's a reminder of the RSN dates for next term and the topics that will be covered on each day:

Balham	Saturday 14th May	406.3.3 Developing and Leading Teams	
	Saturday 4th June	406.3.1 Forming People	
	Saturday 2nd July	406.3.4 Using the Bible in Theological Reflection	406.3 Essay Tutorial
Bristol	Monday 23rd May	406.3.1 Forming People	406.3.3 Developing and Leading Teams
	Monday 20th June	406.3.4 Using the Bible in Theological Reflection	406.3 Essay Tutorial
B'ham	Saturday 28th May	406.3.1 Forming People	406.3.3 Developing and Leading Teams
	Saturday 25th June	406.3.4 Using the Bible in Theological Reflection	406.3 Essay Tutorial
Exeter	Friday 27th May	406.3.1 Forming People	406.3.3 Developing and Leading Teams
	Saturday 25th June	406.3.4 Using the Bible in Theological Reflection	406.3 Essay Tutorial

Verbatims for all 3 topics will be on Moodle by beginning of next term. RSN dates for next year are now on Moodle.

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## YSJ ESSAYS

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### Essay 406.2 deadline: 29th APRIL

Please remember to submit two copies: one to Moodle and one hard copy to the office. You are also required to submit a reflective exercise, one to Moodle and one hard copy.

#### Essay Style and Referencing Help

Watch Richard's video on Moodle about essay writing—click 'video' on the main Moodle page. You can also find the updated essay and referencing handbook on Moodle.

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### Missional Church Network

moving towards a missional mindset

The Missional Church Network exists to provide resources and encouragement to those who desire to see the church recapture its missionary nature and once again be sent into the world to participate in God's mission.

<http://missionalchurchnetwork.com/>

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*'21st Century Mission Possible'*  
*An advert from Jonathon Mortimer of Through Faith Missions*

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For anyone interested in joining them for experience of short term evangelistic mission:

*Through Faith Missions (TFM)* is an organisation with experience of helping thousands of churches in their local evangelism. They are inviting students at Springdale College to consider joining them in one of their 8-day mission teams. Since 1985 over 4,000 volunteers, lay and ordained, have done just that.

This year *TFM* is recruiting and training team members for different weeks of mission throughout the U.K. The largest is 'Walk West Dorset', running from September 17<sup>th</sup> – October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Further details about joining a team can be found on the web-site

[www.t-f-m.org.uk](http://www.t-f-m.org.uk), or by ringing the *TFM* office on 01954 210239.

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*British and Irish Association for Mission Studies*  
*Residential Conference 7–9th September 2011*

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BIAMS 2011 Residential Conference



## Identity in Christ?

Ethnically Distinct Churches: Integration, Independence, Isolation

**7 - 9 September 2011**

12.00pm Wednesday - 2.00pm Friday

King's Park Conference Centre, King's Park Road,  
Northampton, NN3 6LL

### Speakers

Prof Andrew F. Walls - Professor of History of Missions at Liverpool Hope University  
Dr Afe Adogame - Divinity School, University of Edinburgh  
Dr Emma Wild-Wood - Director of the Henry Martyn Centre, Cambridge  
Revd Chigor Chike - Vicar of Emmanuel Church in Forest Gate, East London

### 2011 BIAMS Prize for Mission Studies

The British and Irish Association of Mission Studies invites Students of Post-Graduate degrees (MA, PhD or equivalent) to submit papers on a theme within the field of Mission Studies for the 2011 BIAMS residential conference. First prize £250.

For more details on the Conference and Prize please contact Polly Keen:  
Email: [pk262@cam.ac.uk](mailto:pk262@cam.ac.uk) Tel: 01223 741088

[www.biams.org.uk](http://www.biams.org.uk)

# USEFUL RESOURCES

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## RELIGIOUS TRENDS

Past copies of Religious Trends are available at:

<http://www.christian-research.org.uk>

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## INTERVIEW WITH MIROSLAV VOLF

The following link takes you to an excellent article on reconciliation and forgiveness by one of America's leading theologians, Miroslav Volf:

<http://www.pbs.org/wnet/religionandethics/>

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## FREE ACCESS TO TWO JOURNALS

Rev. Dan Yarnell, BTh lecturer and national coordinator for the Fellowship of Churches of Christ, recommends two journals which have now become free electronic downloads:

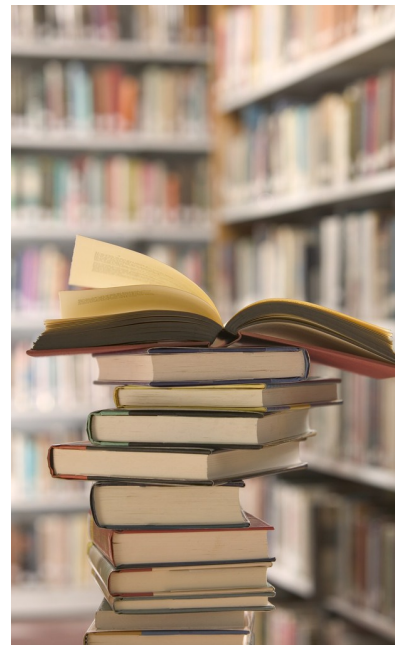
International Bulletin of Missionary Research:

<http://www.internationalbulletin.org/>

Themelios:

<http://thegospelcoalition.org/publications>

Hopefully these will aid you in your own thinking and ministry.



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- Fees/Accounts

## LCC CHAPLAINCY POST

An exciting opportunity to service Eastern European university students studying in Lithuania in the role of campus Chaplain has arisen at LCC International University.

To read more about the specifics of the Chaplain's role, please review the job description found here:

[www.lcc.lt/student-life-vacancies](http://www.lcc.lt/student-life-vacancies)



## INTRODUCING CLIVE ORCHARD: STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE MA MISSIONAL LEADERSHIP

Hi- my name is Clive Orchard and I've been asked to be Student Rep for the MA course. Let me tell you a little about myself: I'm doing the MA in Exeter where I also live- it's 30 years since my previous essay when I was doing teacher-training. Since then I have done a mixture of teaching, planting & leading church and painting & decorating (my current breadwinning occupation). I'm married with 2 teenage kids and, having got over the initial shock of serious study, I'm finding the course is renewing my desire to re-engage in planting missional communities.

Anyway, as Student Rep I am on hand to raise any issues, questions or suggestions that you may have. Feel free to email me at [clive.orchard@sdcol.org.uk](mailto:clive.orchard@sdcol.org.uk)

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