



THE
CONTEXTUAL
THEOLOGY
CENTRE

2013-14 WINTER PROGRAMME

All events are free,

but (unless otherwise stated) require registration. To register,
please email events@theology-centre.org or call 020 7780 1600

THEOLOGY FOR THE LOCAL CHURCH

The Contextual Theology Centre is launching a **new programme of seminars** to equip church leaders. They will bring together the latest thinking and research to help church leaders reflect together on both the **theology and practice** around key issues facing local churches. They are practical opportunities to share thinking and identify new practices. The seminars are free and will be held every other month at the Royal Foundation of St Katharine, Limehouse, E14 8DS. They are aimed at both lay and clergy church leaders. Seminars will be **10.30am – 1.30pm**. Lunch will be provided.

Nov

12th

Tue 12 November

GANGS AND STREET VIOLENCE

Come and hear **Peta Boucher** (Director of Community Turf, Leytonstone) and **Peter Nembhard** (Senior Pastor, ARC Pentecostal Church) talk about work local churches are doing to help young people out of street gangs. At this event, CTC will be launching *Reclaiming the Streets*, its report into the meaning and impact of the 2011 riots. *We are grateful to the Contending Modernities project for funding this event, and to the Dean and Chapter Westminster Abbey for funding for the report.*

Jan

21st

Tue 21 January

PREPARING FOR LENT

CTC and the Church Urban Fund (CUF) are publishing a book for groups and individuals to use in Lent – and its authors **Angus Ritchie** (CTC Director) and **Paul Hackwood** (CUF Chairman) will be speaking at this event. *Just Love: Personal and Social Transformation in Christ* will use the Gospel readings for each Sunday in Lent to explore the nature and implications of Jesus' love – both for our individual lives and for our social and economic order.

CITIZENS UK CHRISTIAN LEADERS' CAUCUS

Nov
29th

The Centre is also launching a termly event for Christian leaders (lay and ordained) involved in, or interested in joining, Citizens UK. Our inaugural Caucus, on **Catholic Social Teaching and the Economic Crisis** will be held on Friday November 29th at the Hurtado Jesuit Centre, E1W 2QT from 10.30am-1.30pm, and includes a free lunch. Speakers will include **Damian Howard SJ**. *We are grateful to the Contending Modernities project for funding this event.*

CONFERENCES AND STUDY DAYS

Oct
14th

Monday 14 October, 2-9pm at the University of Notre Dame London Centre, SW1Y 4HG

Oct
15th

Tuesday 15 October, 10.30am-2pm at Whitechapel Idea Store, E1 1BU

GLOBAL MIGRATION: CONFERENCE AND LECTURE

As part of the University of Notre Dame's **Contending Modernities programme**, the Centre is holding a conference on **The New Cosmopolitanism: Global Migration and the Building of a Common Life**.

You are invited to come to any or all of the three parts of the conference:

- An afternoon of workshops with academics (2-6pm) including **Anna Rowlands**, **R Scott Appleby** and **Vincent Rougeau**, and practitioners including **Sarah Teather MP**, community organiser **Ruhana Ali** and CTC Director **Angus Ritchie**
- Keynote lecture by the **Most Revd Diarmuid Martin** (Catholic Archbishop of Dublin) at 7pm
- A morning workshop (10.30am-2pm) in east London, where **Fr Sean Connolly** (Assistant Director, CTC) and **Sotez Chowdhury** (London Citizens) respond to **David Barclay's** new Theos/CTC report on *Making Multiculturalism Work*.

Dec
2nd

Monday 2 December, 10.30am to 4pm at St Paul's Cathedral, EC4M 8AD

GOOD PEOPLE, GOOD MONEY, GOOD BANKS: WHAT ROLE FOR THE BANKS?

The Centre joins forces with St Paul's Institute and CCLA for a clergy learning day. This includes testimony, theology and tools for action – to helping people out of debt and challenge exploitative lenders. Speakers include CTC's **Angus Ritchie** and **David Barclay**; the **Rt Revd Dr Peter Selby** (former Bishop of Worcester) and **Bishop Moses Owusu-Sekyere** (House of Faith Mission). *We are grateful for financial support for this event from the Contending Modernities project.*

COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY

Oct
7th

Dec
2nd

On the first Monday of alternate months, join us as we go out into cafes, museums and pubs in eastern London, to study the Bible together! A growing range of people – clergy and laity, Christians and non-Christians – are gathering to listen to the voice of Scripture, and relate it to their daily lives. We meet from noon to 1pm, and all venues serve lunch if you are able to stay. We meet on **7 October** in The Kitchen Table Cafe, East Ham Central Park, E6 3BA and on **2 December** in the cafe at the Elephant and Castle Shopping Centre, SE1 6LW

SINGING THE CHRISTMAS STORY

Dec
17th

Join us for a sparkling evening of music, readings and reflections – setting the story of the birth of Christ and the flight into

Egypt alongside contemporary stories of childhood and of migration. With music from the Centre's exciting SingSpire Project. At the Royal Foundation of St. Katharine E14 8DS on **Tuesday 17 December** from 7.30-8.30. Seasonal refreshments will follow! *We are grateful for financial support for this event from the Contending Modernities project*