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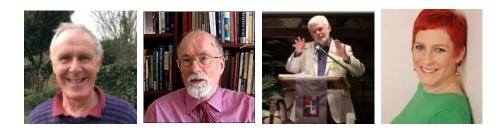


Free to Believe National Conference 2018

8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> November

At The Hayes Conference Centre Swanwick, Derbyshire DE55 1AU

# **Radical Faith**



Speakers: Trevor Dennis; Martin Camroux; John Churcher; and Kate Gray

Worship: Fiona Bennett

Chairperson: Anne Lewitt

#### Trevor Dennis: 'The Bible can be bad'; 'The Bible can be sad,

'The Bible can be funny' Trevor is passionate about the Bible and its extraordinary artistry, about opening up the world of biblical scholarship to a wider audience, and about being *honest* about it all. For years he's taught, written and preached as he believes, no more, no less. He's accused Matthew of blasphemy in the course of a sermon in Chester Cathedral (on the subject of the ending to the Parable of the Unforgiving Slave in Matthew 18), while on the other side he's tried to reveal the great treasures to be found in the Old Testament to people tempted to write it off as hopelessly patriarchal and violent (there is patriarchy and violence aplenty, sure, but there's so much else).

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**Martin Camroux:** *Radical God* Martin is a minister of the United Reformed Church. He was Convenor of Church and Society for the URC and is chairperson of Free to Believe. Martin was Times Preacher of the Year in 2002 and is the author of "Ecumenism in Retreat: How the United Reformed Church failed to break the mould". Among his passions are food, wine, travel, history, books and poetry.

**John Churcher:** *Radical Jesus* John is a former Chair of PCN Britain. In retirement he continues an international internet ministry [www.permissiontospeak.org.uk] and regularly visits USA and Canada to lecture and to preach. Although he maintains a weekly preaching diary in the UK, John is now free to be a public theologian, more concerned with issues of justice than with the preservation of a credal and doctrinal church. In May 2011 he led the Free to Believe Reading Week studying Karen Armstrong's "The Case For God".

**Kate Gray:** *Radical Communities* Kate has worked in Wythenshawe with a Christian community (The Dandelion Community) for 14 years. She has worked/studied in urban and overseas contexts over 20 years, including Taiwan, Southern Africa and Oceania. She supports organisations in the UK relating to children, food, education and overcoming poverty. She is mother of 2 children.

**Fiona Bennett: Inclusive Worship** Fiona is a URC minister currently serving in Augustine United Church Edinburgh. AUC is an intentionally inclusive christian community, whose ever evolving worship life connects the diverse abilities and experiences of its community with God's story of salvation. Fiona has a background in Community Education and served as a minister and program director in the Methodist Church and the Church of Scotland. She enjoys her family & friends, cycling, arts (in many different forms) and reading fantasy books.

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