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Free to Believe National Conference 2018 8th to 10th November At The Hayes Conference Centre Swanwick, Derbyshire DE55 1AU

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Main Speaker: Diana Butler Bass Bible Studies: Trevor Dennis

Diana Butler Bass (Ph.D. Duke University) is an award-winning author and internationally known public speaker and thought leader on issues of spirituality, religion, culture, and politics.

This conference will build on the successful joint event with CRC, Modern Church and PCN Britain in Birmingham in May 2016, at which Diana gave two talks. The first was about Marcus Borg's contribution to progressive Christianity and the second focussed on the title of the conference, 'Finding God in the World - a Spiritual Revolution', drawing on themes in her 2016 book, Grounded. Publication of Diana's book, Grateful, will be in early April 2018. Our lectures will explore the surprising complexity of thanksgiving, how we understand gratitude, how we practice it, and why it is so important in these difficult days.

Diana's biography can be read on the Free to Believe website. You can follow her online at www.dianabutlerbass.com, her public author page on Facebook, and on Twitter @dianabutlerbass.

Trevor Dennis 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).

Trevor's biography can be read on the Free to Believe website. The titles suggested for Trevor's Bible Study sessions at the Conference are: 'The Bible can be bad'; 'The Bible can be sad, 'The Bible can be funny'.

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