



Progressive Christianity Network Britain

invites you to a major conference

'Religion and Atheism - Beyond the Divide?'

at The French Protestant Church of London
Soho Square, London W1D 3QD

Saturday 8 June 2019

11.00 am – 4.00 pm

Registration and coffee from 10.15 am

Speakers



Julian Baggini

Philosopher and author

Fiona Ellis

Professor of Philosophy, University of Roehampton



Harriet Harris

Head of Chaplaincy Service, University of Edinburgh



Richard Holloway

Former Bishop of Edinburgh, writer and broadcaster



PCN Britain is delighted to invite you to this conference which offers an opportunity to engage with our speakers in a conversation about religion and atheism, seeking ways to dialogue and to search for meaning. In an increasingly tribalistic world we hope that this day will offer possibilities to go beyond the divides which separate us and to search out areas of mutual agreement and understanding.

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1. *Can the non-religious make use, with integrity, of concepts of 'transcendence' and a 'spiritual' dimension to human existence?*
2. *Do we need to reassess the boundaries of the 'natural'?*
3. *Are progressive Christians inevitably led to a position of being religious humanists?*

And many other questions for you to ask!

Programme

10.15 Registration and coffee

11.00 Welcome and Introduction to the Day

11.15 **Harriet Harris**

11.55 Short break

12.10 **Julian Baggini**

12.50 Lunch *Drinks will be available. Sandwiches may be eaten in the church or in Soho Square Gardens. Numerous food outlets nearby!*

1.45 **Richard Holloway**

2.25 Short break

2.30 Questions to the speakers, facilitated and chaired by **Fiona Ellis**

3.15 The speakers reflect with each other

3.45 Where does this take us? Fiona Ellis

4.00 Vote of thanks

We are very grateful for the invitation by the French Protestant Church to hold this conference in their church. There will be some building work in progress so toilet facilities may be limited but we will endeavor to make adequate provision, although we regret that disabled toilet facilities may not be available.

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HOW TO BOOK

You can book tickets via the PCN website (www.pcnbritain.org.uk) or you can send a cheque by post to PCN Britain, 26 High St, Newnham, Gloucs GL14 1BB. Full details are on the PCN website.

COST

PCN Members £15

Non-members £20

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In the case of cancellation, a refund will be offered, subject to a deduction of a £5 administration fee. No refund will be offered if cancellation is within two weeks of the conference date.

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Leave the station, walking west along Oxford St and take the first left turn on to Soho Street leading to the Square.

