

Blessed Hugh Faringdon Evening Talks

Prayer in the poetry of R.S.Thomas with Dr Andrew Sargent

Friday 29th May, 7.45 p.m..



Parish Hall

Blessed Hugh Faringdon Catholic Church

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Fish and chips. £15 per person. At 7 p.m. If you would like to join us for this, please email pbhf.bucklandandfaringdon@gmail.com to book your place by 25th May.

About our speaker: Andrew Sargent is an archaeologist who worked for English Heritage, and an author of non-fiction. More relevantly, he is a long-term member of All Saints', Faringdon, and has had a huge admiration for R S Thomas's poetry since discovering it at O-level! Frustration at the failure of many critics to grasp denominational nuances led him to publish on R S Thomas's 'compromise' with Anglicanism.

About our topic:

R S Thomas (1913-2000) was a priest in the Anglican Church in Wales. He was also one of the foremost poets writing in English in the later 20th century. As a poet he was prolific. He was honoured with the Queen's Gold Medal for Poetry.

He was an outspoken Welsh nationalist, and delighted in nurturing a reputation as a difficult person! His religious poetry also confused many readers and critics ; but prayer occupied a large space in his life and poetry, and this talk asks what it can tell us about the man and perhaps also about prayer itself.