

# Blessed Hugh Faringdon Catholic Church

## Evening Talks 2026

### **“Christianity and....”**

Our evening talks are back! There is scarcely any aspect of culture in the West that does not bear the imprint of Christianity. This year we look at how Christianity has influenced and interacted with many different aspects of life. You can find full details of each upcoming talk on the parish website: <https://blessedhugh.org.uk/>.

All talks are free, and begin at 7.45 p.m. They are in the hall, which is best accessed from Portway in Faringdon. The What3words location is: cones.launcher.revolting . There is nearby parking in the Southampton Street car park.

| Date                 | Christianity and.... | Title (provisional)  | Speaker                   |
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| 9 <sup>th</sup> Jan  | The local area       | Local Heroes: the Anglo-Saxon saints of northern Wessex                            | Dr Aloysius Atkinson      |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb | Feminism             | Why Catholics are feminists and feminists should be Catholic                       | Mrs Suzie Topham          |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> Apr | History & Music      | Three Choirs and a Reformation: English Cathedrals under the Tudors                | Dr Richard Fisher         |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> May | Poetry               | Prayer in the poetry of R.S.Thomas   | Dr Andrew Sargent         |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> Jun | Environmentalism     | Stewards of Creation: the Christian duty of care for the natural world             | Rev. Tim Hewes            |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> Jul | Education            | St John Henry Newman: Co-patron of Catholic education                              | Sr. Mary-Birgit           |
| Sept                 | Architecture         | We make the churches and then they make us   | Rev. Fergus Butler-Gallie |
| Oct                  | Sport                | The Cross and the Caman: the entangled histories of shinty, hurling and the Church | Mr JP Crilly              |
| Nov                  | Art                  | The Annunciation in Art  | Mr Peter Foot             |

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