

Blessed Hugh Faringdon Evening Talks

Philip Pullman: Accidental Evangelist?

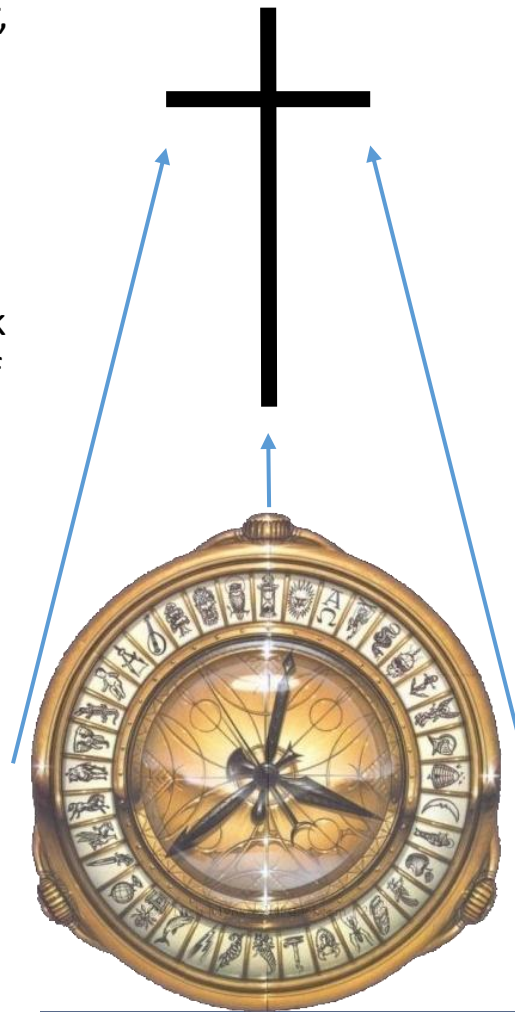
with Father Matthew Topham

Thursday 6th November, 7.45 p.m.

FREE ENTRY

Philip Pullman is an accomplished and prolific author, best known for the “His Dark Materials” fantasy trilogy, that has been adapted for stage, film and television. He is almost equally famous as a critic of religion and especially Christianity, albeit one who acknowledges the cultural influence of it. He described himself as a “Church of England...and Book of Common Prayer atheist”. He has claimed to be “of the Devil’s party” (after Milton).

But- are his books effective as criticism of God and Christianity, or do they, contrary to the author’s intentions, offer a spur to young readers to take moral and metaphysical matters seriously? Does the Golden Compass point to God? Do those looking through the Amber Spyglass glimpse Sion? Could the author of “The Good Man Jesus and the Scoundrel Christ”, be accidentally starting many on their journey to faith? Come along to find out!



About our speaker: Father Matthew Topham is the parish priest of St Mary’s, East Hendred and St Patrick’s, East Ilsley. Prior to seminary, he read English at Cambridge. Formerly an Anglican, he is married with four children .

Fish and chips!

Join us prior to the talk, at 7 p.m., for a fish supper. £14 pp.
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