

Pioneers of Modern Spirituality
The neglected Anglican Innovators of A 'Spiritual but not Religious' Age

Tuesdays 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th July at 11am (11.00 – 12.30)

Join the author Jane Shaw for a four-week online discussion of her book in which she will explore the work of four writers, Evelyn Underhill, Reginald Somerset Ward, Percy Dearmer, and Rose Macaulay. During the early part of the twentieth century, each of them was engaged in and influenced by a revival of spiritualty. Their thinking is not however confined to that period. In different ways each of them has gone on to influence the search for spiritualty, and that has much to inform contemporary thinking.

'Yes, their presumptions about many things were very much of their age, but their questions have surprising echoes with our own preoccupations a hundred years later' writes Professor Shaw. Taking a writer each week Prof Shaw will explore both what they contributed to their own age and ask some questions about the issues faced in the development of contemporary spirituality.

The Very Revd Professor Jane Shaw is Principal of Harris Manchester College, Oxford, Professor of the History of Religion and a Pro Vice-Chancellor at the University of Oxford. She was previously Dean of Religious Life at Stanford University USA, Dean of Grace Cathedral, San Francisco, and Dean of Divinity at New College Oxford.

'A powerful, original and attractive book, highlighting the ways in which a liturgically rich and intellectually resourceful Christianity can provide the energy for radical witness and solidarity with the most marginal. Jane Shaw reminds us that Anglicans once knew a bit about this, and might do well to rediscover it at a time when such connections need making afresh in our confused culture.'

The Most Revd and Rt Hon Lord Williams of Oystermouth, former Archbishop of Canterbury