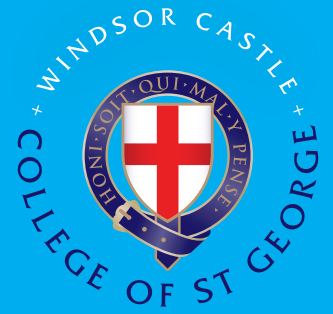


ST GEORGE'S HOUSE



God: Some Conversations

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29 JUNE - 9 JULY 2026

Where
next for free
speech?

Social and
affordable
housing: are
there new
approaches to an
old problem?

Is the
Civil Service
still fit for
purpose?

Enter into conversations on major issues facing Church and society.

Speak with and learn from people of different traditions.

Return refreshed and reinvigorated to your place of ministry,
speaking more confidently and convincingly about God.

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THE FORMAT When you attend this Consultation you will do so with at least five years ministerial experience. On arrival at St George's House you will join a study group. These groups, led by experienced facilitators, will form the basis of a good deal of our work together, and there will be plenty of opportunity to get to know all the participants. Each day we will concentrate on a given issue and, whether in study groups or all together, we will examine that issue while engaging in the following activities:

Attending

The first session of each day is a Bible study relating to the subject under discussion. Together we will attend to Scripture with a view to understanding what it has to say to our contemporary situation.

Reflecting

Book and film reviews play an important part in our conversations. Through the monographs, novels and films, read or seen prior to the Consultation, we will be prompted to deepen our discussion of the topics.

Discovering

An expert speaker will give a presentation on each subject. By listening to those who have a real depth of knowledge and involvement we will discover more about the subject matter and develop an understanding of the issues and questions.

Engaging

Working in groups, participants will have the opportunity to unpack some of the relevant theological perspectives. It is often the case that we learn most when we engage with each other, listening to and sharing ideas.

Presenting

Before coming on the Consultation, you will have written a short paper (2000 – 3000 words). While at Windsor you will have the opportunity to present that paper to the other participants. It is an occasion for trying out ideas and seeing if they can be strengthened.

Worshipping

At the centre of life at St George's is the daily worship. You are invited to join in the daily routine of services – Morning Prayer, Holy Communion and Evensong. None of this is compulsory and you should feel free to find your own level of comfort.

Producing

As the Consultation comes towards a close, each study group will produce a report which will be presented on the last day. Through this report they will explain their understanding of how best we can speak about God today.



THE SUBJECTS

- **Second Advent**
- **Free Speech**
- **Social Housing**
- **Mental Health**
- **God & The Arts**
- **Leadership**
- **Civil Service**
- **Conservation**

THE SPEAKERS



Second Advent – The Reverend Dr Darrell Hannah is the Rector of All Saints Church, Ascot. He has served this parish for more than 17 years. He previously served parishes in Birmingham and Oxford. He has a PhD in New Testament and Christian Origins from Cambridge University. Prior to taking a parish, he held teaching or research posts in New Testament and early Christianity in the universities of Sheffield, Birmingham and Oxford. He is the author of two books and numerous articles published in academic journals. He continues to do academic research, as parish duties permit. Darrell is also the Chair of Operation Noah, an ecumenical Christian charity equipping and challenging the Church's response to the climate crisis.



Free Speech – Professor Alison Scott-Baumann is Professor of Society and Belief in the Law, Media and Gender Studies department at SOAS, University of London. She team-managed SOAS's recent very successful REF impact submission. Her work represents a clear paradigm shift in British parliamentary relations with Higher Education by supporting knowledge creation between mainstream universities and Westminster. Her HEIF funded research team and Alison have developed a project with blog (Influencing the Corridors of Power (ICOP)) that communicates influential one-page briefings to each member of both Houses of Parliament on urgent topics, written by experts from SOAS, from law firms and from medical experts <https://blogs.soas.ac.uk/cop/>.



Social Housing – Tom Shutes is a property developer and investor with extensive experience in the residential and commercial sectors.

He is the owner of the Port Estate in Grimsby where a regeneration project of circa 30 acres is now in development, involving complex Grade II* listed assets such as the Ice Factory and around 1mn sqft of Innovation and R&D Space for the Offshore Wind, Green Maritime and Renewables sector.

Other current regeneration projects include the complete redevelopment of several NHS Estates in the Midlands for non-core clinical uses such as Keyworker Housing, Affordable Housing, Secure Accommodation for young people and Extra Care Residential.



Mental Health – Clare Lyons-Collins is a healthcare leader and practising occupational therapist with more than 25 years of experience driving systemic change and advancing holistic, prevention-focused approaches to wellbeing. She specialises in the science and practice of navigating major life transitions, particularly the often-overlooked shift out of a primary career, and helps individuals and organisations prepare for change with clarity, resilience, and purpose.

Clare has led national mental health transformation initiatives for the NHS in England and served as CEO of a public health charity. She is also a leadership fellow at St George's House, Windsor Castle, contributing to cross-sector dialogue on some of society's most complex challenges.

With an MBA from Henley Business School, a postgraduate certificate in neuroscience, and a clinical background from Barts and The Royal London Medical School, Clare blends strategic insight with deep clinical expertise.



God and the Arts – Gary Wade After a teaching career of almost twenty years, Gary Wade completed a PhD at Durham University in English. He also holds Master's degrees from the University of St Thomas Aquinas in Rome (Theology) and University College London (Classical Reception). His doctoral research was published by CUP as *Seamus Heaney and Catholicism* in 2025. He holds an adjunct position at the University of Notre Dame Australia (Sydney Campus) in the School of Philosophy and Theology and is currently working on *The Cambridge Introduction to Seamus Heaney*, under contract with CUP.



Leadership – Karen Stefanyzyn is a certified Integral Coach and systemic facilitator who has held senior global roles in Organisation Development, Leadership Development, and Talent within a FTSE top 50 company. She began her career in youth work and was a member of the YMCA National Board and Executive. For the past 12 years, she has been building a consultancy and coaching practice enabling senior and emerging leaders to achieve sustained levels of functioning they had not thought possible in today's pressurised world of work. Karen's work is aimed at achieving long-term excellence, inviting people to sense the world as it really is today and to work creatively with complexity and ambiguity, preparing to deal with situations they cannot even anticipate yet. She is a Director of Waverley Learning, a Trustee of 'Crossroads Retreats', Chair of Cliff College and a Non-Exec Director at Methodist Central Hall Westminster.



Civil Service – Dr Darren Jaundrill is a strategic, multidisciplinary leader connecting strategy, systems, and society. A former senior civil servant, he led national transformation across multiple domains and latterly in biosecurity, borders, and trade. Now, Darren chairs Ignis Lodge aimed at supporting veterans and young care leavers in crisis, is principal lecturer (associate professor) at Harper Adams University, is the convenor for Gov2030, and serves on both the RFU Inclusive Leadership Group and the West Midlands All Party Parliamentary Advisory Group. This reflects his passion for trust-based leadership, systems thinking, and building resilient, sustainable systems for societal progress. Darren is a Leadership Fellow at St George's House.



Conservation – Tara Golshan has worked at the Jane Goodall Institute for twenty years as Executive Director of Education and has been responsible for developing and managing the education division, first in the UK and wider Europe, and now in the UAE, as well as a member of the global committee under Jane Goodall's Roots & Shoots, a global humanitarian and education programme. Before joining JGI Tara was Head of Education at ProShare, managing the ProShare Education programmes which included ProShare Student Investor and Your Money Be Wise. She was responsible for Strategic Marketing, PR and Communications, Sponsorship, and Publishing.

NEXT STEP

Deadline for registration for the Clergy Consultation is Friday, 30 January 2026

If you would like further information or a registration form please contact St George's House on 01753 848886 or email clergy.consultations@stgeorghouse.org.
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