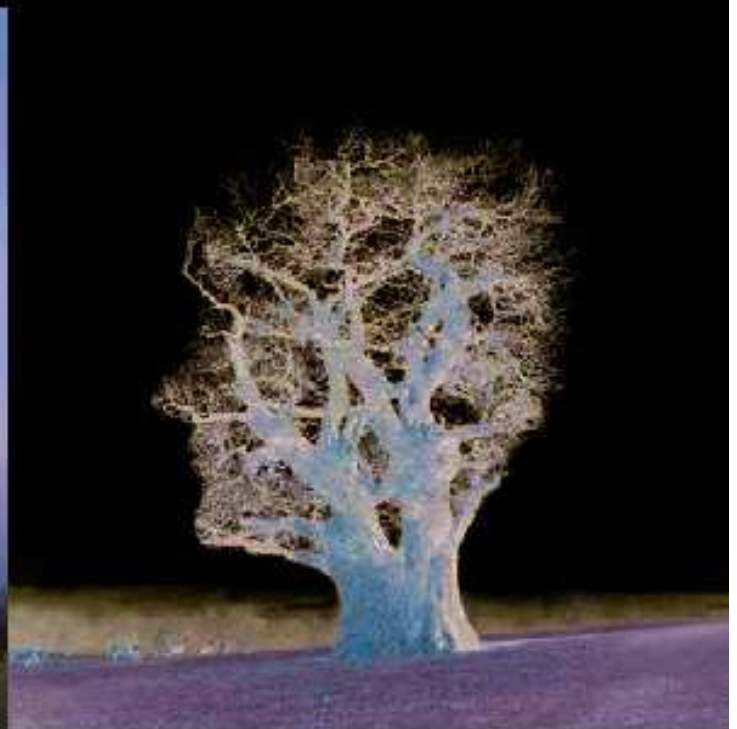


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Newsletter

From the Director—

Welcome to the Winter 08 issue of the Institute's newsletter, with its rather different look. This one-off change in the format of the newsletter is, I trust, some indication of the vitality of the Institute as it addresses the issues of religion, identity and the future.

Our May conference 'Church, Identity/ies and Postcolonialism' is, we believe, the first of its kind in Britain, and will take place shortly before the Lambeth conference 2008, thus responding to the challenge to make links between postcolonial theory, post-colonial theological scholarship and colonial Anglican history. We are also planning to host a conversation on postcolonial theology at the Lambeth conference itself.

The LTI's latest research project 'Future Ethics', being taken forward most ably by its researcher Stefan Skrimshire, has attracted a great deal of attention in the academy and beyond. Clearly, it taps into an important contemporary concern and yet also clarifies and brings into better focus questions about crisis, change, hope and future.

Next, I'm glad to welcome back Samson Hailegiorgis to the Institute. Samson, who is the present holder of the Lincoln International Doctoral Studentship, spent 2007 in Ethiopia undertaking fieldwork among Ethiopian 'evangelical' churches on their understandings of church unity.

The very latest news on the Institute's activities and events can of course be found on our website. Not least, on the website you will find details of the meetings of the Lincoln Seminar in Theology. You are warmly welcome at any of these meetings.

First Alumni Study Day Held; Lincoln Seminar Meets

In December last year, the Institute organised the first Alumni Study Day, which featured an Alumni Lecture given by Stephen Platten, Bishop of Wakefield (who is also the Chair of the LTI's Trustees). A goodly crowd gathered to hear Bishop Stephen speak on the thought of Samuel Taylor Coleridge as the basis for a fresh theological apologetic. And a lively discussion followed on the nature of an appropriate theological apologetic for today. A brief presentation followed on the work of the LTI; please see other sections of this Newsletter for details on the Institute's latest projects.

Participants in the Study Day then proceeded to the second meeting of the Lincoln seminar, on the topic of 'What Future for the Anglican Communion?' Speakers included Stephen Platten, Mark Chapman and Joe Duggan. The first meeting of the Seminar took place in November 2007 and featured an inspiring presentation by John Rodwell (formerly Professor of Ecology at the University of Lancaster) on the theme of 'Remembering the Land' in which a theological critique of deficient understandings of place and past was offered. The third meeting of the Lincoln seminar offered a rich presentation by Celia Deane-Drummond (University of Chester) on the topic of 'Christology after Darwin: A Theological Engagement with



Panel discussion, Alumni Study Day

Evolutionary Psychology' which explored diverse versions of evolutionary psychology and sought to assess these theologically. Warm thanks to the Lincoln Trustees and the Trustees of the Eric Symes Abbott Trust for their support of these events. If you have any suggestions about future events for Alumni, please contact the Director.

Future Ethics: 3 workshops on Climate Change, Political Action and the Future of the Human. June 2008—January 2009, Manchester.

Have we reached a “tipping point” in the battle to save the earth’s climate? And if we have, how might it affect our actions today? Whether those are small behavioural changes, taking direct action or political campaigning, this question of *timescale* and orientation to the *future* is fundamental: it requires that we understand how knowledge (however certain) of the future becomes the basis for action in the present: how our lives today are guided by our hopes/fears of tomorrow.

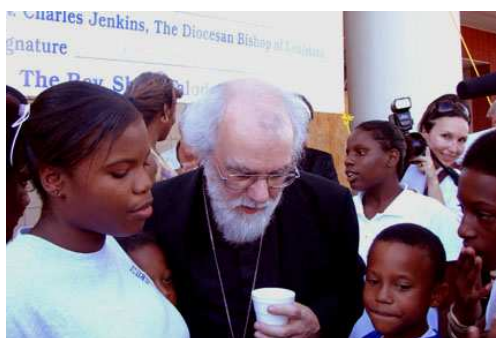


This two year research project explores contemporary responses—including religious responses—to climate change yet is also rightly ambitious in its aim to unite various disciplines in the humanities engaged with matters of ethics and ecology, risk society and global crisis, and democracy and political action.

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Church, Identity/ies and Postcolonialism May 1–2, 2008

Postcolonial Anglicanism is increasingly making headlines. Do you wonder if everybody is talking about the same thing? Bishop Robert Duncan of the Anglican Communion Network spoke at the recent ‘Mere Anglicanism’ conference of an emerging postcolonial Anglicanism. Is Duncan’s postcolonial Anglicanism the same or different to what Mark Chapman describes in his new book, *The Anglican Covenant: Unity and Diversity in the Anglican Communion?* Come join Anglican theologians from around the world to explore “Church, Identity/ies and Postcolonialism” on May 1–2, 2008.



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Book Update

Interpreting Ely Cathedral

Lynne Broughton (Ely Cathedral, April 2008)

Women and Ordination in the Christian Churches: International Perspectives

Ian Jones, Kirsty Thorpe and Janet Wootton (eds) (T&T Clark, July 2008)

Politics of Fear, Practices of Hope

Stefan Skrimshire (Continuum, September 2008)

The Welsh Church from Reformation to Disestablishment 1603–1920,

Sir Glanmor Williams, William Jacob, Nigel Yates, Frances Knight (University of Wales Press, 2007)

The Clerical Profession in the Long-Eighteenth Century 1680–1840,

W.M.Jacob (OUP, 2007).

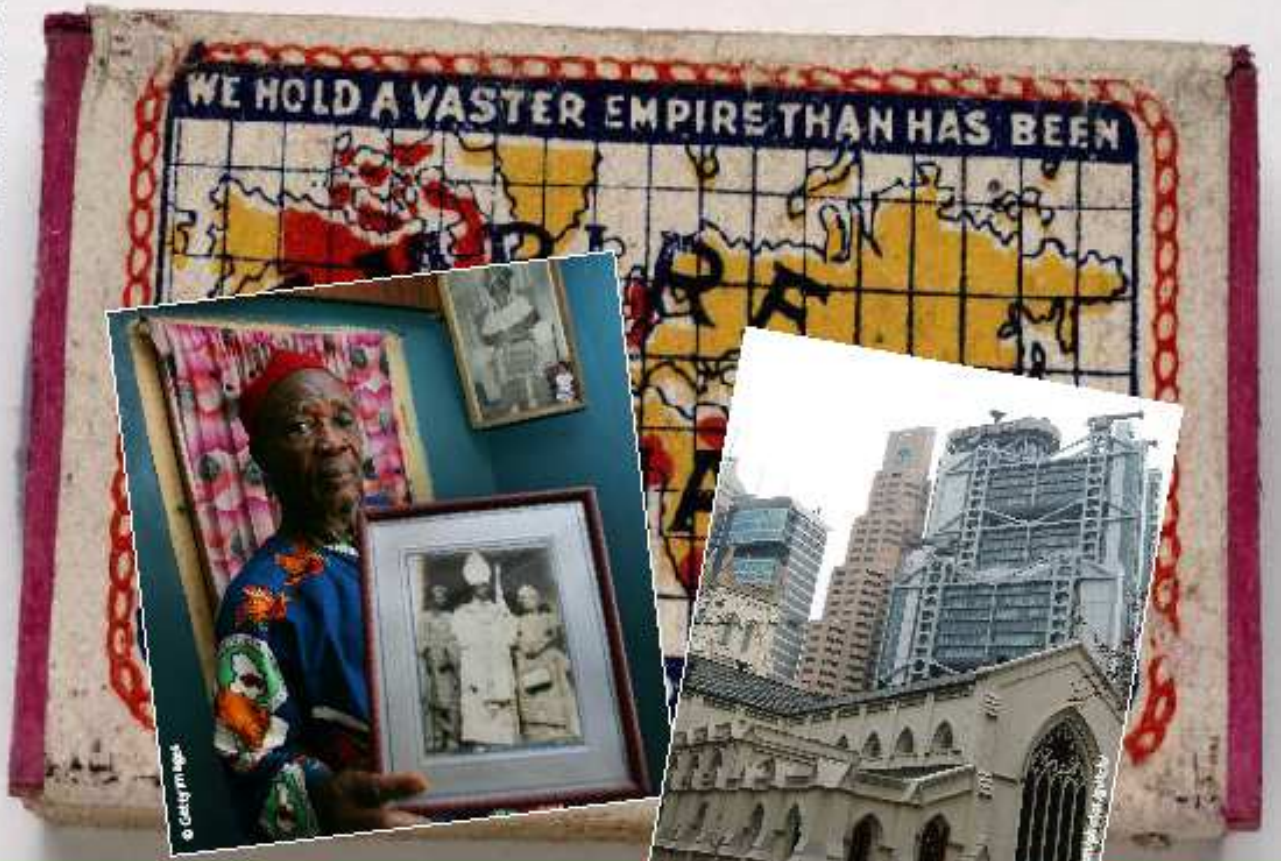
Announcements:

David Tripp, Lecturer in Liturgy and Senior Methodist Tutor at LTC 1982–1988, died December 2007.

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Laurie Green
Bishop of Bradwell,
Chelmsford Diocese, UK

David Joy
United Theological College
Bangalore, India

Stephen Pickard
Assistant Bishop,
Diocese of Adelaide, Australia

Mayra Rivera
Pacific School for Religion,
Berkeley, California

Jo Seoka
Bishop, Diocese of Pretoria,
South Africa

Steven Shakespeare
Liverpool Hope University, UK

Kevin Ward
University of Leeds, UK

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International Conference

Church, Identity/ies and Postcolonialism

For further information about the conference, including a booking form
and details of the call for short papers, please go to:
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