

Why and how should Christians care for creation?

Sunday 15 January

Steve Hughes – CEO of A Rocha



A Rocha is a Christian environmental and nature conservation movement, working to help the church understand what the Bible says about how caring for creation is not an optional extra for Christians, but a key part of our worship, discipleship and mission.

Steve Hughes joined A Rocha in May 2006. He formerly worked as an HR executive for Shell, then studied at the London School of Theology before joining A Rocha. He is part of the leadership team of his local Baptist church.

How can we learn from the persecuted church today?

Sunday 18 March

Baroness Caroline Cox – CEO of HART



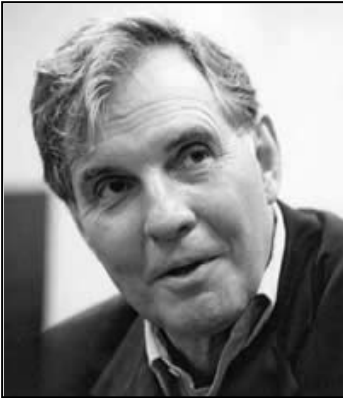
The Humanitarian Aid Relief Trust (HART) works to provide targeted aid and international advocacy for those who are, or who have been, suffering oppression and persecution. Their focus is on those who are trapped behind closed borders, not served by other major aid organisations, and largely neglected by the international media.

Baroness Cox is the founder and chief executive of HART. Her humanitarian aid work has taken her to areas including Sudan, Nigeria, Uganda, the Karen, Karenni, Shan and Chin peoples in the jungles of Burma and communities suffering from conflict in Indonesia, allowing her to obtain first hand evidence of human rights violations and humanitarian needs.

Retribution or rehabilitation? A Christian perspective on justice

Sunday 10 June

Jonathan Aitken – Director, Prison Fellowship International



Jonathan Aitken was a Member of Parliament for 23 years and served as Minister of State for Defence and later as Chief Secretary to the Treasury. He served a seven month prison sentence for perjury in 1999. He then went on to study Theology at Wycliffe Hall, Oxford, and subsequently began a new career as a writer, lecturer, broadcaster and campaigner for prison reform. He is currently President of Christian Solidarity Worldwide (CSW).

In this FAQ, Jonathan will reflect on his personal journey through prison, and comment on the lessons to be learned from the riots of 2011.

Austerity and welfare: How can effective welfare provision be secured for 21st century Britain, and how should the church be involved?

Sunday 23 September

Dr James Mumford – Senior Researcher, Centre for Social Justice



The Centre for Social Justice is an independent think tank established in 2004 to seek effective solutions to poverty in Britain. Their mission is to put social justice at the heart of British society and to build an alliance of poverty-fighting organisations in order to see a reversal of social breakdown in the UK.

James Mumford has a PhD in ethics from Oxford University, and has studied politics and religion at Yale. He has written articles on addiction, inner-city deprivation and older people in poverty.

Does marriage need to change?

Sunday 25 November

Revd Dr Philip Plyming – Vicar of Holy Trinity Claygate



Marriages are at their lowest rate for a hundred years, and the institution itself is seen by some as out of date. The UK government will consult in March 2012 to introduce same-gender marriage within England and Wales by 2015. What is a biblical perspective on this development and how will it affect the local church?

Philip Plyming has been ordained for 11 years and Vicar of Holy Trinity Claygate since 2006. With his wife, Annabelle, he prepares couples regularly for marriage and runs the Marriage Course. He is also a member of the General

Synod of the Church of England. He has been married to Annabelle for 14 years and they have two sons.

Christian FAQs take place at HTC on **Sunday evenings** at **8pm**, following our 6.30pm evening service.

All are welcome to come along – coffee and cake are served between the service and the FAQ!

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