

*Wesley Memorial Lecture 2016*

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*Revd Dr Jane Leach.*



*19th July 7.30pm*  
*Speaking of God in private -*  
*the art of pastoral conversation.*

*20th July 7.30pm*  
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*the urgency of deprivatising God.*

*Wesley Memorial Methodist Church.*  
*New Inn Hall St.*

*Free entry*

## Inaugural Wesley Memorial Lecture 2016.

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Tuesday 19th July - Reception 6.30pm

Lecture - 7.30pm

*Speaking of God in private - the art of pastoral conversation*

Wednesday 20th July - 7.30pm

*Speaking of God public - the urgency of deprivatising God*



In the world since the *Charlie Hebdo* attacks it is increasingly difficult to speak of God without being branded a fanatic. In this mini-series Dr Leach explores, in conversation with two of John Wesley's sermons, the challenges and opportunities of speaking about God in contemporary life.

In the first lecture she will reflect on Wesley's Sermon 'On pastoral visiting' and in the light of her experience of teaching practical theology in church and healthcare settings open up questions about how the story of God's redeeming love might be told and heard in a variety of 1:1 situations.

In the second lecture she will comment on Wesley's Sermon, 'Scriptural Christianity' and explore, in the light of her experience of presenting Thought for the Day on Radio 4 the ways in which it is and is not possible to speak about God in contemporary public discourse.

Jane Leach is a Methodist presbyter. She is Principal of Wesley House, Cambridge and President of the Cambridge Theological Federation. She teaches practical theology in the University of Cambridge and at Anglia Ruskin University and is a regular contributor to Radio 4's Thought for the Day. Her reflections on five psalms were part of this year's York Lent Course and she is a regularly contributor to the Methodist Church's daily online bible study, *Word in Time*. Her publications include: *Walking the Story: in the steps of saints and pilgrims* 2007, and, with Michael Paterson, *Pastoral Supervision: A Handbook*, 2nd edition 2015.