

## What is this?

**HOLY GROUND** is part of the '21C' initiative exploring the future of the church in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

It is open to everyone, but is designed particularly for people who are willing to think 'out of the box' and explore new ways of living and expressing faith.

Our **MAIN EVENTS** offer an opportunity to interact with creative and future-thinking Christian practitioners from across the UK

Our **WORKSHOPS** aim to equip you to do new things for yourself.

## Do we need to book?

Main events – booking ensures a place, but you can also just turn up

Workshops – booking is helpful

How to book; either online at [www.agoraspace.org](http://www.agoraspace.org) or by phone message to 01179574652 or at the preceding main event.

## What does it cost?

We will request a donation of £3 for our main events to part cover our costs, payable on the night.

Workshops will be free.

## Who is putting it on?

**HOLY GROUND** is hosted by Agora and is supported by

The Temple Trust

Bristol Archdeaconry Charities

St Thomas Ecclesiastical Charity

Bible Society



Contact Agora on 0117 9574652 or [info@agoraspace.org](mailto:info@agoraspace.org)

*In the wilderness*

*there are voices calling*

*creating new spaces*

*for all sorts of people*

*to explore what they believe*

*and find new ways*

*to awaken the human soul*

Welcome to

**HOLY GROUND**

# HOLY GROUND - the 2006 programme

**MAIN EVENTS** – meet people from across the UK who are exploring new ground

**May 25<sup>th</sup> In touch with the earth and its creatures**

**Chris Sunderland** takes us to the heart of climate change, while **Sian Hawkins** of A Rocha UK tells of the transformation of a community park in Southall.

**June 22<sup>nd</sup> Spirituality at Work**

Father **Dermot Tredget** of Douai Abbey explores the world of work and the spirituality of workers drawing on the Benedictine tradition.

**Sept 14<sup>th</sup> Creative Arts and Meditation**

An opportunity to experience various forms of multi-sensory worship, creative arts and meditation led by **Janet Lunt, Debbie Holmyard** and others.

**Oct 19<sup>th</sup> Theatre and Storytelling**

**Julie Nicholson** shows us how theatre can tap into the depths of the soul, while **Simon Airey** reveals the potential of storytelling.

**Nov 16<sup>th</sup> Spiritual hunger**

**John Drane** reviews evidence for spiritual hunger in today's world and shows how we can engage with it

**Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> A New Monasticism**

**Roy Searle** of the Northumbria community reflects on why people are turning to new expressions of monasticism today

**Nov 30<sup>th</sup> Politics, passion and the human soul**

**John Bell** of the Iona Community surveys the political landscape and the potential for healthy Christian engagement

**WORKSHOPS** – training and equipping you to do new things

**June 1<sup>st</sup> Take action on the environment**

**Chris Sunderland** (Agora) and **Helen Harrison** (Christian Aid) lead a workshop exploring what you can do in your church and local community

**June 8<sup>th</sup> Building a local coalition on climate change**

**Hamish Wills** leads a practical workshop on how to draw people together around climate change based on his experience of building 'Sustainable Redland'

**July 6<sup>th</sup>, July 13<sup>th</sup>, July 20<sup>th</sup> Worklife**

**Geoff Hogg** facilitates conversations for working people.

**Sept 21<sup>st</sup> Multi-sensory worship**

**Janet Lunt** leads a workshop explaining how you can develop meditative, experiential trails.

**Sept (date to follow) Christian meditation**

Ideas for working with the John Main tradition of meditation – with **Debbie Holmyard**

**Sept 28<sup>th</sup> and Oct 5<sup>th</sup> Spiritual encounters**

Deepen spirituality and self-knowledge through creativity and imagination with **Celia Jones**

**Oct 26<sup>th</sup> To be a storyteller**

**Simon Airey** leads a 'how to' workshop on storytelling

**Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> New Ways to Remember**

**Julie Nicholson** leads a practical workshop on using theatre and poetry to engage with Remembrance Day

**Nov 9<sup>th</sup> Who do you think you are?**

How to engage with the ancestry movement and make spiritual connections led by **Chris Sunderland**.

*All events will be held at 7.30pm  
in St Aldhelm's Church, Chessel St,  
Bedminster, Bristol BS3  
- unless stated otherwise*