

Crunch questions –  
*Challenging issues explored  
from a Christian perspective*



*Five talks for Lent 2019*  
at Shedfield Study Centre

St John the Baptist Church  
Church Road, Shedfield SO32 2HY

Mondays 11<sup>th</sup> March–8<sup>th</sup> April  
7.30pm (coffee served from 7.15pm)



Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March:

The Revd Harvey Griffiths

Has there ever been – or could there be – a just war? Ethical issues posed by some of the conflicts since WW2.

*Harvey has been a priest for 56 years, 22 of them as a Chaplain in the Royal Navy.*

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March:

Sir Jonathan Montgomery

What are the ethical issues surrounding end of life care? An exploration of the complex ethical dilemmas faced by medical science and its practitioners.

*From 2005–2014 Sir Jonathan chaired the Advisory Committee on Clinical Excellence Awards. He was chair of the Human Genetics Commission from 2009–2012, and from 2012–2017 chaired the Nuffield Council on Bioethics. He is UCL's Professor of Health Care Law and will shortly become chair of Oxford University Hospitals NHSFT.*



Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March:  
The Revd Will Hughes

If God is Love, why is there so much suffering in the world? An examination of the question with which theologians have wrestled for centuries: how can a perfect God create such an imperfect world?

*Will has been Vicar of Petersfield and Rector of Burton since 2011. He serves on Diocesan Synod, Bishop's Council, the Portsmouth and Winchester Board of Education and the Diocesan Academy Trust. He is a Bishops' Advisor in the selection of Clergy.*

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April:  
The Ven Gavin Collins

Can we really believe in the resurrection and eternal life for us all? 'If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile' (1 Corinthians 15.17): can Christians really believe this today?

*Gavin has been Archdeacon of the Meon since 2011.*

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April:  
Kate Branigan QC



‘Justice, mercy and faith – reflections on the Family Justice system’. Kate tackles the challenging and complex ethical issues arising from her work in seeking justice and protection for vulnerable children.

*One of the UK’s leading specialists in children’s law, Kate has been a practising barrister for 35 years. She was appointed Queen’s Counsel in 2006. Kate is a member of the Bishops’ Advisory Panel and chairs the Portsmouth Cathedral Council.*

Tea and coffee available from 7.15pm.  
Ample free parking available in Church Road.

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