

REDEEMING CREATION

The Heart of Environmental Mission



Ecology and the Christian Mission



What is the biblical basis for environmental care and action? Can ecological action be considered a legitimate part of the Christian mission? Looking at our environment Chris Wright will argue that it can and must, if we are to reflect and participate in the mission of God.

◆ **Lecture 1: Thursday 8 November, 6.30-8.30pm**

Why should Christians Care?



Why should Christians care about the non-human creation? This lecture, which will include a briefing by leading biodiversity expert Simon Stuart, will look at a range of possible responses against the background of the current situation.

◆ **Lecture 2: Thursday 15 November, 6.30-8.30pm**

A True Witness for a Whole World



What is the true scope of the gospel? How do we resolve the debate around social action and evangelism? In this session we will look at the way in which our understanding of creation influences our proclamation of the gospel and the nature of our relationship with God. Miranda Harris of A Rocha will comment on the relevance of community.

◆ **Lecture 3: Thursday 22 November, 6.30-8.30pm**

A Christian Environmental Life?



Is Christian creation care any different from secular environmental action and if so, how? How can care for creation as part of the Christian mission be expressed? How can our views as Christians be incorporated into wider society and its environmental concerns? Dave Bookless of A Rocha will use his experience of the UK scene to bring a practical perspective.

◆ **Lecture 4: Thursday 29 November, 6.30- 8.30pm**



PETER HARRIS works as International Director of A Rocha – see www.arocha.org. He and his wife Miranda moved to Portugal in 1983 to establish and run A Rocha's first field study centre and bird observatory. In 1995 the work was given over to national leadership and they moved to France where they have been working for the last nine years with national colleagues to establish a similar centre which opened early in 2001. Peter coordinates A Rocha projects in sixteen countries worldwide and his story is told in *Under the Bright Wings* (Regent College Publishing, 2000).



REV DR CHRISTOPHER WRIGHT was born in Belfast, Northern Ireland. His doctorate from Cambridge is in Old Testament ethics. He taught Old Testament in India for five years, 1983-88, at the Union Biblical Seminary, and then returned to the faculty of All Nations Christian College, a missionary training school in England, where he was Principal from 1993-2001. Chris is now the International Director of the Langham Partnership International, a group of ministries founded by The Rev Dr John Stott, providing literature, scholarships and preaching training for pastors in Majority World churches and seminaries.

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Tickets can be booked in advance or paid for at the door: £6 per individual ticket, £3 for students and OAPs

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