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TUESDAY 5TH DECEMBER

10.30AM



THE HOLY SPIRIT AND THE HUMAN HEART

STEPHEN CLARK ~ PASTOR OF FREESCHOOL COURT EVANGELICAL CHURCH, BRIDGEND

To understand the work of the Spirit in the heart of man is to start to become a true physician of the soul. But the work of the Holy Spirit is intertwined with the ministry of the Word of God. How, then, does the Holy Spirit work in and through the Word? Is he bound to the Scriptures in some way? If so, how? Such questions, and their answers, provide us with both challenges and comforts as we seek to be ministers of the Word and Spirit.

1.30PM



A CHILD OF LIGHT WALKING IN DARKNESS: THE FELT PRESENCE OF GOD

GUY DAVIES ~ PASTOR OF PROVIDENCE BAPTIST CHURCH & EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH, WILTSHIRE

What does it mean to know the presence of God with us? Should we expect it? Can we lose it? How can we regain it? Concentrating on key works of Thomas Goodwin and John Owen, this paper will look particularly at the loss and recovery of such a sense of divine sweetness, comparing and contrasting the convictions, explanations and applications of these two theologians of the Holy Spirit.

3.45PM



CALVIN - WORSHIP AND PREACHING

ANDREW YOUNG ~ MINISTER OF NAUNTON LANE EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, CHELTENHAM

The way or ways in which we worship the Lord so as to honour and glorify him remains a topic of vigorous and often heated debate. This is no new thing. Andrew Young will consider Calvin's approach to this topic, including his doctrine of worship, his approach to liturgy, and his preaching and teaching ministry. Such assessments should assist us to ask the right questions in the right spirit as we move toward answers grounded in something more than preference.

WEDNESDAY 6TH DECEMBER

10.30AM



JACOB ARMINIUS (1560-1609)

PHIL ARTHUR ~ PASTOR OF GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH, LANCASTER

Theological labels are quick to apply, and provide us with easy targets. Particular theologians are relatively easy to demonise. Jacob Arminius has given his name to a theological system that is defended by supporters and assaulted by opponents with equal ardour. It is profitable for us to understand who Arminius was, what he believed, and how his name became connected to this system. Phil Arthur will introduce us to this man, and guide us through his life and thought.

1.30PM



THE SYNOD OF DORT (1618-1619)

BENEDICT BIRD ~ THM STUDENT AND GREEK & HEBREW TEACHER AT LONDON SEMINARY

In November 1618 the Dutch Reformed Church convened a synod at Dordrecht in the Netherlands. With representatives of Reformed churches from around Europe, the synod debated the tenets of the Remonstrants, who disputed the Calvinistic understanding of the plan of redemption. Politics and theology intertwined as they wrestled to address the controversy over Arminianism. This paper will help us understand this critical event and its relevance today.

3.45PM



WILLIAM WILLIAMS, PANTYCELYN (1717-1791)

MARK THOMAS ~ PASTOR OF BORRAS PARK EVANGELICAL CHURCH, WREXHAM

William Williams is best known among evangelicals as 'the sweet singer of Wales' on account of his hymnody, combining a rigorous commitment to truth and a profound experimental sense. However, he is also recognised as a towering figure in the literary and spiritual spheres of his native Wales. Mark Thomas will help us to understand the character and context of this man, and how the Lord used him during and after his lifetime.

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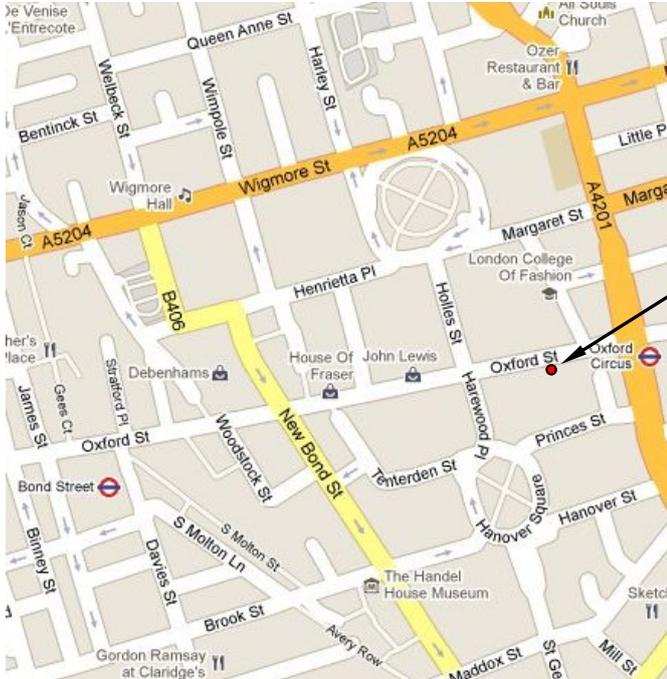
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