

VENUE

*Carmelite Monastery in Vienna
Silbergasse 35, 1190 Wien*

COST

€20 (or €7 for students)

The cost includes a meal plus coffee and tea throughout the day, as well as helping towards offsetting costs.

All are welcome.

TRANSPORTATION

- 1. Trams nos. 37 and 38 from Schottentor, stop at Silbergasse (ten-minute walk).*
- 2. Metro Heiligenstadt buses no. 10A and 39A, stop at Saarplatz (five-minute walk).*

REGISTRATION

*Registration is required via email.
Contact us at office@christchurchvienna.org.
Registration closes on Monday, 18 February.*

Space is limited.

SPONSORS

This event is being jointly sponsored by the Anglican, Methodist, and Roman Catholic English-speaking Chaplaincies in Vienna.

GOSSIPING THE GOSPEL

*Talking about our
faith... with ease.*

SATURDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2019

SPEAKER



The Revd Dr **Christian Hofreiter** is a research fellow at the Oxford Centre for Christian Apologetics and, since 2013, the director of the **Zacharias Institut für Wissenschaft, Kultur und Glaube** in Vienna. From 2008-2012, Christian served as a chaplain to the graduate student body at Oxford University and at St Aldates church. He studied theology at Oxford University, where his doctoral research focused on the Christian interpretation of “genocide texts” in the Old Testament. Before that, he had worked as a lobbyist in Washington D.C.

His research interests include religion and the phenomenon of violence as well as faith and science, topics on which he frequently lectures and engages in public dialogue at universities and in churches. An ordained Anglican, he is licensed to officiate at Christ Church.



Religious beliefs, alongside sex and politics, are topics best avoided in polite company. They are deeply private, and often divisive. To many of our contemporaries, faith seems outdated or irrelevant, perhaps stupid, or even unhealthy and dangerous.

And yet, many Christians would like to share with their friends, colleagues and relatives the immense treasure their faith has become to them. And, for readers of the bible, there also is the fact that Jesus Christ said his disciples would be his witnesses to "the ends of the earth..."



"TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH..."



SATURDAY 23 FEBRUARY

SCHEDULE

9:15-9:30 - Arrive

9:30-11:00 - Session 1

Short Break

11:15-12:45 - Session 2

Lunch

14:00-15:30 - Session 3

This workshop is designed to help us **talk about our faith** in ways that are natural, culturally sensitive and intellectually robust. It will be interactive and practical. Together we will discuss questions like:

- What's so attractive and compelling about the Christian faith?
- What are the most promising connection points to faith in our culture and day-to-day lives?
- What are helpful ways to engage with others on their personal faith journeys?
- What exactly makes it sometimes hard for us to talk about our faith?
- What are the biggest obstacles to faith for our contemporaries?
- What are the hardest questions for us to answer? How might we go about finding and giving good answers?

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