



## ***The Bible: Culture, Community and Society***

**11 - 13 July 2011**

**University of Winchester**

### **CALL FOR PAPERS**

The Centre for the Study of Theology and Religion at the University of Winchester, in association with Winchester Cathedral and the Wessex Synod of the United Reformed Church, is organising an international residential conference, *The Bible: Culture, Community and Society*, 11 – 13 July 2011. Timed to coincide with the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Authorised Version, the conference will explore issues around the Bible's status as a living, authoritative text.

Keynote speakers include:

**Richard Bell**

**Zoë Bennett**

**Andrew Bradstock**

**Ellen Davis**

**Gavin D'Costa**

**David Fergusson**

**Neil Messer**

**Angus Paddison**

**Ben Quash**

Proposals for 20-minute papers are invited from graduate students and academics. They should respond to one of the following conference themes:

- The Bible and modernity – the challenges of reading the Bible as an authoritative text, and the responses of biblical studies and theology;
- The Bible and community – how the Bible is read as an authoritative text within ecclesial communities, and its role in forming Christian action;
- Reading the Bible in public – the negotiation of Scripture’s authority in the public square, and the issues raised by competing ‘authorities’ in political deliberation.

Along with your 200-word proposal please also include your name, email address, AV equipment required and details of any institutional affiliation.

It is hoped that an edited volume will follow from the conference, to which short-paper presenters may be invited to contribute.

Please send your proposals to:

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Deadline for proposals: **17.00 on Monday 18 April 2011.**

Paper proposers will receive a response before the end of the month, allowing you to book a place at the conference at the reduced ‘Early Bird’ rate.

For further details please contact Angus Paddison at the email address above or telephone 01962 827020.

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