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This is a special issue of the newsletter,
just giving information about several
events taking place in June.

Don Cupitt to talk in Belfast and Dublin

'The religion of post-Christian Ireland' is the title of a lecture to be given by writer and theologian Don Cupitt in Belfast and Dublin, on June 10 and 12.

'Not long ago,' Cupitt says, 'Ireland was one of the last areas of Western Europe where majority Christian practice remained the norm. Now, suddenly, everything has changed. What comes next? Pure secularism, the next stage of Christianity, or a quite new religious outlook?' The answer, Cupitt thinks, is 'All three at once.'

In Belfast the lecture will be given at The Black Box, 18-22 Hill Street, on Tuesday 10th June at 7.30pm. It is sponsored by Sea of Faith in conjunction with Ikon and OCN.

In Dublin it will take place at the Thomas Davis Theatre, in the Arts Building of Trinity College, on Thursday 12th June at 7.30pm. It is sponsored by ISE in conjunction with OCN, as well as Trinity.

Discussion

The Northern Group of the Open Christianity Network will meet on Monday 16th June at 6.15 pm in St George's Church, High St., Belfast to discuss Don Cupitt's lecture.

The Dublin Group will also discuss the lecture, when it meets on Saturday 28th June at 11.00am in Taney Parish Centre.

Cork Theology Forum

Freedom For My People: a Biblical Buffet
Friday 13th June 2008 at St. Finbarr's College,
Farranferris, Redemption Road, Cork.
Registration 7.00pm (fee €15, members €10)

Introductory speaker (7.30pm):

Charles Conroy SHM (Emeritus Professor of OT exegesis of the Gregorian University) on Freedom in the Bible.

Three workshops (8.15pm) led by:

John Newman (parish priest of Monkstown in Cork, lecturer in the Ed. Dept in UCC in the H. Dip. for teachers of RE) on The Spirit of Freedom in St. Paul;

Seán O'Sullivan (priest of the Diocese of Cork and Ross at present involved in adult religious education in the diocese) on The Idea of Freedom in Exodus; and

William Olhausen (Rector of the Carrigrohane Union of Parishes in Cork) on Jesus and Liberation.

Finishing with a buffet, 9.15 – 10.00pm

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Information if required from John Scanlan, 431 6812 & 086-193 1437.

Web-site <http://www.corktheologyforum.org>

Heritage, Spirituality and Ecology Centre

The Cork Quaker Eco Congregation Committee invites you to join them on an outing on Saturday 14th June to the Nano Nagle Centre for Heritage, Spirituality and Ecology in North Cork (located between Fermoy and Mallow) - see www.nanonaglebirthplace.ie. This centre has implemented many 'green' options for heating, landscaping, building and organic farming and has guided tours for school and other groups. They offer conference facilities and will give a talk or talks on the issues such as sustainability, making use of grounds and other environmentally friendly topics.

Maeve Stronach says: 'If only a few would be going then we could car pool but if there are many takers then it may be best to hire a mini bus from Cork.'

The centre would expect us to pay 70 - 80 euro to cover the group for a two hour visit which would include a talk or talks, followed by a 'practical' walk around the grounds to see what we've just been told about. Tea and cakes are included.

Please let Conor Kelleher know if you are interested in joining in (conorkelleher@eircom.net). Alternately, contact Natasha Harty on 021 4652 429.
