



# LENT CONVERSATIONS 2026

## MATTERS of LIFE and DEATH, HEALTH and FAITH

*All meetings are at 7pm for refreshments, to start 7.30pm*

Wednesday 4th March - Alma Church, St John's Rd, Bristol BS8 2ES

Speaker: Prof John Bryant Exeter University, on bioethics

*Beyond the Double Helix: Medicine, Genetics and Ethics*

Thursday 12th March - Cotham Parish Church, Cotham Rd, BS6 6DR

Speaker: Dr Simon Kolstoe Portsmouth University,  
research ethicist in Public Health

*The Ethics of AI and other new technologies in Healthcare*

Wednesday 18th March - Tyndale Baptist Church, Whiteladies Rd, BS8 2QG

Speaker: Dr Ariel Dempsey, Oxford University, physician and  
postdoctoral fellow in the Faculty of Theology

*Reflections on Assisted Dying*

Wednesday 25th March at the Redland Friends Meeting House, BS6 6JE

Speaker: Prof Neil Messer, Baylor University Texas, theological bioethics

*Science in Theology: What kind of Conversation?*

Churches Together in Clifton, Redland and Cotham with Hotwells,  
in association with Christians in Science, Bristol.



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