



# 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.**