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Reforming Attitudes to Race: David Olusoga, Liz Adekunle

David Olusoga is a British-Nigerian historian, broadcaster and film-maker. Born in Lagos, Nigeria, David is a multi-award-winning presenter. His most recent series include *Black and British: A Forgotten History (BBC 2)* and the BAFTA winning *Britain’s Forgotten Slave Owners (BBC 2)*. David is also the author of *Black & British: A Forgotten History* (Macmillan, 2016) and *The World’s War (Head of Zeus, 2014)*. David also writes for The Guardian and The Observer and BBC History Magazine and is one of the three presenters on the BBC’s new landmark Arts series, Civilisations.

Liz Adekunle was born in North London and read theology at Birmingham University. She has two Masters degrees; the first from SOAS in African Christianity and Development and the second, completed while she was in training at Ridley Hall, Cambridge. She is esteemed as a former Chaplain and tutor at St Mellitus College, former Chaplain and Acting Dean at St John’s College, Cambridge and is also a member of the Archbishops’ Task Group on Evangelism. Liz is the Archdeacon of Hackney and was appointed as a Chaplain to her Majesty the Queen in April 2017.

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On 31 October 1517 Martin Luther pinned 95 Theses to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, protesting against the practice of indulgences and touching on questions of grace, repentance and forgiveness. The Reformation was a culmination of events and circumstances that led to a seismic shift in the religious framework of Britain. It established the image of an island nation, separate and supreme, still resonant today. It triggered a religious and political redistribution of power. It led to renewal and reform but also to deep division, persecution and violence. And out of this turmoil were born concepts of state and church as we know them today.

In this 500th anniversary year of the Reformation, many Christians will want to give thanks for its great blessings, including clear proclamation of the gospel of grace, the availability of the Bible to all in their own language, and the recognition of the calling of lay people to serve God in the world and in the church. Yet many will remember also the lasting damage done to the unity of the church. Those turbulent years saw Christians pitted against each other, such that many suffered persecution and even death at the hands of others claiming to know the same Lord. As Christianity spread around the world in the centuries that followed, it would carry with it that legacy of mistrust and competition.

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Reforming Church: Lucy Winkett, Sam Wells

Lucy Winkett was ordained in 1995, having worked previously as a professional soprano. One of the first generation of women to be ordained in the Church of England, she served her title in Manor Park, Newham before becoming the first woman priest appointed at St Paul’s Cathedral, later becoming Canon Precentor. She has been Rector of St James’s, Piccadilly since 2010. With degrees in history and theology, she broadcasts regularly on religion, gender and contemporary culture and is a longstanding contributor to Radio 4’s ‘Thought for the Day’. She was a founding adviser for the public theology think tank Theos and was co-founder of Leading Women 4’s ‘Thought for the Day’. She was a founding adviser for the public theology think tank Theos and was co-founder of Leading Women.

Revd Dr Sam Wells is Vicar of St Martin-in-the-Fields, and a widely-known preacher, pastor, writer, broadcaster, and theologian. He has served as a Church of England parish priest for 19 years. He also spent 7 years in North Carolina, where he was Dean of Duke University Chapel. Sam is also Visiting Professor of Christian Ethics at King’s College London. He has published 27 books, including academic studies and textbooks in Christian ethics, explorations of social mission, liturgy and Anglican faith, and four collections of sermons. His most recent book is Hanging by a Thread.

Monday 9 October 2017, 7.00pm-8.30pm
Reforming Marriage: Nicholas Holtam, David Monteith, Sally Hitchiner

Nicholas Holtam has been Bishop of Salisbury since 2011. For the Church of England he is the lead bishop on the environment and chairs a committee for ministry with and among deaf and disabled people. From 1995-2011 Nick was the Vicar of St Martin-in-the-Fields where one of the things he learned is that diverse people are called into God’s kingdom. Because he believes marriage matters he has supported equal marriage and hopes that in time the Church will come to see the goodness of supporting people in a fruitful relationship that is permanent, faithful and stable.

David Monteith has been Dean of Leicester since 2013. During this time the Cathedral has completed the first stage of its redevelopment with the reinternment of King Richard III. In one of Britain’s most multicultural cities, the cathedral offers generous Christian hospitality to all. He has previously served in Birmingham and London, including at St Martin-in-the-Fields. Originally from Enniskillen, Northern Ireland he shares long-term interests in music, poetry and the visual arts with a commitment to living with diversity.

Sally Hitchiner is the Coordinating Chaplain and Interfaith Adviser for Brunel University London. She is also the founder and MD of Diverse Church a support network for over 700 LGBT Christians in the UK and Ireland. She trained at York and Oxford before spending time as a parish priest in Ealing where she led a large congregation that serves a diverse congregation. She is also a newspaper analyst on BBC Breakfast. She recently entered into a Civil Partnership with Fiona.