



What we talk about...

Christians are always talking about themselves, their churches, structures and beliefs. Perhaps that is why so many people have walked away from them! We realise that as the Bible says 'God loved the world...' So we need to try and understand the world and see its life as something God cares about. So we have talked lately about the media, pubs and parenting. In 2012 we plan to discuss whether we really need a church, whether marriage is finished, and what can we actually believe about God? In May we will ask whether anybody really cares, 'what is education for?', the future of the NHS, whether we should now ditch the Old Testament, the tyranny of sex, whether social services can ever succeed, and the different faces of faith. We don't do prayers or hymns but we try to relate our thoughts to the teaching of Jesus the Christ, and learn from the teaching of other faith systems.

Normally we meet at PICL Palace, off the church car park in King Street, Newcastle, at 7.15pm on the first Sunday in the month.

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Christianity?

Don't make me laugh!



**(unless
of course
it makes
sense)**

...And
Progressive
Christianity
says that
it does...

What IS Progressive Christianity?

It is a way of celebrating and promoting the Christian faith so that thoughtful people in the 21st Century can see the relevance of Jesus the Christ to our personal, communal, family and national life.

It subjects the priceless Bible documents that have been handed down the centuries to scholarly examination, and questions some of the beliefs that traditional creeds affirm.

The result: Christianity is found to be a much more interesting basis for life than can be imagined from the way it is offered by most traditional churches or evangelists. We do not suggest that progressive Christians should abandon their churches, and although certain beliefs are no longer credible for us, we treat those with whom we disagree with tolerance and courtesy.

Evangelical fundamentalism is popularly thought to be the real nature of Christianity. That is the basis on which certain atheists often scorn it. The faith which is based on the life and teaching of Jesus the Christ is a believable, life-enhancing adventure, open to honest sharing with people of other faith systems. It is a supreme starting point for those who think that 'there must be something in spirituality' but are not satisfied with the creeds offered about it in traditional religion.



About you (if you wish to say)...

I would describe myself as...

- An enthusiastic Christian believer.....
(which denomination or tradition?).....
- A spiritual seeker
- A rather angry opponent of all religion.....
- An agnostic.....
- An atheist.....
- A follower of some other faith.....

Book the date...

A leading scholar who presents the case for PC with simplicity and wit is Bishop John Spong, who has set out his thoughts in a new DVD called 'Christianity for the non-religious.'



Bishop John Spong

This will be shown on February 4th 2012 at the PICL Palace, 14a King Street, Newcastle (Church car park). Lunch will be available from 12.30, and the DVD will be screened from 2.00pm with time for discussion afterwards.

Cost: £5 or with lunch £8

Please fill in the slip below and return to Joanne Mansfield, 3 Chestnut Road, Brown Edge, Stoke-on-Trent ST6 8QQ

I hope to attend on February 14:

Name

Address.....

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