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‘... those forms of religion that tell their followers to live their lives in conformity with external principles will be in decline. Many churches are likely to fall into this category.

By contrast, those forms of spirituality in the West that help people to live in accordance with the deepest, sacred dimension of their own unique lives can be expected to be growing.’

Paul Heelas & Linda Woodhead, ‘The Spiritual Revolution’
In a unique Scottish event, Professor Paul Heelas and Dr Linda Woodhead from the University of Lancaster will present their evidence for the changing face of religion in contemporary Britain. They led the ‘Kendal Project’, a major empirical study of the churches and other spiritual groups in one British town. Their recent book, ‘The Spiritual Revolution’ (Blackwell 2005), draws on the Kendal findings, arguing that organised religion is giving way to subjective forms of personal spirituality.

**Main Speakers:**
- Paul Heelas – Professor of Religion and Modernity, University of Lancaster
- Linda Woodhead – Senior Lecturer in Christian Studies, University of Lancaster
- Callum Brown – Professor of Religious and Cultural History, University of Dundee & author of ‘The Death of Christian Britain’ (2001)
- Dr Steven Sutcliffe – Lecturer in Religion and Society, University of Edinburgh & author of ‘Children of the New Age’ (2003)
- Hijme Stoffels – Professor of Sociology of Religion, Free University of Amsterdam
- Rev Dr Russell Barr – Parish Minister, Cramond, Edinburgh
- Rev Dr Georgina Nelson – Chaplain, St John’s Hospital, Livingston

What are the implications of their work for those working in congregations and chaplaincies and for those teaching in schools? Conference participants will have the opportunity to discuss that question directly with the researchers and a range of invited speakers, including:

- Callum Brown, historian of religion in Britain
- Dr Steven Sutcliffe, Scottish researcher on spiritual practices
- Hijme Stoffels, sociologist of congregations
- Rev Dr Russell Barr, parish minister
- Rev Dr Georgina Nelson, hospital chaplain
- Professor Paul Heelas

**Conference programme**

**Chair:** Professor William Storrar, New College

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