

## Practical Details

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### Where?

Parish Hall, Christ the Prince of Peace, Portmore Way, Portmore Park Road, Weybridge KT13 8JD

### What time?

8pm, light refreshments from 7.30

### Where can I park?

There is limited parking on site or on adjacent roads (please do not double-park).

There is also a public car park (free in the evenings) 10 minutes walk away in the centre of Weybridge (Churchfield Road). To walk to the venue from there, turn left at the end of Churchfield Road onto the main street, cross the road and then turn right into Minorca Road. At the end of Minorca Road follow the pedestrian lane and at the end turn right and you will see the church a short way down on your right.

### Is there a charge?

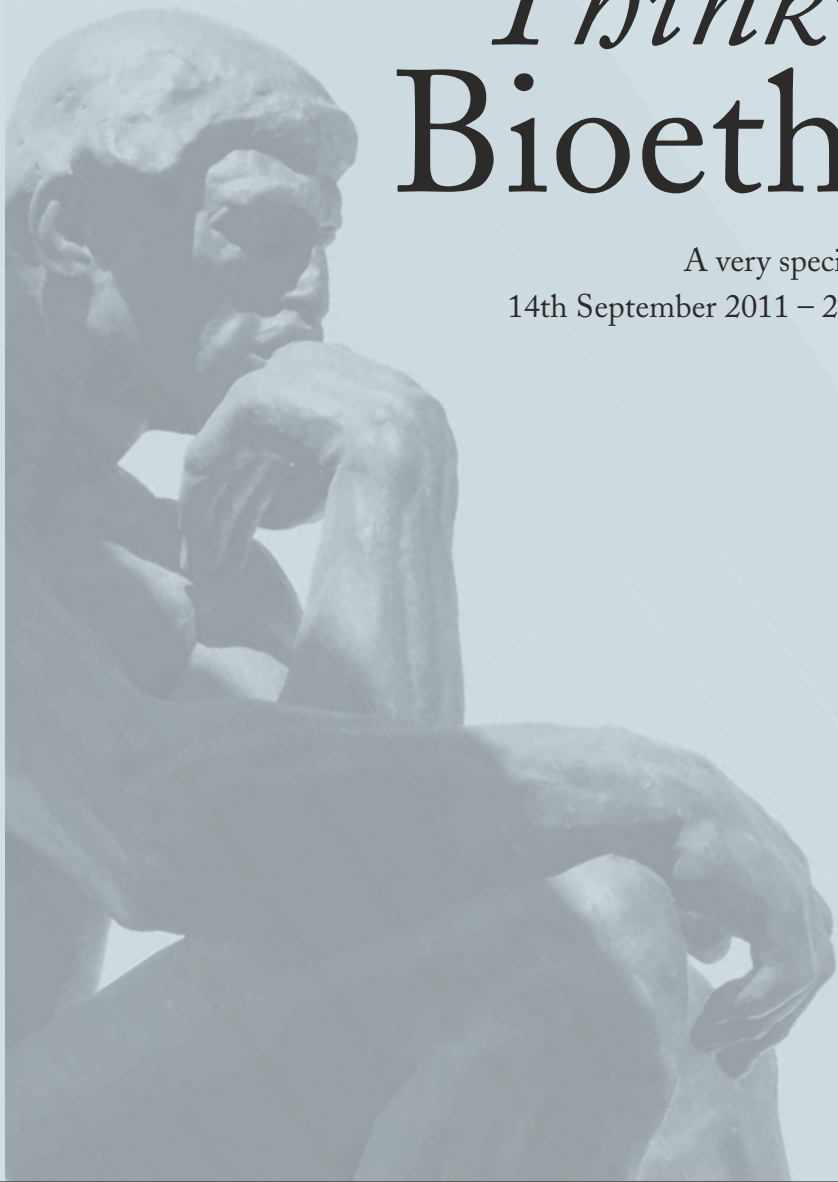
We need to cover costs but no-one should let expense prevent them attending.

- Suggested minimum donation to register and attend all talks £20
- Suggested minimum donation to attend an individual talk £5

### Creative Leap


We acknowledge with gratitude the generous support of our friends at Creative Leap ([www.creativeleap.com](http://www.creativeleap.com)) in preparing the promotional materials for these talks.

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# *Thinking* Bioethics

A very special opportunity  
14th September 2011 – 25th April 2012



**We are delighted to present a very special series of talks on the ethics of human biology.**

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We constantly hear of ethical dilemmas arising either from developing technologies or from new challenges to previously accepted ethical norms. On examination it is clear that the range of views expressed and arguments employed often arise from different underlying assumptions and debate can be frustrated by a failure to recognise this and engage with these differences.

In these talks you will be introduced to a range of these assumptions and invited to reflect on their implications for medicine and medical research.

It is hoped that participants will, as a result, both be assisted in their personal decision-making and enabled and motivated to engage with confidence in the public debate.

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We are privileged to welcome six guest speakers who are all experts in their chosen subjects and we are grateful to them for giving so generously of their time. The seventh talk will be given by the talks convenor.

**We also hope that the talks will mark the beginning of a longer journey -**

- and we are offering materials and resources to encourage further and continuing independent research and reflection. These materials will be provided to all those who register for the full series of talks and for each talk will include suggestions for advance reading, notes or PowerPoint slides of the talk and suggestions for further reading.

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**On a practical note**

To minimise costs these additional materials will, where possible, be provided by email and we therefore ask that you supply an email address when you register. If you cannot do so we will supply printed materials wherever permissible and feasible provided you register for the full course by **15th September**.

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# The Talks Programme

<p><b>Introduction</b> 14th September: An informal introduction</p>	<p><b>Talk 1</b> 21st September: Ethical theories</p>	<p><b>Talk 2</b> 19th October: The human person</p>	<p><b>Talk 3</b> 16th November: At the beginning of life</p>	<p><b>Talk 4</b> 18th January: Towards the end of life</p>	<p><b>Talk 5</b> 15th February: Medical law</p>
<p>Offering an opportunity to find out more about the talks – all most welcome but attendance not essential to the course.</p> <p><b>Hosted by the talks convener, Pauline Gately.</b></p>	<p>A whirlwind tour of the main schools of Western ethical thinking today. Can ‘The Master of them that know’, ‘The Dumb Ox’, the philosopher in a box or the philosopher’s philosopher help us decide which patient to save on a busy night in casualty?</p> <p><b>Speaker</b> Dr Trevor Stammers, Programme Director in Bioethics and Medical Law at St Mary’s University College, Twickenham and Fellow of the Royal College of General Practitioners.</p>	<p>Persons have rights but who is a person? Is this philosophical or a scientific question? We look at the key concepts of the human person in western philosophical and theological tradition: How do we reconcile the animal, the transcendent and the essential unity of these and how does this inform our bioethics?</p> <p><b>Speaker</b> Dr David Albert Jones, Director of the Anscombe Bioethics Centre, Research Fellow at Blackfriars Hall, Oxford and visiting Professor at St Mary’s and author of ‘The Soul of the Embryo’.</p>	<p>We consider the deeper significance of the means by which new life is created and the implications for how this life should be regarded: When does this new life begin? When does it become a person? And how is that relevant?</p> <p><b>Speaker</b> Anthony McCarthy, bioethics writer and researcher and former Research Fellow at the Anscombe Bioethics Centre. He has taught at St Mary’s University College, Blackfriars Hall and Ushaw College amongst others.</p>	<p>We all want a ‘good death’ but what do we understand by this and how can we best facilitate it? What is palliative care and when is it appropriate? In what circumstances, if ever, is deprivation of consciousness acceptable and is it ever right to discontinue hydration?</p> <p><b>Speaker</b> Dr Adrian Treloar, Consultant in Old Age Psychiatry. He has pioneered advanced care of dementia at home and worked with the National Council for Palliative Care and other bodies on the care and nutrition of people with advanced dementia.</p>	<p>An examination of recent developments in medical law and their implications: Does medical law make sense or have judges and legislators, in their anxiety to respect personal autonomy and respond pragmatically to perceived need, rendered the law “morally and intellectually misshapen”?</p> <p><b>Speaker</b> James Bogle, barrister of the Middle Temple and Deputy Head of Chambers, specialising in medical law and medico-legal issues.</p>

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## Talk 6 21st March: Theology of the Body

Here we step back from the central themes of the talks to learn of love, truth and the human person through the teachings of Blessed Pope John Paul brought together as the Theology of the Body - and discover their profound relevance to 'thinking bioethics'.

### Speaker

Edmund Adamus, Director of Pastoral Affairs for Westminster Diocese and regular speaker on the Theology of the Body.

## Talk 7 18th April: Issues and agendas

We consider topical bioethical issues in the light of what we have learned. We will also ask whether the apparently piecemeal evolution of our bioethics is underpinned by more coherent agendas: Are humans special - and does it matter? And just what is the population problem?

### Speaker

Pauline Gately, who has an MA in Bioethics from St Mary's where she has also guest lectured. She both observes and engages in the public debate on bioethical issues and this talk is the fruit of that experience.

## Feedback 25th April: Feedback session

An informal session providing the opportunity for feedback, discussion and interaction. The agenda will be set by those who attend!

### Hosted by the talks convenor.



# Registration

## Why do you want us to register?

By registering you enable us to supply you with advance and follow up resources.

## How do I register?

Please complete the form below. If possible please supply an email address. To do this email: [p.gately@btinternet.com](mailto:p.gately@btinternet.com), putting "bioethics talks registration" in the subject field.

Name(s) .....

Address .....

Telephone .....

Are you able to provide an email address? .....

Yes  No

If 'yes' please confirm you have provided this to [p.gately@btinternet.com](mailto:p.gately@btinternet.com)

Yes I have provided my email address .....

Yes

Amount donated (suggested minimum £20) .....

How did you hear of the course? .....

Would you like to be kept informed of future bioethics events? .....

Yes  No

Please send the completed registration form and cheques (made payable to RCD of A & B and marked "bioethics course" on the back) by **15th September** to:

The Parish Office (Bioethics course)

Christ the Prince of Peace

Portmore Way

Weybridge

Surrey KT13 8JD

**Or register at the information evening on September 14th**