

Church Engagement Director: Background and Experience

Dr Ruth M. Bancewicz, Faraday Church Engagement Director since Sept 2018

Leader of three resource-production projects at The Faraday Institute, Feb 2006-Aug 2018

- April 2015-August 2018. *Engaging the International Christian Community with Narratives of Purpose in Biology*. Helping people of faith enjoy the wonders of the living world, and begin to discuss the deeper questions raised by this research. Outputs: illustrated book, online videos & articles, material for adult small groups & secondary schools, public speaking.
- Feb 2012-Feb 2015. *A Positive Message: Reaching the International Christian Community with Faraday Research and Resources on Science and Faith*. Topics: creativity, imagination, beauty, wonder & awe. Outputs: book, videos, blog, social media, print/online articles, public speaking in UK & USA.
- Feb 2007-Jan 2015. *Promoting the Public Understanding of Science and Christianity in the International Church Community*. www.testoffaith.com Outputs: documentary, book, adult small group material (translated into 10 languages), UK secondary school material. Online resources including material for church services, youth groups & homeschool. Social media, public speaking & lecture tours in Brazil, Spain & China. Awards in UK, USA, Brazil.

Books & Book Chapters

Wonders of the Living World (Lion Hudson, forthcoming, Autumn 2020)

'The Scientist-Believer: Following Christ as we uncover the wonders of the living world' in *Christ and the Created Order: Perspectives from Theology, Philosophy and Science*, Volume 2, Andrew B. Torrance & Thomas H. McCall (eds.) (Zondervan Academic, 2018)

God in the Lab: How Science Enhances Faith (Monarch, Jan 2015 (UK); March 2015 (US))

Test of FAITH: Spiritual Journeys with Scientists (Paternoster, 2009. Editions in USA, Brazil, Spain & Portugal)

Public Speaking

Over 300 events including Spring Harvest, Word Alive, New Wine, Greenbelt, Soul Survivor, churches, cathedrals, universities, theological colleges, retreat centres, science festivals & schools. Lecture tours in the USA, Brazil & Spain.

TV, Radio, & Print Media

Including Channel 4, BBC Radio, and Christian radio and TV stations.

Previous Employment & Education

Feb 2006 – Jan 2007 Consultant, The Faraday Institute for Science and Religion (50% time)
Researching the need for science-faith resources in UK churches.

Oct 2004 – Dec 2007 Development Officer, Christians in Science (largely 50% time). Raising profile, improving member services & recruitment (especially young people).

Oct 2003 - Jan 2006 Post-doctoral Research Fellow (full time maternity cover, then part time)
Wellcome Trust Centre for Cell Biology, University of Edinburgh.

Sep 2000 – Sep 2003 PhD, Genetics, University of Edinburgh

Sep 1999 – July 2000 MSc by Research in the Life Sciences (Distinction), University of Edinburgh

Sep 1995 – June 1999 B.Sc. Genetics (Hons, 1st class), University of Aberdeen