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Engaging with Science course a success

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For many scientists today, the idea that science and religion are in conflict is an outdated notion.

For thousands of Christians in laboratories around the world, the Bible is relevant and addresses issues that science alone can't explain.

Thanks to the Engaging with Science course held by Keswick Ministries in partnership with The Faraday Institute for Science and Religion, a new group of Christians have been equipped to engage faithfully with challenging ethical and scientific questions.

The two-day online course featured guest speaker Dr Denis Alexander, the Emeritus Director of The Faraday Institute for Science and Religion, along with Dr Ruth Valerio, Global Advocacy and Influencing Director for Tearfund, and Dr David Randall, a doctor and researcher in renal medicine in London.

Dr Ruth Bancewicz, Faraday Institute Church Engagement Director, said: "We had a fantastic time exploring with Denis Alexander how science and Christian faith are complementary ways to look at the world. Ruth Valerio went on to demonstrate the biblical precedent for creation care, leading to practical action in our churches. David Randall finished off the two days by helping us to explore what it means to be human, and how we can care for people at the beginning and end of life."

The two-day conference was aimed at everyone from church leaders to Christians working in science-related professions and Christians with a strong interest in learning how to approach scientific questions through biblical lenses. At a time when the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the importance of science and faith, the course equipped people to answer tough questions on these topics and feed into the lives of their churches.

Prof Sarah Perrett, Faraday Institute Course Director, said: "It was great to meet people from all over the country and to equip them to engage well with science in their own local contexts. We particularly enjoyed meeting a number of university students and enabling them to have their own discussion about how science and faith work together."

James Robson, Ministry Director for Keswick Ministries, added: "The course delved into some of the big topics around science and faith, which are very relevant today. It was great to work in partnership with The Faraday Institute for Science and Religion.

"Keswick Ministries holds a variety of teaching and training events throughout the year to encourage Christians in their daily walk and ministry."

For more information about Keswick Ministries' Teaching and Training programme, go to www.keswickministries.org/teaching-training-events/

For more resources and events on science for churches, go to <https://www.faraday.cam.ac.uk/churches>

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Keswick Ministries is a leading Christian charity and hosts the annual three-week Keswick Convention.

The Convention has been running for more than 145 years and now attracts over 12,000 visitors to Keswick each year. The aim of the Convention is to refresh and inspire Christians in the beautiful setting of the Lake District to go out and serve God for His mission in the world and care for some of the poorest and most needy in the world.

The charity also provides biblical teaching and training events and resources and encourages a UK and Global Keswick movement committed to *Hearing God's Word, Becoming like God's Son and Serving God's Mission*. Keswick Ministries is committed to being a good neighbor by working alongside local residents and businesses to ensure they benefit from the Convention and its other activities.

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The Faraday Institute for Science and Religion is a Cambridge-based interdisciplinary research institute with a Christian ethos, and an Associate member of the Cambridge Theological Federation. Its main focus is on the relationship between science and the Christian faith, but it also engages with those of any faith or none.

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