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# CONFIDENT CHRISTIANITY

## ABERDEEN

Sharing the gospel in  
an age of tough questions



## Timetable

9:00	Welcome / Devotion
9:30	Andy Bannister: <i>How to talk about Jesus without looking like an idiot</i>
10:00	Mark Stirling: <i>Everyone believes in something; unmasking the hidden faith commitments of our skeptical friends</i>
10:25	Solas presentation / Coffee Break
11:00	David Galloway: <i>Life's design; the real deal or an illusion?</i>
11:40	Max Baker-Hytch: <i>What can historians tell us about the figure of Jesus?</i>
12:05	Lunch Break
13:15	David Galloway: <i>Can science explain everything?</i>
13:55	Mark Stirling: <i>Can I disagree without being disagreeable?</i>
14:20	Coffee Break
14:45	Max Baker-Hytch: <i>Why isn't God more obvious?</i>
15:15	Andy Bannister: <i>Are we matter or do we matter?</i>
15:40	Q&A
16:30	Finish

**Welcome to Confident Christianity!** There is a wonderful diversity that exists among Christians, but we share common ground on this: ***we wish we were better at telling others about Jesus.*** This conference is a response to that and is driven by a conviction that as God's people are equipped to proclaim and defend the gospel, they will be emboldened to speak the gospel. It is our prayer that whatever your background or stage of the Christian faith that you will leave today more confident to be a spokesperson for Jesus Christ - and that He would use our weak efforts to transform our communities with the gospel.

**Five local churches** have partnered together to bring this Confident Christianity Conference to Aberdeen:

**Aberdeen Christian Fellowship // Deeside Christian Fellowship  
Gerrard Street Baptist Church // Gilcomston Church  
Hebron Evangelical Church**

## Speakers

**Andy Bannister** (Solas Centre for Public Christianity) was Director and Lead Apologist at the Canada office of Ravi Zacharias International Ministries (RZIM) prior to joining Solas in September 2016. Andy holds a PhD in Islamic studies and his latest book, *The Atheist Who Didn't Exist*, is a humorous engagement with the New Atheism. Andy is a keen hiker, mountain climber and photographer. He is married to Astrid; they have two children, Caitriona and Christopher.

**Mark Stirling** (Cornerstone Church, St Andrews) is a former medical doctor who pioneered work amongst university students with the Navigators in Edinburgh from 1998 to 2004. He has a PhD in Biblical Studies from St Andrews University. He and his wife Jenny still live in St Andrews where they work closely together in The Chalmers Institute, a learning community that resources and equips people to exercise faithful biblical leadership in the church and in society.

**David Galloway** is a gastroenterological surgeon, formerly President of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons Glasgow. He has worked in Zambia, Malaysia and the USA. He is a founder of the Centre for Intelligent Design, speaking regularly on issues of faith, medicine and science.

**Max Baker-Hytch** (Wycliffe Hall) completed a D.Phil. in Philosophy at Oxford University and held research fellowships at both Oxford and the University of Notre Dame, before joining Wycliffe Hall in 2016. Max's research interests lie at the intersection of analytic philosophy of religion and epistemology, and he has published on such topics as divine hiddenness, religious diversity and the nature of rationality and knowledge.

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**Q&A:** There will be a Q&A time at the end of the day. You can simply ask questions at that time, or you can submit your question by writing it down on the card provided and place it in the Q&A box located in the foyer during coffee-break or lunch.

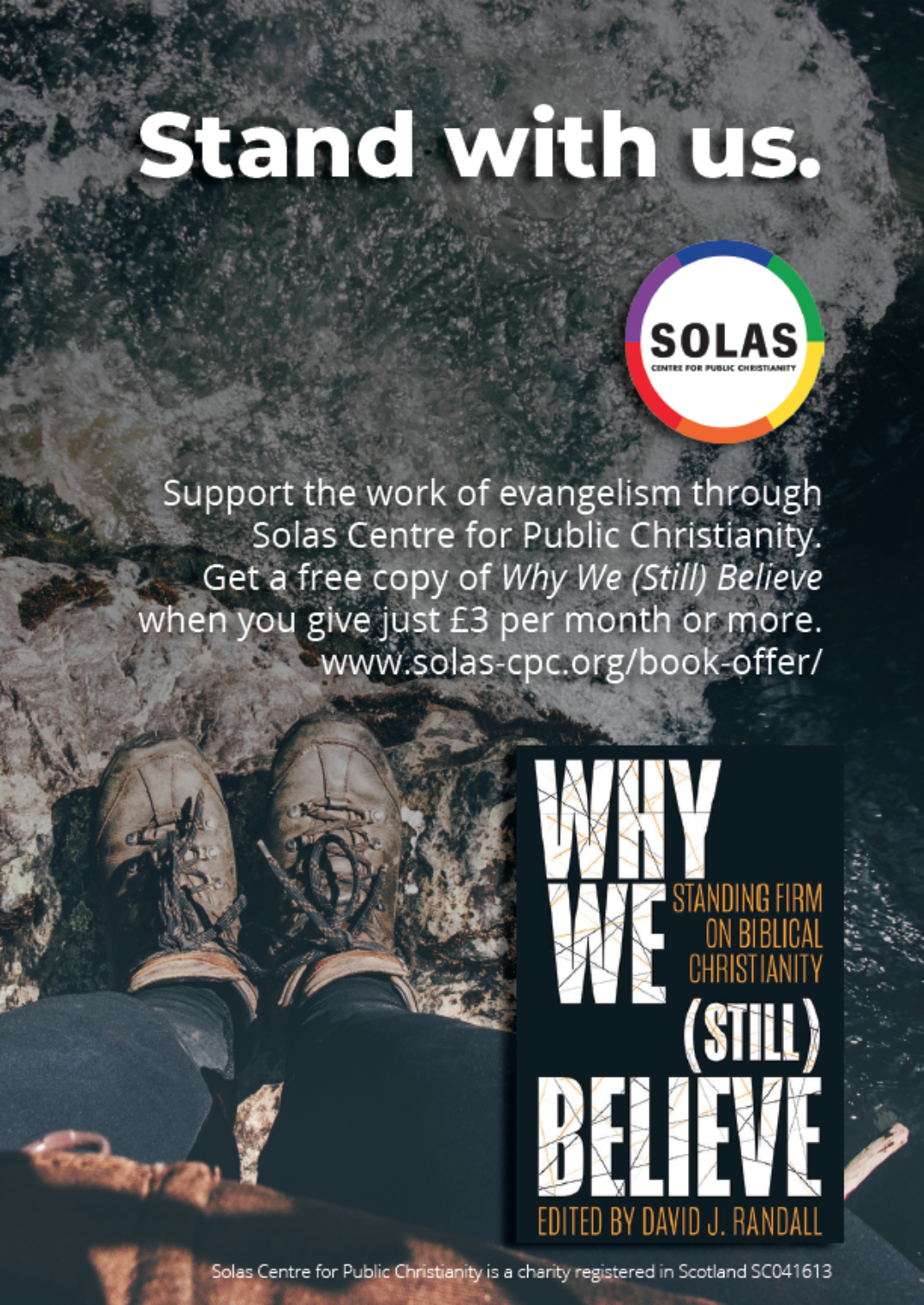
**Tea/Coffee and cakes** will be available at coffee break in the café area. Lunch of soup & a roll will be provided.

**CLC Aberdeen** will have a bookstall in the foyer with great titles to help equip us for evangelism. Please pay them a visit during break times.

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The book cover features a photograph of a person's feet wearing brown leather hiking boots, standing on a rocky, uneven terrain. The text is overlaid on the right side of the cover in a bold, white, sans-serif font. The words 'WHY' and 'WE' are stacked vertically. To the right of 'WE' is the subtitle 'STANDING FIRM ON BIBLICAL CHRISTIANITY' in a smaller, orange, sans-serif font. Below the subtitle is '(STILL)' in a large, white, sans-serif font. At the bottom of the cover, the word 'BELIEVE' is written in a large, white, sans-serif font. Below 'BELIEVE' is the text 'EDITED BY DAVID J. RANDALL' in a smaller, orange, sans-serif font.