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MAXWELL MEARNS CASTLE CHURCH



Andy Bannister  
Iain Morris  
Ben Thomas

# CONFIDENT CHRISTIANITY CONFERENCE

Sharing the gospel in  
an age of tough questions



## Timetable

10:00	Welcome
10:20	Devotion - Scott Kirkland, Minister at Maxwell Mearns
10:30	Andy Bannister - <i>How to Talk About Jesus Without Looking Like an Idiot</i>
11:00	Ben Thomas - <i>Sharing the Gospel With LGBT Friends, Colleagues and Family</i>
11:25	<i>Solas ministry presentation / Coffee break</i>
12:05	Iain Morris - <i>God and Science Under the Microscope Part 1</i>
12:35	Lunch
13:30	Iain Morris - <i>God and Science Under the Microscope Part 2</i>
14:05	Ben Thomas - <i>Reconciling God With a Suffering World</i>
14:50	Andy Bannister - <i>Are We Matter or Do We Matter? Why what you believe about God changes everything else</i>
15:20	Question & Answer session - <i>Submit questions via text message to 07717835490</i>
16:00	Finish

**A very warm welcome to Confident Christianity at Maxwell Mearns Castle Parish Church.** We are delighted to see you and look forward to a day of learning, encouragement and worship, together. In Andy Bannister, Ben Thomas and Iain Morris, Solas have brought a great team to lead us in exploring how we can better share the Good News in the context of our fast-moving contemporary culture.

If you are interested in learning more about Maxwell Mearns, please contact us through our website - [maxwellmearns.org](http://maxwellmearns.org)

### Thanks

Special thanks to the Solas team for their co-ordination and support, and to all those from Maxwell Mearns helping on the day. Please visit our sponsors today in the exhibition area: the Christian Institute and the Society, Religion and Technology Project.

## Speakers

**Andy Bannister** is the Director of the Solas Centre for Public Christianity. An evangelist, speaker, and writer, Andy regularly speaks to audiences of all faiths (and none) about faith, big questions and Jesus. Andy holds a PhD in Qur'anic Studies and is also the author of *The Atheist Who Didn't Exist*, a fun and accessible response to popular atheist arguments. When not travelling, speaking or writing, Andy is a keen hiker, mountain climber, and photographer. He is married to Astrid; they have two children, Caitriona and Christopher.

**Ben Thomas** is a Consultant in Neuro-Intensive Care Medicine and Anaesthesia at University Hospital Southampton. He has been a Christian since 2010 and in 2012-13 he took a year out to train at the Oxford Centre for Christian Apologetics. His particular interests are: sexuality and gender, medical ethics and evangelism in the workplace. Outside of work, he loves running and keeping fit, photography, gardening, cooking and seeing friends and family.

**Iain Morris** began his career as an English teacher, later becoming a Programme Editor with Scottish Television, producing ITV education programmes. He also worked in the independent sector for clients ranging from the BBC to the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. In 2002 he formed his own television production company, which released *The God Question* documentary series. Today he is involved with the science-faith interface group Grasping the Nettle.

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## Notes

Lunch is not provided. There is a Co-op shop a 10 minute walk away. More local shops and cafe are on Old Mearns Road - a 5 minute drive.

Refreshments will be served in the main Maxwell Hall - on the ground floor of building opposite the church building. Coffee will be provided in the halls building on the mid-level for those with mobility difficulties.

In the Maxwell Hall building, there is a room suitable for small children under parental care, should they need to be taken out of the church building.

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