



St Martin-in-the-Fields

Sacred Spaces – An exploration

What constitutes a "sacred space"? How do our buildings - ancient and contemporary - help us to express the concept?

Reflecting on our renewed church building and the new complex of underground spaces, three renowned speakers help us explore the fascinating subject of "sacred space" from a variety of angles - theological, architectural, cultural and sociological.

Margaret Barker is an Old Testament scholar well-known for her writings on the theology and liturgy of the Jewish Temple and its influence on the Christian community. She is the author of 13 books and since 1997 she has been part of the symposium Religion, Science and the Environment, developing the practical implications of temple theology as the basis for a Christian environment theology.

Professor Philip Sheldrake of Durham University has a particular interest in the role of religion and society and the concept of the sacred space in the secular world. His books include *Spirituality and History* (1991/1996), *Spirituality and Theology* (1998) and *Spaces for the Sacred: Place, Memory, Identity* (2001).

Eric Parry is the architect whose vision has inspired the renewal of St Martin's, in a design which holds together the glories of the Baroque era with a contemporary expression of the sacred. Eric taught at the University of Cambridge, was President of the Architectural Association in 2005-2007 and has been a council member since 1995. Eric is keenly interested in the bridges between theory, practice, space and society.

Tickets £25 (£20 concessions), including a buffet lunch, available from the Parish Office, St Martin-in-the-Fields, 6 St Martin's Place, London WC2N 4JJ. Telephone: 020 7766 1100; e-mail: sheilah.fletcher@smitf.org



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