

Marks of the Emerging Church – Study Day

What is the emerging church? Is it a neo-evangelical and/or neo-catholic sociological strategy, designed to address the decline in church attendance, or is it a radical re-envisaging of faith that communicates a vital message of transformation to the wider church? In other words, will this fragile, fractured movement be one day remembered, if it is remembered at all, as a re-imagining of the 'body of Christ' as community for a post-modern context?

Dr Peter Rollins from the Ikon community in Northern Ireland (a group which describes itself as iconic, apocalyptic, heretical, emerging and failing) is a philosopher who has come to believe that the emerging church presents a singular, unprecedented opportunity to transform the theological and moral architecture of the Christian community. By combining his research into mysticism and post-modern theory, alongside his development of an emerging church community, Peter promises to present what he believes is a vital message concerning both the possibilities and dangers, which the emerging church currently faces.

His challenge is as simple as it is profound... if we do not become theologically self-aware the emerging church will end up as little more than the latest attempt to make church cool.

This event will build on the acclaimed Seminar that Peter gave at last year's Greenbelt Arts Festival.

The study day is hosted by moot.net, the central London based alternative worship community in Westminster, at St Matthews Conference Centre.

Date: Saturday 12th March, 2005

Cost: £5 for the day including lunch and drinks through the day.

Venue: St Matthews Conference Centre, 20 Great Peter Street, London SW1P 2PU

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Stations: 12 mins walk from Victoria Stations
9 mins walk from Westminster tube
5 mins walk from St James Park tube

Timing: 10am to 3.30pm

Plan for the day

10.00	Tea & coffee & introductions.
10.30 – 11.30	How (not) to speak of God
11.30 – 12.00	Tea & questions
12.00 – 13.00	Lunch
13.00 – 14.15	Inhabiting the God shaped hole
14.15 – 15.30	Tea & final questions

Booking form:

Name:.....

Address:.....

Contact Number:.....

Number of places:.....

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