

# **BACK TO THE FUTURE**

## ***A STRATIGRAPHY OF THE SACRED.***

**Scottish Church Theology Society Conference 2022**

**10th to 12th January 2022**

**Peebles Hydro Hotel and online**



**Professor Steven Mithen**



**Professor Ian Bradley**



**Dr Sally Foster**



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## **SCTS 2022 Back to the Future. A Stratigraphy of the Sacred.**

### Monday 10th January

8pm Professor Steven Mithen  
“The evolutionary origins of religion”



Steven Mithen has a BA (hons) in Prehistory & Archaeology from Sheffield University, an MSc in Biological Computation from York University and a PhD in Archaeology from Cambridge University. Between 1987 and 1992 he was a Research Fellow at Trinity Hall and then Lecturer in Archaeology at Cambridge. After moving to the University of Reading, he was promoted to Senior Lecturer (1996), Reader (1998) and then Professor of Early Prehistory (2000). In August 2002 he was appointed as the first Head of the School of Human & Environmental Sciences, formed by the Departments of Archaeology, Geography, Soil Science and the Postgraduate Institute of Sedimentology, a post he held until August 2008 when he became Dean of the Faculty of Science. In 2018 Steven completed his management roles at the University and returned to the Department of Archaeology as Professor Early Prehistory. He was elected as a Fellow of the British Academy in 2004.

### Tuesday 11th January

10am Professor Steven Mithen  
“Did St Columba visit Islay? The Early Christian archaeology of a Hebridean island.”

2pm Professor Ian Bradley  
“Argyll: The Making of a Spiritual Landscape”



Educated at Oxford (BA, MA & DPhil) and St Andrews (BD) Universities, Ian Bradley has had a varied career in full-time journalism, broadcasting, writing, academia and ministry. He is Emeritus Professor of Cultural and Spiritual History at the University of St Andrews where he was Principal of St Mary's College, taught church history and practical theology and was honorary Church of Scotland chaplain for twenty years. He continues to be an active Church of Scotland minister, regularly taking services and preaching. He is the author of over forty books, ranging in subject matter from academic theology and religious and cultural history to popular spirituality, music and contemporary politics. He regularly contributes the Credo column in The Times and writes and reviews for the Church Times and Modern Believing.

8pm Professor Ian Bradley  
“The Fife Pilgrim Way: In the Footsteps of Monks, Miners and Martyrs”.

### Wednesday 12th

10am Communion Service followed by AGM

Afternoon optional field trip to Rosslyn Chapel Cost £9 /£7 concession per person.

8pm Dr Sally Foster  
“St John's Cross Iona:  
My Life as a Replica”



Dr Sally Foster is Senior Lecturer in Heritage and Conservation, History, Heritage and Politics at the University of Stirling, and an active contributor to the University's Cultural Heritage research programme. She spent over 20 years working in cultural heritage - mainly for Historic Scotland - before returning to academia in 2010. Graduating from University College London with a degree in Medieval Archaeology, she completed her archaeology PhD at the University of Glasgow. Before joining Stirling in 2014, she was an archaeology lecturer at Glasgow and Aberdeen universities.

## COSTS

Registration £25 (£20 for the unwaged)

Tuesday and Wednesday £33 per day. This covers tea and coffee and a lunch in the hotel. So if you are attending for the whole conference the cost is £101, but if you are attending for only one day then it is £58. Our preferred method of payment is via Eventbrite and payment details can be found at the bottom of the page.

### Accommodation

Accommodation is booked directly with the Peebles Hydro Hotel at preferential rates on 01764 651846 quoting "SCTS conference". From evening on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> of January to departure on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> the costs are £162 single room £195 double room (single occupancy) £318 double room two people. As well as the conference this gives residence access to all the Peebles Hydro facilities. See [peebleshydro.co.uk](http://peebleshydro.co.uk)

## There is an option to attend this conference virtually

If you are attending the conference virtually there is a one-off cost of £25 (£20 for the unwaged) which will get you access to all the sessions via a zoom link. This will also enable you to see the recordings of the sessions if for some reason you are unable to attend.

### Registration and Payment

Registration and Payment is online. To register send an email to Rev George Lind at [gklind@talktalk.net](mailto:gklind@talktalk.net). You will be sent the Eventbrite link. If you have any questions please contact George on that email address.

We look forward to welcoming you

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