

## WANDERINGS IN THE COSMIC GARDEN

**Speaker: Professor Lisa Isherwood**

**Sunday 27 September 2015, 1.45 pm at St James's Church**

We are creatures made from the stuff of the universe, creatures of belonging. Christianity has within itself a way to overcome the old dualisms and re-enchant the world. The Biblical Sophia or Wisdom will be key in our unfolding story, with her focus on relationality.

We need a transforming vision allowing for hope. Institutions with Christian incarnation at their heart can be at the centre of the new radical thinking taking place in the face of our new understandings of the evolution of the universe, and of the crises facing us, including climate change. Lisa Isherwood will address these issues in her talk, helping to stimulate reflection about the theological underpinnings of the planetary crises of our times.

**Professor Lisa Isherwood** heads the Institute for Theological Partnerships (ITP) at Winchester University, and is a liberation theologian who believes theology to be a communal project fuelled by notions of radical equality and empowered by divine companionship. Her work explores the nature of incarnation within a contemporary context and includes the body, gender, sexuality and eco-theology. Professor Isherwood has introduced a Cosmic Walk at Winchester University, illustrating the evolution of our universe. [www.winchester.ac.uk/theologicalpartnerships](http://www.winchester.ac.uk/theologicalpartnerships)

**Event Chair:** Revd. Lucy Winkett, Rector of St James's Church.

**Booking.** The event is free and **refreshments** will be provided at the end of the talk. Please email Petra Griffiths, the *LivingSpirituality* Coordinator at [petragriffiths@livingspirit.org.uk](mailto:petragriffiths@livingspirit.org.uk) to let us know you intend to come. **Donations** of around £5/£2 would be welcome.

This talk is part of a **Pilgrimage to Paris** series of events leading up to the **UN Climate Change conference** in Paris in December - see [www.sjp.org](http://www.sjp.org). *LivingSpirituality* - [www.livingspirit.org.uk](http://www.livingspirit.org.uk) - is a hub for engaged spirituality, bringing together the contemplative and active dimensions of life.