

Heaven, Earth and Jesus: The Mysteries of Christian Eschatology

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The 2026 Pluscarden Pentecost Lectures

A series of public lectures to be given at Pluscarden Abbey, Elgin

26th – 28th May 2026

The Lectures will address some of these questions:



Jesus Christ preached that the Kingdom of Heaven was at hand, that it had come among those where he acted by God's Holy Spirit. Does that mean that heaven, the 'last things' that Christians call 'eschatological', had already arrived on earth? Did Jesus' actions during his earthly lifetime bring heaven to earth? Eschatology is traditionally not just about heaven and hell; it's about death and judgement too.

But why do we die if Jesus has already conquered death? And what happens to us when we die? Is eschatology just about individual souls and what happens to them after death? If our souls are truly happy in heaven, why would it be for bodies as well as souls? Is heaven a place, and if it is, where is it and could we travel there? Is Jesus there now?

- 1. Tuesday 26th May at 3.00 pm**
Lecture 1
- 2. Wednesday 27th May at 10.30 am**
Lecture 2
- 3. Wednesday 27th May at 3.00 pm**
Lecture 3
- 4. Thursday 28th May at 10.30 am**
Lecture 4

There is no charge for these lectures and all are welcome to attend.
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