

# Lent Series

Know, Grow, Show



## St. Michael's Lent Series

'So Christ gave himself... to equip his people for works of service, so the body of Christ may be build up' Ep. 4.11-12

During this Lent we would like to explore some contemporary issues from a Christian view point. Of course the emergence of the Black Lives Matter movement & the publication by the Church of England of the Living in Love and Faith report on sexuality hit the headlines in 2020. However, these issues and many others have been around for years. We are privileged to welcome some great folk, who are committed Christians and have been thinking about their subject in depth for years. Come and be challenged!

**Romford PiMM**

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**JO CHARLES**

Christianity  
& Mental Health

**Wed 17 Feb 20.00**

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**VARIOUS**

Christianity  
& Race

**Wed 3 Mar 20.00**

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**SEAN DOHERTY**

Christianity  
& Sexuality

**Wed 17 Mar 20.30**

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**JULIANA HORNE**

Christianity  
& the Environment

**Wed 31 Mar 20.00**



Originally from New Zealand, **Jo Charles** grew up in Papua New Guinea and Indonesia, studied Physiotherapy in Australia and has served with her husband Michael in the Anglican Church of Chile since 2004. Their four adult children live in Sydney. She has a Master of Arts in Counselling from Westminster Theological Seminary (Philadelphia), and currently teaches Biblical Counselling in the Anglican training centre (*Centro de Estudios Pastorales*) in Santiago, Chile. Apart from talking with people about Jesus and how relevant he is for living well, she loves reading (everything except sci-fi fantasy), growing things (to eat and to look at), and making small garments as gifts (like socks).



**David Shepherd** was born in the UK and lived here until he was twelve when he moved with his family in Barbados. Though having been bought up in the C of E (keen member of the choir) he became a Christian at the age of 21, studied engineering at UWI & returned to England when he was thirty. David is the BIM construction manager at the House of Commons. Currently involved in a New Frontiers Church David is married to Alison, is involved in lay preaching and writes for Evangelicals Now.



**John Root** is the author of *Building Multi-Racial churches*, recently republished by Latimer Trust. He has almost fifty years of experience ministering in multi-ethnic London, in places like Harlesden, Hackney, Tottenham (where he still serves) and Alperton where he planted two Asian language congregations in Urdu/Hindi & Tamil. John has also lectured in early Colonial history and was vice-principal of Ridley Hall, Cambridge. His wife Sheila is of Malaysian and Hindu background and they have one adult son. Unfortunately he supports Liverpool football team.



Of Sri Lankan Tamil ethnicity **Mohan Seevaratnam** grew up in London. He married Sarah who grew up in Kenya where her parents were missionaries. They have three children aged 15-23. Mohan studied Biblical & Cross cultural studies at All Nations Christian College and worked for the best part of a decade in Sri Lanka with WEC International in primary healthcare and Bible teaching. Mohan still works as a GP in a Christian faith-based medical Center but after doing his curacy in Southall is now a Self-supporting Minister based in Harrow. He is leading an exciting intercultural church plant named Mosaic which was launched last year.



**Sean Doherty** became a Christian when he was 16 and after working for Barclays Bank studied Theology at Oxford. He later studied for ordination at Wycliffe, Oxford and ended up doing a DPhil in Christian Ethics. This looked at how Martin Luther's Reformation theology made him radically anti-capitalist and Sean explores what Christians can learn from this about engagement with economics today. Sean experiences same-self attraction and is now happily married to Gaby with has four children. This is their story. As a family they have a commitment to live and worship in UPA areas and lived near Grenfell Tower at the time of the fire. After teaching at St. Mellitus he now heads up Trinity College, Bristol. He also was part of the theology group of the LLF project.



**Juliana Horne** & her husband Ian (and their two children Andreas & Daniel) serve with Latin Link in Colombia, after over a decade in Cuzco, Peru. They live in Bogotá serving in outreach to Venezuelan migrants and other marginalised groups, with the Mennonite Church. Juliana promotes creation care through church networks, locally and more widely.

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