

## Visit of John Bell

St Cuthbert's Church

Cnr Darlington and Hillsden Roads

Darlington

Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th May



*John Bell is a preacher, hymnwriter, composer, lecturer and broadcaster. He is an ordained minister of the Church of Scotland and a member of the Iona Community. John has produced many collections of liturgy, scripts, sermons and reflections, original hymns and songs and is primarily concerned with the renewal of congregational worship at grass roots level. John will offer four opportunities to learn, reflect and grow.*

The daytime 'workshops' are interactive sessions, with a maximum of 30 participants. Cost per workshop: \$50/\$40

The evening 'lectures' are talks with questions, with a maximum of 80 participants. Cost per lecture \$40/\$30

All events will take place at St Cuthbert's Anglican Church, Darlington

**Please register as soon as possible to reserve your place..**

For further information go to [www.hillsanglicans.com.au/johnbell](http://www.hillsanglicans.com.au/johnbell)

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## **John Bell Workshops & Lectures 6th & 7th May**

### **WORKSHOPS**

#### **Teaching Congregational Song**

Monday 6 May, 3.00pm-5.30pm

Cost: \$50/\$40

John will teach attitudes and practices which help congregations to sing. The skills you learn in this workshop will help you to foster participation in singing for any group, and you'll learn some simple new songs along the way.

#### **God and Man And Woman**

Tuesday 7 May, 3.00pm-5.30pm

Cost: \$50/\$40

In the light of scripture, Christian tradition, and contemporary social and scientific insights – what does it mean to be a man or woman made in the image of God? John will explore issues of sexuality and gender with the group from his perspective as a queer man, while drawing on the rich and diverse contributions of other thinkers both current and historical.

### **LECTURES**

#### **The Hidden Humour in Holy Scripture**

Monday 6 May, 7.00pm-9.30pm

Cost: \$40/\$30

Does God laugh? Can the people of God giggle? Might our serious, leather-bound bibles actually be replete with hilarity? Drawing on his rich biblical knowledge (and a wicked sense of humour) John will delve into the scriptures to find the hidden humour.

#### **Sing Like You Mean It: The Effect of Text on Faith Development**

Tuesday 7 May, 7.00pm-9.30pm

Cost: \$40/\$30

What is the effect of the language we use in public worship, especially the words that we sing? As the only known human being to include the word 'kitchen' in a published hymn, John will address the theological impact of the words we sing in liturgy and challenge us to find new and better ways to sing the faith.