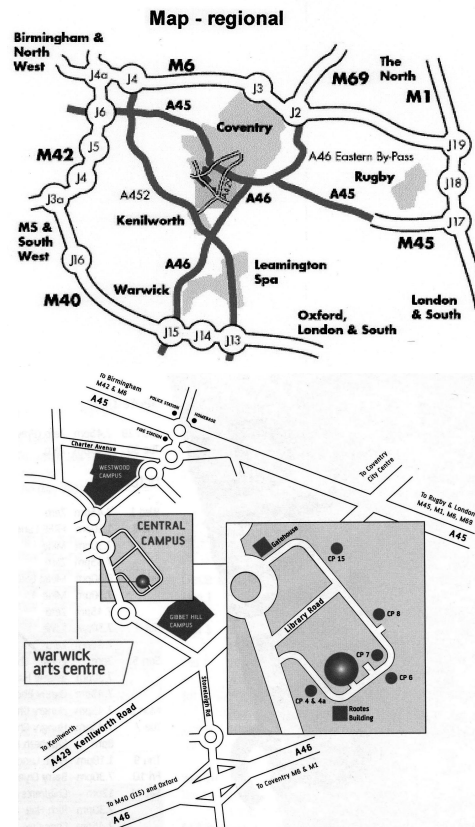




Chaplaincy at University of Warwick

This conference is organised by
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SPIRITUALITY v RELIGION THE ROLE OF SPIRITUALITY, FAITH AND ORGANISED RELIGION IN CONTEMPORARY SOCIETY

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SATURDAY 28TH MARCH 200

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**THE ROLE OF SPIRITUALITY, FAITH
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This conference seeks to explore the dichotomy between the current attraction of spirituality and the suspicion of organised religion

There is a searching, a longing for a deeper meaning in life, for 'the other', that some do not believe can be found within traditional faith communities. From outside, religious bodies can appear to be closed, formal, rigid and unwelcoming of new ideas and expressions of spirituality.

Why is this a feature of society today? And what bridges can be made between an unstructured and an institutional spirituality?

The conference will provide a forum to develop our ideas and our understanding of this important and fascinating subject.

SPEAKERS

Rt. Rev. WILLIAM KENNEY CP. Auxiliary Bishop of Birmingham. Bishop Kenney has spent most of his priestly career in Sweden where he was ordained bishop in 1987. Former Dean of the Institute for the Scientific Study of Religions at the University of Gothenburg and Vice Chair of Caritas International Bishop Kenney is a

member of COMECE in Brussels. He returned to England in 2006 and is spokesperson for the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales on European questions.

Rev. Professor JOHN DRANE Visiting Fellow at St John's College, Durham, and professor in the school of Theology, Fuller Seminary, Pasadena, California. Co-chair of the Church of England's Mission Theology Advisory Group and author of several books on church and culture, notably the best selling *McDonaldization of the Church* and *Do Christians know how to be Spiritual?* (Darton, Longman & Todd)

OUTLINE PROGRAMME

- 10.15 a.m. Registration and Coffee
- 10.45 a.m. Welcome
- 11.00 a.m. *Spiritual but not Religious*
Professor John Drane
- 11.45 a.m. Group discussion
- 12.45 a.m. Lunch
- 2.00 p.m. *Spirituality and Faith*
Bishop William Kenney
- 3.00 p.m. Group discussion
- 3.45 p.m. Tea and Plenary session
- 4.30 p.m. Mass

BOOKING FORM

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