

## 2025 Practical Theology programme for Tyndale Fellowship Conference

### Theme and introduction

The theme for our study group this year is a practical theology of personhood. In a world of deepening polarisation around gender/sexuality, heightening anxiety about Artificial Intelligence and the Climate Crisis, and government debates about assisted dying, conceptualisations of what it means to be human have never been more contested nor urgent. There is a huge and growing body of theological literature seeking to examine what it means to be a person in the contemporary world. Our study group are keen to explore what it means to ask this question as practical theologians, and what it means to answer it as evangelicals. We will examine this topic from a range of perspectives, including through:

- The results of empirical work examining different interpretations of human personhood
- Interdisciplinary perspectives on personhood
- Examinations of the understanding of the human person within different contexts or traditions
- Reflections on church or community practice in relation to theological anthropology
- The impact of personhood on methods and models of evangelical practical theology

### Monday 30 June 2025

Timings 16.00-18.30	First name and surname	Institution/location	Confirmed paper title
16.00-16.30	Isaac McNish	Diocese of Truro, UK	Emmet' as Imago Dei: Theological Anthropology and Belonging in a Cornish Methodist Congregation
16.30-17.00	Ed MacKenzie	Cliff College, UK	Bringing the Body to Church: Embodied Personhood and Spiritual Formation in Evangelical Churches
17.00-17.30	Matthew Swires-Hennessy	Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam	<b>Forms of Togetherness: the connected person</b> Title TBC

### Tuesday 1 July 2025

<b>Timings</b> <b>10.00-12.00</b>	<b>First name and surname</b>	<b>Institution/location</b>	<b>Confirmed paper title</b>
10.00-10.30	Sarah Dunlop	Ridley Hall Cambridge, UK	A participant of significance: How my theology of personhood drives my qualitative, visual ethnographic research methods
10.30-11.00	Rosemary Flaaten	John Brown University, Arkansas	The Mutuality of Men and Women: A Critical Component of the Biblical View of Personhood
11.00-11.30	Helen Collins	Trinity College Bristol, UK	Greetings, Favoured One! The personhood of Mary and its implications for contemporary identity politics
<b>17.00-18.30</b>			
17.00-17.30	Matt Prior (online)	St Mellitus, UK	Robot Souls? Can we Code Human Personhood into AI?
17.30-18.00	Rob Hornby (online)	Roehampton University, UK	Why Evangelical Conversations with Generative AI are Not Personal (online)

**Wednesday 2 July 2025**

<b>Timings</b> <b>10.00-12.30</b>	<b>First name and surname</b>	<b>Institution/location</b>	<b>Confirmed paper title</b>
10.00-10.30	Abigail Maguire	Moorlands College, UK	Disruption and Transformation: The Impact of Trauma on Personhood and Discipleship Formation in Theological Education
10.30-11.00	David Clark	Roehampton University, UK	Awakening our true personhood through the practice of the Lord's prayer
11.00-11.30	Chloe Lynch	London School of Theology, UK	The Agogic Moment: Implications for the Personal-Professional Dialectic in Spiritual Direction
11.30-12.00			Study Group Meeting