

RETHINK



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WHY THINK RETHINK?

We want to work together for a single purpose: to do our very best to give every student across Manchester and Salford a chance to hear and respond to the gospel of Jesus. With over 100,000 students from all over the world studying here, that's an ambitious vision!

Christian Unions work all year to fulfil this purpose, but *Think Rethink* will be a focussed effort.

Each day we will pray for God to move powerfully on our campuses. We are few in number, timid and weak. But as we pray, and step out in faith, God will use us!

With so many events we have multiple opportunities to invite our friends to hear about Jesus. Perhaps they have a question that we can answer, or they want to know what you actually believe!

Beyond our friends, we hope to make a splash on our campuses that can't be ignored. In this way, we will meet people who haven't yet met a Christian, so that they too can hear the good news.

Anyone who comes to our events will be welcomed warmly and invited to ask their questions and engage in discussion. Every talk will enthusiastically and persuasively share the wonderful news of Jesus: that God has made himself known, he loves us, and through Jesus' death and resurrection to save us from our sins we can know him and enjoy him for ever!

***Think about the things you have previously assumed,
and rethink the things you have previously dismissed.***





PRAYER BREAKFASTS

Without the Lord's help we can do nothing! Our prayer breakfasts will be the engine room of our activities as we worship God and ask him to use us for his glory.

Breakfast is provided, and alongside prayer we spend time sharing stories to encourage and inspire each other.

When?

7.45am, Monday through to Friday

Where?

Union Hall, M15 6DY



SALFORD LUNCHES

Thinking about...

Monday

The Environment: is there hope for our dying world?

Tuesday

Mental health: can spirituality help?

Wednesday

Colonialism: is Christian mission just glorified colonialism?

Thursday

Conflict: dare we hope for justice?

Friday

Religion: what about other faiths?



MMU LUNCHES

Thinking about...

Monday

Colonialism: is Christian mission just glorified colonialism?

Tuesday

Sex: why is everyone having less sex?

Wednesday

Mental health: can spirituality help?

Thursday

Conflict: dare we hope for justice?

Friday

Corruption: why do leaders so often fail?



RNCM LUNCHES

Thinking about...

**Suffering: How can a good God
allow suffering?**

Music: Does practise make perfect?



UOM LUNCHES

Thinking about...

Monday

Science: can science explain everything?

Tuesday

Colonialism: is Christian mission just glorified colonialism?

Wednesday

Mental health: can spirituality help?

Thursday

Conflict: dare we hope for justice?

Friday

Corruption: why do leaders so often fail?



INTERNATIONAL MEALS

Monday **Is Christianity for Westerners only?**

Tuesday **Why do Christians always want to tell people about Jesus?**

Wednesday **How can the man Jesus be God?**

Thursday **What about other religions?**

Bonus afternoon teas!

Tuesday **Does being a Christian mean I cannot honour my ancestors?**

Thursday **Q&A with Penny and Gerard**

EVENING EVENTS

Rethink...

Monday

Suffering: does life have meaning in the highs and the lows?

Tuesday

Identity: how do I discover my authentic self?

Wednesday

Shame: what hope is there for those who fail?

Thursday

Joy: could happily ever after be more than a fairy tale?



OUR SPEAKERS



Alexi Andriopoulos

I only discovered Jesus while exploring life and faith at uni a few years back while studying Philosophy. Since then I've had a passion for helping others at uni's ask the big questions in Manchester, Salford and Oxford - where I've just gone back to uni again to train to be a pastor. When I'm not on campus I'll probably be playing football or baking delicious bread with my wonderful wife Iona!

Alexi will be speaking at Salford Lunch events.

Chenaiyi De Cordova

Chenaiyi is responsible for the running and co-management of Langwith College at the University of York, England. She oversees operations, events, administration, accommodation and communications - and enjoys bumping into students in the corridor. She is an English Literature and History graduate, and worships at Trinity Church York.

Chenaiyi will be speaking at lunch events at Salford, UOM and MMU.



Stephen Bawden

Steve is research scientist at the University of Nottingham. He is also one of the leaders at North Evington Free Church.

Stephen will be speaking at UOM Lunch events.



OUR SPEAKERS

Jake Hinton

Jake is the outreach worker at Knighton Free Church.

Jake will be speaking at MMU lunch events



Liz Vincent

Liz is doing Relay in London, supporting the Christian Unions in Royal College of Music and Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music and Dance. CU was an enormous encouragement to her during her time as a music student at uni, encouraging and equipping her to live for Jesus and share the good news of the gospel.

Liz will be speaking at RNCM lunch events

Michael Ots

Michael Ots grew up in the UK and started following Jesus at a young age. His school years were a significant time when he grew in the conviction that Christianity is objectively true and worth sharing with others. After studying theology in Scotland, Michael went on to become the Minister of Evangelism at Lansdowne Baptist Church in Bournemouth, where he lived and worked for five years before becoming a travelling speaker.

Michael will be speaking at the evening events and a Salford lunch.



OUR SPEAKERS

Penny Wang

Hi, I am Penny. Originally from China, I came to the UK as an international student. I have lived in both the north (Newcastle) and the south (Oxford) of England, but now I am based in the middle of England (Leicester). I have been a Friends International staff worker since 2017. I take care of international students through organising events and offering hospitality (feeding them with my delicious food). I also enjoy introducing Jesus to them so that they can have him as the best friend ever, too.



Penny will be speaking at International events.

Gerard Charles

Gerard is originally from Lancashire, and after a 10-year career in private forest management in Scotland, studied theology in Glasgow. Whilst in Scotland he met and married his wife Sarah. With their two children, they spent 10 years in East Asia church planting among Muslims. Gerard completed a PhD in Islamic identity in 2017, and this enables him to teach part-time in several theological colleges. Together with Sarah, they regularly deliver training in cross-cultural ministry and world faiths, and particularly enjoy helping Christians think about Islam and how best to love our Muslim neighbours.



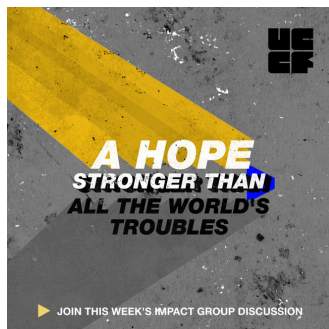
Gerard will be speaking at International events.

AFTER THINK RETHINK?



There are lots of ways your friends can continue to think about Jesus once the week has ended.

You could invite them to church with you, ask them if they would like to read the bible with you, or bring them along to your Impact Group!



Friends International also run regular a regular iCafe on Monday (Manchester) and Globe Cafe on Friday (Salford).

If you're in doubt about the best next step, as a CU Buddy for their advice!

HOW CAN I GIVE?

Each year the Events Week is generously funded by students, alumni and other supporters. We are passionate about being courageous and creative, but every initiative has a cost. To illustrate what your giving can achieve:

£25 would pay for 250 flyers

£40 can give out 40 free copies of 'Making Sense of Life' to guests

£90 puts an Uncover Mark Gospel on 400 seats at an evening event

£150 provides meals at every international event

Could you join us in our efforts to enable students to consider the claims of Jesus?

The easiest way to give is by bank transfer using the following details. If you would like another way to give please chat to Boaz or email him on bwilliams@uccf.org.uk

Thank you for considering financially giving!

Bank transfer to: A Jones
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HOW CAN I PRAY?

Prayer is so important! Prayer is an act of faith - it acknowledges that we cannot do anything without God, and invites him to do what only he can do: work miracles and change hearts!

Idea 1

Write down the names of 3 friends on the next page and pop it in your bible. Every time you read pray specifically for these 3!

Idea 2

Get together with some Christian mates each week to pray for mutual friends.

Idea 3

Make sure you get to the first prayer breakfast on Monday at 7.45am. It's where everything kicks off!



Did you know?

We write an email newsletter full of photos, news and encouraging stories. Scan the QR code to sign up!



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I'm praying for:

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