

# SAVE THE DATES FOR COMMUNITY THEOLOGY THURSDAYS 2024!

26 Sept

31 Oct

28 Nov

6:30pm for a 7pm start

St Nicholas Church. Federal Road. Perivale,  
Greenford, UB6 7AP



## Jesus and Recommendation 32 Series: Addressing the Misuse of Christian Theology & Ethics in the West's interactions with People of African Descent.

### Why the Jesus and Recommendation 32 Series?

The Church Commissioners of the Church of England investigated and reported on their links with Transatlantic Chattel Slavery and commissioned an "Independent Oversight Group" to provide recommendations on how they should next act. One particular recommendation of the Independent Oversight Group has attracted particular attention and concern - Recommendation 32:

*"We call for the Church of England to apologise publicly for denying that Black Africans are made in the image of God and for seeking to destroy diverse African traditional religious belief systems.*

*This act of repair should intentionally facilitate ongoing and new sociological, historical and theological research into spiritual traditions in Africa and the diaspora thereby enabling a fresh dialogue between African traditional belief systems and the Gospel. This work should reach beyond theological institutions and be presented in ways that will enable all Africans, especially descendants of the enslaved, to discover the varied belief systems and spiritual practices of their forebears, and their efficacy. We recommend that the Commissioners work with all faith-based communities to which descendants of African chattel enslavement belong. "*

The Jesus and Recommendation 32 Series aims to create a safe space for clergy, laity, young people and 'seekers' of global majority heritage from within the Church of England, as well as those from other Christian denominations to discuss Recommendation 32 . We warmly welcome interested individuals of any heritage, any faith, or no faith, to join us. However, our conversations will centre the descendants of communities directly impacted by the Transatlantic Chattel Slave Trade.

**Theologians leading our discussions will be Rev'd Canon Dr Carlton Turner (26 September), Dr Harvey Kiyani (31 October) and Rev'd Canon Jarel Robinson-Brown (28 November).**