

Peter Francis, Warden of Gladstone's Library, to talk about his new book in Newcastle.

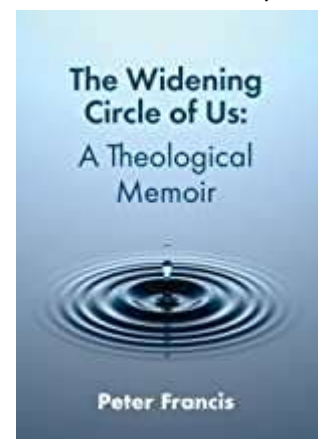
The Progressive Christianity Network, Newcastle Group, is a multi-denominational group affiliated to PCN Britain which works to promote and support open and contemporary Christian understanding. The Newcastle group is delighted that the Reverend Doctor Peter Francis, Warden of Gladstone's Library in Wales has accepted the invitation to give the group's 6th Annual Open Lecture on 24th March, 2022, 6.45pm – 8.45pm, at Brunswick Methodist Church, just off Northumberland Street in Newcastle.



Peter has been Warden of Gladstone's Library since 1997. Prior to this Peter's ministry had been in Glasgow and Ayr in Scotland and the West Midlands and London in England.

Peter will use his newly published book, 'The Widening Circle of Us', as the basis for his address. Although his new book is his first, he has contributed to and edited books on a wide variety of subjects: film and theology, inclusive Anglicanism, rural and urban theology as well as William Gladstone.

The 'Widening Circle of Us', published by The University of Chester Press, is a personal, political and theological memoir. Peter charts his own widening from a privileged beginning with an unquestioning naïve faith, to a liberal understanding of faith and society. His memoir weaves his personal story alongside his passion for the humanity of Jesus and he writes about the battles for inclusion that have shaped his life and ministry. Peter will share some of these honest reflections and how his 'widening' continues with the challenge of responding to the Gladstone legacy of historic slavery, in the wake of Black Lives Matter.



The evening promises to be challenging and very moving as Peter shares his 'widening' with us. Tickets, at £5, are available from www.pcnbritain.org.uk or on the door.