

*The Atlantic Conversation on*  
***Religion in Public Life***

*June 29-July 1, 2007*



***St. George's House  
Windsor Castle***

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Princeton***

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***The Atlantic Conversation  
on Religion in Public Life***

**Host**

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Warden  
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**Chair**

William Storrar  
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**Introducing the Conversation**

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Author, *Religion in Public Life* (OUP, 2007)

## *Welcome to St. George's House*

It is a great pleasure to welcome all participants to the first Atlantic Conversation on Religion in Public Life.

This event is hosted by St George's House in association with the Center of Theological Inquiry, Princeton. Our aim is to bring together a distinguished group of public leaders and scholars from the United Kingdom, the Netherlands and the United States of America to foster a trans-Atlantic dialogue on vital questions.

Our theme is topical, complex and challenging. We shall examine, for example:

- whether religion should enjoy any acknowledged role in the public sphere in a modern, pluralist democracy, or be confined to private observance;
- the potential conflict between deep-rooted tradition, tolerance of multi-cultural diversity, and freedom of expression and practice;
- whether the concepts of neutrality and even-handedness have any meaning when the State – any State - needs ethical and moral underpinning for its public values.

Many other important questions will certainly arise in debate. You are attending, not a formal Conference, but a Conversation. As always at St George's House, all are encouraged – irrespective of any public role or responsibility – to think and speak freely and imaginatively and to be open to new ideas, secure in the knowledge that confidentiality is guaranteed. I hope that original, stimulating and potentially influential insights will emerge – and that the historic and beautiful environment of Windsor Castle will exert on you its special magic and ensure lasting happy memories of your stay.

Andrew Carter  
Warden  
St. George's House

## *Notes on St George's House*

To ensure that you have a safe and pleasant stay at St George's House, please read the following notes carefully.

### **SECURITY**

**Please wear your badge at all times within the Castle.**

The Castle precincts outside Denton's Commons are open to the public from 1000 to 1600 (1700 in summer). Outside these times please stay within Denton's Commons and the Horseshoe Cloister unless you are intending to leave the Castle. Please be prepared to identify yourself if challenged by Police or sentries.

The main Castle gates are closed around **2330**. If, exceptionally, you wish to enter or leave after that hour you may do so through the Advance Gate (next to the Visitor Centre) and the Moat Road. The Henry VIII Gate reopens at 06.00. The front door to St George's House will not be locked during your occupancy.

### **FIRE PRECAUTIONS**

St George's House is an old and timber-rich building. Therefore **SMOKING IS NOT PERMITTED anywhere inside the House or in the Vicars' Hall**. Please familiarise yourself with the Fire Precautions notices and location of FIRE EXITS as soon as possible upon arrival. These are posted on the back of your bedroom door.

The House has a sensitive high-tech fire alarm system that will alert the Fire Brigade immediately (the fire alarms are tested on Wednesday mornings at 0900).

### **VICARS' HALL**

The Vicars' Hall is our main conference room. The Hall must be kept locked at all times except when it is actually occupied and in use. A key to the Vicars' Hall, which must be signed for, may be obtained from the main office on the first floor of St George's House, on request.

You will find toilets, in addition to those in the House, under the Terrace outside the Vicars' Hall.

### **BAR**

The Bar is located in the Sitting Room on the ground floor. This is normally a pay-bar and prices are displayed on the shelf above the bar. Spirit prices are for one measure. Our licence from the Lord Chamberlain requires that the Bar be closed each weekday night at 2359, and on Sundays at 2230.

### **DEPARTURE**

On the day of your departure please clear your room when you come down for breakfast. Luggage can be temporarily deposited in the Porch of Honour (on the left outside the Front Door). Please return your badge to the Reception desk as you leave.

### **DOMESTIC ARRANGEMENTS**

The Bursar is responsible for domestic arrangements within the House and for all the domestic staff. Any reports of defects or breakages should be made to the Bursar. There is no Night Porter or equivalent, so please turn out the lights in the reception rooms if you are the last to retire in the evening.

### **Telephone, mail, email, Internet access and Fax**

Each bedroom has a direct-dial telephone, dial 8 to obtain an external line. The phone number of your room is 01753 8488-- followed by your 2 digit room number. Personal mail, faxes and messages received will be left on the table in Reception. Post-boxes are located under the Horseshoe Cloister archway, by the Middle Ward shop and outside the Castle opposite Queen Victoria's statue.

**Email messages** can be received by connecting your laptop modem to the telephone socket. This also facilitates Internet access – press 8 then space bar. St. George's House now has BT Wireless\Broadband Internet access via the Hub connected to the Iveagh Room if this is required. It would be useful if you could bring your own broadband cable to connect your laptop to this facility. A Fax facility (01753 848849) is available in the first floor main office, please consult a member of staff if you wish to send a fax. For outgoing faxes the charges are 50p per sheet for the UK and £1.00 per sheet for overseas.

### **Heating**

The temperature in your bedroom can be adjusted by turning the thermostat on the side of your radiator.

### **Valuables**

St George's House cannot accept any responsibility for valuables. Any personal property left at St George's House must be claimed within a month of departure from the House. To enquire please telephone 01753 848848 and it will be sent to you (postage to be reimbursed please). Any property not claimed within that period will be sent to the charity Oxfam.

### **Lift**

The lift carries a maximum of four people. If the alarm bell rings, and no member of staff is available, please summon the Clerk of Works, telephone 01753 857465 (home) or mobile 07721 045945. The lift must not be used in the event of fire.

### **Medical**

A First-Aid Box is available in the Reception Office. In case of illness, the Bursar will make an appointment with a local doctor, or arrange for one to call. If there is an emergency in the night, please contact the Bursar on 01753 848861, or the emergency on-call Doctor for St. George's House on 01753 833777.

### **Laundry**

No arrangements can be made for visitors' personal laundry for residencies of less than five days. If you are staying longer than five days please speak with the Bursar.

### **ST GEORGE'S CHAPEL**

Guests are welcome to attend all services in the Chapel. The times of services are displayed in Reception. We advise you to be in the Chapel ten minutes before the stated time. The Virger or Sacristans will show you to a seat.

### **POST CARDS, GIFTS AND CASTLE GUIDE BOOKS**

Picture postcards, Castle Guide books and other gifts are available in the Castle and Chapel Gift shops.

Please feel free to take away the blue folder 'ST GEORGE'S HOUSE' and the information regarding *St George's House Associates* provided in your room. We hope you will wish to become an Associate, and thus maintain links with the continuing work of St George's House. We also hope that you will spread the word about the House and what it offers: we welcome new contacts, partners and clients.

**We hope that you have a very pleasant and useful visit with us. For further information regarding St George's House and St George's Chapel please visit our websites: [www.stgeorghouse.org](http://www.stgeorghouse.org) and [www.stgeorges-windsor.org](http://www.stgeorges-windsor.org)**

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## *Programme*

### **Friday, June 29**

4.30pm Arrival & Afternoon Tea St George's House

5.15pm Evensong (for those who wish to attend) St George's Chapel

6.00pm Drinks & Dinner St George's House

8.00pm **Session 1: Religion in Public Life** Vicars' Hall

Welcome: Andrew Carter, Warden, St George's House  
Introducing the Atlantic Conversation: William Storrar

Opening Remarks on Theme: Roger Trigg  
Respondents: Robin Lovin, A C Grayling;  
followed by plenary discussion, ending at 9.30pm.

### **Saturday, June 30**

9.15am **Session 2: Sociological Perspectives** Vicars' Hall

Opening Remarks: Robert Wuthnow  
Respondents: Linda Woodhead, George Harinck, Gillian Stamp;  
followed by plenary discussion. Closing Remarks: Joy Madeiros, Paul Woolley.

10.45am Coffee Vicars' Hall

11.15am **Session 3: Secular Perspectives** Vicars' Hall

Opening Remarks: Keith Porteous Wood  
Respondents: Mona Siddiqui, David Ford, Catherine Fieschi;  
followed by plenary discussion. Closing Remarks: Baroness Hooper, James Arthur.

1.00pm Lunch St George's House

3.30pm **Session 4: Theological Perspectives** Vicars' Hall

Opening Remarks: Lord Harries  
Respondents: Iain Torrance, Robert Jensen, Krista Tippet;  
followed by plenary discussion. Closing Remarks: Frank Cranmer, Kenneth Wilson.

5.15pm Evensong (for those who wish to attend) St George's Chapel

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| 6.30pm  | Drinks  | No. 25 The Cloisters |
| 7.30pm  | Dinner  | St George's House    |
| By 10pm | Private Tour of St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle<br>(meet in Sitting room, St George's House) |                      |

### **Sunday, July 1**

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| 8.30am   | Said Eucharist (for those who wish to attend)   | St George's Chapel |
| 9.15am   | Breakfast   | St George's House  |
| 10.15am  | <b>Session 5: Political Perspectives</b>  | Vicars' Hall       |
|          | Opening Remarks: Dominic Grieve MP<br>Respondents: Henk Jan Ormel MP, Mac McCorkle, Baroness Wilcox;<br>followed by plenary discussion. Closing Remarks: Jonathan Hellewell, Robert Morris. |                    |
| (11.15am | Coffee Break, with Session 5 ending at 12.30pm)   |                    |
| 12.45pm  | Lunch   | St George's House  |
| 2.30pm   | <b>Session 6: Legal Perspectives</b>  | Vicars' Hall       |
|          | Opening Remarks: Lord Brennan<br>Respondents: Lord Hodge, John Witte, H M ten Napel;<br>followed by plenary discussion. Closing Remarks: Mary Ellen O'Connell.                              |                    |
| (3.45pm  | Tea Break, with Session 6 ending at 5pm)  |                    |
| 5.15pm   | Evensong (for those who wish to attend)   | St George's Chapel |
| 6.30pm   | Drinks & Closing Dinner   | St George's House  |
| 8.30pm   | <b>Session 7: Reflections on the Atlantic Conversation 2007</b>   | Vicars' Hall       |
|          | Concluding Remarks from Roger Trigg   |                    |

### **Monday, July 2**

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| 9.00am  | Departures after Breakfast  |  |
| 10.00am | Optional Tour of State Apartments, Windsor Castle<br>(Tickets available from St George's House staff) |  |

## *List of Participants*

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