

# *'How to be Good' Series*

## with Francis Spufford

Thursdays, 6 September - 11 October

### **IS IT EASY TO BE GOOD?**

**Five professions. Five explorations**



To be a good doctor means more than just being good at medicine. Technical excellence is only part of any profession's definition of goodness. But how, in today's world, do you work out what goodness means in your profession? In conversation with Francis Spufford, an oncologist, a novelist, a soldier, an HR professional and a journalist explore the rules, the responsibilities, the potential and the pitfalls of their work. And in an open forum under the Octagon, facilitated by the Ely Cathedral Business Group, to conclude the series the speakers compare notes with a sixth guest from the world of finance.

# How to be Good - Thursdays at 6.45pm in the Drawing Room of The Bishop's House, Ely

Writer Francis Spufford talks with distinguished members of different professions about what 'good' looks like in their working lives, how they negotiate difficult ethical territory, and how their professional 'goodness' is informed, challenged, or at odds with the Christian tradition.

## **6 September: How to be Good - Medicine *Dr. Rebecca Fitzgerald***

Rebecca is Professor of Cancer Prevention at the University of Cambridge. She runs a research group at the MRC Cancer Unit and is an Honorary Consultant in Gastroenterology at Addenbrooke's. She has received global recognition for her work in developing tests for early cancer diagnoses.

## **13 September: How to be Good - Literature *Sarah Perry***

Sarah Perry's recent novel, *The Essex Serpent*, was a number one bestseller. It was the British Book Awards Fiction Book of the Year and Overall Book of the Year and was subsequently nominated for a further eight literary prizes.

## **20 September: How to be Good - People in Farming *Beverly Dixon***

Beverly Dixon is Group HR Director at G's Fresh, a major agricultural business with its roots in the Fens. She has worked as an HR professional throughout the food supply chain and has created extensive training to develop skills for people working in agriculture.

## **27 September: How to be Good - Journalism *Andrew Brown***

Andrew Brown is a journalist, writer and editor. He was one of the founding members of *The Independent*, where he worked as a religious correspondent, parliamentary sketch writer, and a feature writer. He has written extensively on technology for *Prospect* and for *The New Statesman* and has been a feature writer on *The Guardian*.

## **4 October: How to be Good - The Army *Edward Wingfield***

Ed Wingfield served as an infantry officer in the British Army for 16 years, including operational tours of Bosnia, Northern Ireland, Iraq and Afghanistan. He commanded a rifle company in Basra in 2000 and spent two years working on Afghan policy in the British Embassy in Washington, DC

*Francis Spufford* is the author of five books of non-fiction and a best selling novel, *Golden Hill*, which won the Costa First Novel Award for 2016, the Ondaatje Prize as well as being shortlisted for many more. He is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature.

**Tickets: £12.50 including a glass of wine and refreshments. (Very limited places available).**

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***Please note that these sessions will be filmed for broadcast on Ely Cathedral's and other Social Media channels.***

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## **11 October: How to be Good - Business *Mike Bushore***

Ely Cathedral Business Group Autumn Discussion at 6.45pm in Ely Cathedral

Mike is CEO of Tyler Capital. He will discuss the challenges of programming ethical responses into robots deployed in the futures market on the trading floor. Speakers from the How to be Good series will be part of the discussion, bringing together the insights of the whole six sessions in a wide-ranging debate, with Francis Spufford, Edward Wingfield, Beverly Dixon and Andrew Brown.