Christian Theology Graduate Study Day

**Metaphysics and Biblical interpretation**

**Keynote speaker: Dr. Hans Boersma (Regent College, Vancouver)**

27 June 2016, 9-5pm
Lightfoot Room, Faculty of Divinity, Cambridge

At the back of a successful graduate study day in April, we are delighted to welcome Dr. Hans Boersma in Cambridge to lead us in what promises to be an exciting and interdisciplinary day of discussion of learning. The format will be similar: Dr Boersma will lead us to think about the way metaphysics – how we think about the nature of reality – shapes biblical interpretation – how we read and make sense of the Bible. Several contributions from the graduate community will then address the theme from a variety of approaches and angles:

- Victor Emma-Adamah: Theology
- Barnabas Aspray: Philosophy
- Bruno Clifton: Biblical studies

- Emily Kempson: Patristics

Dr Boersma is known for his work on sacramental ontology (*Nouvelle Théologie* and Sacramental Ontology: A Return to Mystery [2009], Heavenly Participation: The Weaving of a Sacramental Tapestry [2011]) and Patristics (Embodiment and Virtue in Gregory of Nyssa [2013]). He will draw on his forthcoming book and argue that the participatory or sacramental ontology of the Church Fathers shaped their sacramental reading of the Bible and the moving away from sacramental ontology lies at the origin of a historical-critical reading the Bible in the early modern period (see abstract below).

The day includes coffee breaks and a sandwich lunch. Attendance is free, but places are limited and registration is mandatory. Please book your place by 20 June, by writing to Pui (phi21) with the subject line "Graduate study day".