

Directions

High Leigh in Hoddesdon, Hertfordshire



By road

Postcode – EN11 8SG

High Leigh is seven miles from the M25 from Junction 25, take the northbound A10 dual carriageway towards Hertford. Leave the A10 at the junction for Hoddesdon and follow the road towards the town. At the roundabout take the third exit signed 'Town Centre' (alongside Morrisons). Turn right at the church into Pauls Lane and bear left into Taverners Way. Take the first right into Lord Street and continue up the hill for just under a mile. High Leigh is on the left.

By rail

Our local Railway station is Broxbourne. There is a regular service from London Liverpool Street, which also connects with the Underground Victoria Line at Seven Sisters or Tottenham Hale. The station is two miles from the Centre, but there are plenty of taxis at reasonable rates (typically £6).

By air

Our local airport is Stansted. Stansted Airport is 40 minutes away by road or a 35 minute train journey from Broxbourne.



Registration

Fee as a resident - £275

This fee includes two nights' accommodation and all meals from Friday evening to Sunday lunchtime.

As a non-resident - fee £155 (includes lunch and refreshments)

As a resident's spouse, sharing a room - fee £170

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Meister Eckhart & Divine Awareness



August 28-30, 2020

**The 33rd Annual Conference of the
Eckhart Society**

**High Leigh in Hoddesdon,
Hertfordshire UK**

Meister Eckhart and the Nearness of God

Michael Demkovich, OP

This masterful Medieval preacher offers us a profound sense of God's nearness in his language and thought. This paper will explore Eckhart's vocabulary in speaking of God's relation to us; our relation to God; our disposition in life; and our destiny in life.

"Something within me which shines": Knowing and Unknowing God and the Self

Rebecca Stephens

Eckhart's apophatic writings embrace paradox and explode conventional understanding. This paper will explore how their gymnastics represent an attempt to bridge the gulf between wordless inner awareness of the divine and a practical understanding of human and divine.

"The eye with which I see God is the same eye with which God sees me."

Duane Williams

Getting to the heart of one of Eckhart's most mystical of expressions is a challenge. This paper will reflect on its deep meaning aided by Eckhart and other religious traditions.

The Nature of Divine Immanence in Eckhart's Thought

Chris Wojtulewicz

God is not only present to creation, but within it in such a way that He exceeds it. For Eckhart, this excessive presence means that God is uniquely manifest in the full range of human experience: in each moment, each place. Eckhart has a term for this unique presence: it is 'principal'.



Michael Demkovich, O.P.

Serves as the Episcopal Vicar for Doctrine and Life in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe. A trustee of the Eckhart Society, he earned his Ph.D. and Pontifical Doctorate from the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven writing on Meister Eckhart and Religious Experience. He has regularly taught at Blackfriars in Oxford and at various universities in the U.S. An internationally published author he has written numerous articles as well as various books including *Introducing Meister Eckhart* (2005), *A Soul Centered Life* (2010), *The Death of Magister Aycardus* (2014) *We Walk by Faith* (2017) and forthcoming *The Tyranny of Perfection* (2020).

Dr. Rebecca Stephens has spent the past 25 years in dialogue with Meister Eckhart, as a scholar, a teacher and in her daily life. Vice-Chair of The Eckhart Society, Rebecca is a regular speaker at the Society's annual conference, co-organises and presents Eckhartian One Day Events in York and Cambridge, and is an Associate Editor of the journal, *Medieval Mystical Theology*. Her articles include: *Out of*



Context: Eckhart's Scriptural Excursions (2015), *In Defence of Plain Speaking* (2007) and *Eckhart and Sister Catherine: The Mirror's Image?* (1997).

Duane Williams is a Senior Lecturer in Theology, Philosophy, and Religious Studies and co-facilitator of the Association for Continental Philosophy of Religion at Liverpool Hope University, UK. His first book, *The Linguistic Christ*, was published in 2011. His most recent book, *Language and Being*, was published in 2017. He is editor of the journal, *Medieval Mystical Theology*, and editor for the *Reframing Continental Philosophy of Religion* book series published by Rowman and Littlefield.



Christopher M. Wojtulewicz is a Free Research Associate at KU Leuven, and an Associate Lecturer in both Philosophy and Theology at the Maryvale Institute in Birmingham. He has held positions as a Research Associate in Philosophical Theology and Paleography at King's College London, a guest post-doctoral researcher at the University of Erfurt, and an adjunct professor at Korea University. He has published widely on late medieval philosophy and theology, including *Meister Eckhart on the Principle. An Analysis of the principium in his Latin Works* (2018). He has focused on fourteenth century debates, particularly surrounding language and the body, and more recently the reception of medieval thought in the 20th century philosophical theology.

