



Don't Mention The War!

A Symposium on War and Peace organised by the Evangelical Alliance and hosted by Oak Hill College

Wednesday, 19th January 2011 at [Oak Hill College](#)

Speakers include:

Dr Steve Holmes (Lecturer in Systematic Theology at St. Andrews University)
Rev Grant Ashton (Asst. Chaplain General for Operations & Training, British Army)
Canon David Porter (Director, Centre for Reconciliation, Coventry Cathedral)
Rev Stephen Gaukroger (Director of Clarion Trust International)

For too long evangelical Christians have ignored serious discussion about war and peace. The rightness or wrongness of recent wars in Iraq and Afghanistan has been the major public ethical debate of the first decade of the twenty-first century, and one in which churches, particularly local congregations, have been deafeningly silent. Pastors and worship leaders, conscious of the range of experiences and attitudes within their congregations, have struggled to know how to preach, or even to pray, about war, beyond perhaps interceding for the safety of members of the congregation who are serving in the armed forces.

This study day is designed for pastors who want to do better.

Rather than unpicking the rights or wrongs of the invasion of Iraq it is vital that we know how to minister to our congregations during the next war, not necessarily focusing on the last one. Local churches, after all, are not often in a position of asking whether they should declare war on someone or not. We will therefore be asking what faithful Christian ministry to local communities that are part of a nation at war looks like. We will also be looking at Christian traditions of pacifism and just war theory, and how they can apply today.

The day begins at 10 am with coffee and registration and finishes by 4.30pm.

To book a place, please book online at
<http://www.eauk.org/slipstream/events/index.cfm>

Tickets cost £25 for the day including hot lunch and coffee.

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The symposium will be held at [Oak Hill College](#), Chase Side, Southgate, London, N14 4PS. Oak Hill is easily accessible from Southgate tube station on the Piccadilly line and then walking, or taking the 298 bus service.