

Henry Martyn Day



CAMBRIDGE CENTRE FOR
**CHRISTIANITY
WORLDWIDE**

**Monday 16th October
4pm BST**

Prof. David Bebbington

EVANGELICAL THEOLOGY IN THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING WORLD DURING THE NINETEENTH CENTURY

Speaker

David Bebbington is Emeritus Professor of History at the University of Stirling. An undergraduate and postgraduate at Jesus College, Cambridge (1968-73), he subsequently became a research fellow of Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge (1973-76). He taught at the University of Stirling from 1976 to 2019 and he has also served several times as Visiting Distinguished Professor of History at Baylor University, Texas. He is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh and his publications include *Evangelicalism in Modern Britain* (1989), *The Mind of Gladstone: Religion, Homer and Politics* (2004) and *The Evangelical Quadrilateral* (2 vols, 2021)

Abstract

The Evangelical theology which dominated English-speaking Protestantism during the nineteenth century emphasised the Bible, the cross, conversion and activism. It was greatly indebted to the legacy of the Enlightenment. Jonathan Edwards remained a powerful influence, but Arminianism was the teaching of the growing Methodist movement. A Romantic reaction against Enlightenment attitudes, however, advanced premillennialism, holiness by faith and faith missions. Romanticism also generated liberal theological tendencies. The social gospel also emerged towards the end of the century. Resistance against the newer inclinations was headed by C. H. Spurgeon, but the polarisation of the twentieth-century Fundamentalist controversies had not yet arisen.

Register to join, please email:
centre@cccw.cam.ac.uk

**Runcie Room, Faculty of Divinity, 25
West Road, Cambridge, CB3 9DP.**