

## GOD AND WORK



Ever wondered if your work mattered to God?  
Are jobs outside the church 'less spiritual', or a lesser calling?  
Did God make the other parts of life?  
If so, what are His purposes there?  
How do we serve God at work?

Ever grappled with these questions?  
Wanted more substantial answers?

On **Sunday March 11**, Will Messenger and Gordon Preece will be running a seminar that will address some of these questions.

Sessions are informed by the **Theology of Work** project, which is a multi denominational research project seeking to give biblical perspective on these issues, and designed to give individuals and churches the capacity to better discuss and answer these questions.

Will Messenger and Gordon Preece are two leaders in the field of helping Christians and churches discuss the purposes and connections between faith and the workplace, so this promises to be a stimulating and enriching event for all who are interested in God's purposes and calling in the workplace.

If you'd like to be resourced to answer some of these questions, please feel free to attend our seminar.

**Holy Trinity Anglican Church**

**14 Keck St, Bendigo**

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March, 3.30pm**

No charge

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# Will Messenger

## *Executive Editor*

### Theology of Work Project



William G. Messenger is the Executive Editor of the Theology of Work Project, Inc., an international organization dedicated to researching, writing, and circulating materials about how the Christian faith can contribute to non-church workplaces. Its materials are available at [www.theologyofwork.org](http://www.theologyofwork.org). The TOW Project also helps faith-and-work organizations, pastors, and Christians in the workplace work more closely together to equip their members for meaningful and fruitful work in the world. It intends to complete its first phase of research and writing during 2013 and to invite participants to join in a shared expression of how the Christian applies to work.

Will was the Director of the Mockler Center for Faith and Ethics in the Workplace at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary from 1999 to 2008, and an adjunct faculty member there. He created and led the seminary's doctoral and master's degree programs in workplace leadership and business ethics. He presently serves as an adjunct professor of business ethics at Fordham University and a guest lecturer at Holy Cross College, and previously taught at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

Will is a member of the Board of Directors of ArQule, Inc., a biotechnology company near Boston, where he chairs the compensation, nominating and governance committee and is a member of the audit committee. He previously worked as a sales representative at IBM, corporate finance associate at Goldman Sachs, consultant at McKinsey & Co., and vice president of sales and marketing Advanced Metabolic Systems. Will is ordained in the Episcopal Church and formerly served as pastor of Charles River Church in Boston and assistant rector of All Saints' Episcopal Church in Belmont, MA. He was awarded a B.S. in Physics from Case Western Reserve University, an M.B.A. from Harvard Business School, a Master of Divinity from Boston University School of Theology and a Doctor of Ministry from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. Will was born in 1960. He lives in Belmont, MA, with his wife and their two daughters.

## GORDON PREECE

Gordon Preece has worked for churches, with the Education Program for Unemployed Youth and taught professional ethics at tertiary level for 20 years, including directing centres for applied ethics. His specialty is the ethics of work, professions and business. Gordon has written or edited eleven books including "Christianity and Entrepreneurship" and "Changing Work Values". He has lectured in universities in Sydney and Melbourne and

in the US, Canada, Cambridge (UK), New Zealand, Indonesia and St Petersburg. He has wide local and global experience of workplace ethics. Gordon was Director of Macquarie Christian Studies Institute and Urban Seed, Melbourne, a not for profit working with marginalized people. He is now ethicist for Christian Super, adjunct lecturer in Ethics for Ridley College Melbourne and Director of Ethos: EA Centre for Christianity and Society and Senior Minister in the Anglican Parish of Yarraville. Gordon is married to Susan, a mental health and aging educator and has three young adult children, all married off in the past year. He is fanatical about football (supporting Spurs and the Cats), enjoys all sports and reading, writing, swimming, movies and walks with his wife and dog.