

Kingston University London

Tuesday 13th November 2007, 5pm

Frank Lampl Building 6139, Kingston Hill

Rt Revd Dr Richard Cheetham – Bishop of Kingston

Is Truth Trivial? Religion and Education in a Plural Culture

This seminar aims to explore whether questions of truth have become trivial or marginal in a plural culture. If so, what does this do to our understanding of both religion and, in particular, its truth claims, and also to our philosophy of education. Bishop Richard will offer some thoughts on the role of religion in education, and also the vexed question of faith schools, in the light of the latest Faith in the System document produced by the government. He will also touch on questions of social and community cohesion, and the aim of educating for diversity, and what that might mean in practice.

~

Bishop Richard is currently Bishop of Kingston in the Diocese of Southwark and is responsible for the Church of England across five London boroughs – Kingston, Richmond (South of the Thames), Wandsworth, Lambeth and Merton. He was ordained in 1987, and prior to that was a teacher of physics in secondary schools, both the state and private systems. In the 1990s his doctoral research looked at collective worship schools, and aimed to examine the understanding of religious belief, which effectively underlies the practice of collective worship.

The seminar is being held in conjunction with the University Chaplaincy as part of the **HE Seminar Series** being organised by Professor Mary Stuart, Deputy Vice-Chancellor. If you would like to attend please let Ellie Hibberd know on: E.Hibberd@kingston.ac.uk or 020 8547 8287 (ext 63287).