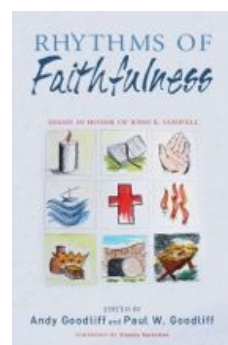


## Study Day and Convocation

Two recent events in the life of The Order for Baptist Ministry have celebrated our commitment to the Daily Office.

The first was our inaugural Theological Study Day, held at Spurgeon's with kind permission of the Principal and staff, and over-lapping with the weekly Post-graduate seminar. It was also an opportunity to surprise the key-note speaker, and founding member of the Order, Rev'd Dr. John Colwell, with the presentation of a Festschrift in his honour edited by Andy and Paul Goodliff, entitled *Rhythms of Faithfulness* (Wipf and Stock Pickwick Publications, 2018). Contributors Drs Anthony Clarke, Sally Nelson and Paul Goodliff gave short papers from the book, which undertakes a theological enquiry into the Daily Office — its structural components and its liturgical calendar themes.

Copies of the book — an essential guide to the theology behind the Daily Office — can be obtained from all good outlets or (even better) by enquiry to Paul Goodliff, at £20 each.





The second event was our 2018 Convocation, held again at St Cuthbert's Woking — a retreat centre that has become familiar to us. Taking the theme "In whom we live and move and have our being", a quote from Luke's account of St Paul's sermon in Athens (Acts 17:28), and entitled "Live, move, be — Stillness and silence in an anxious world," we explored being and contemplation; living out our humanity and moving in mission, which is always God's mission first. With plenty of space for reflection, regular offices and good food, we considered this a very helpful Convocation. Three participants made vows for the first time as we closed with Communion, and a draft alternative Pentecost Daily Office with mission as its theme was composed. Watch out for the final version to be available in time for Pentecost 2019.

The next Convocation, later in 2019 from 13th – 14th November, will be held at Shallowford House, Shallowford, Staffs. Put that date in your diary and make sure you can attend.

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