

## Philosophy Breakfast @ Wivenhoe Bookshop

# Philosophical Problems

Sessions run on Saturdays from 10AM to 11:30AM



### Part I

(Starts 4<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2021)

- 1 Knowing & seeing
- 2 Mind
- 3 Meaning
- 4 Science
- 5 Art

### Part II

(Starts 16th Oct. 2021)

- 1 Freedom
- 2 Moral obligation
- 3 Political obligation
- 4 Religion
- 5 Life



Do you really perceive the world? Or are you somehow trapped within your own mind? What *is* the mind? What is it for a mind, or a person, or indeed a sentence, to mean something? Perhaps science can help with such philosophical questions. Yet, what is science and what are its limits? What, moreover, is art, and what is it good for? Such are questions treated in the first part of the course. The second part of the course asks the following. What is freedom and do we have it? What does ‘should’ mean, in ethics and politics? Is religion defensible, rationally or otherwise? Is there a meaning to life? The course presupposes no familiarity with philosophy but will give seasoned students enough to chew upon. A list of entirely optional reading will be provided at the end of each session. A book that will appear upon those lists frequently is Warburton’s *Philosophy: The Basics* (Routledge; various editions).