

## City Tabernacle Baptist Church

# Stephen Gaukroger is coming to Brisbane



During this month the City Tabernacle has the privilege of hosting Stephen Gaukroger, a renowned international convention speaker and popular Bible expositor. Plan to make the most of this rare opportunity.

### Sunday 21st October:

10.30 am A Church United and Active

*[Ephesians 4:1—13]*

6.30 pm Christian Faith in a Multi-faith World!

*[Daniel 3:1—12]*

### Sunday 28th October:

10.30 am Family and Work—An Everyday Faith

*[Ephesians 5:22—6:9]*

6.30 pm Christian Faith in a Hostile World!

*[Daniel 3:1—12]*

## Stephen Gaukroger

Until recently Stephen Gaukroger was the Senior Pastor of Goldhill Baptist Church in Buckinghamshire, England. He is now Director of Clarion Trust International, a Christian charity.

Stephen's ministry began in a local church context after gaining a degree in business and then a theological degree and pastoral diploma from Spurgeon's College. For 14 years he oversaw remarkable church growth as Senior Pastor of Stopsley Baptist Church, Luton, before spending 12 years at Gold Hill Baptist Church – one of the largest Baptist churches in England.

During his years as a local church leader Stephen was also President of the Baptist Union of Great Britain (1994-1995). This enabled him to engage with leaders of other denominations as well as those in the political and business arenas. The role opened up a number of strategic opportunities that grew Stephen's passion for preaching and teaching internationally and laid the groundwork for the ministry of Clarion.

Stephen is also hugely involved in a wide variety of Christian initiatives, both in the UK and internationally. He is a Bible Champion for the Evangelical Alliance 'Biblefresh' initiative, Vice-President of the Bible Society, the Senior Biblical Advisor for the BBC children's series 'Friends and Heroes' and an Ambassador for the Haggai Institute. He holds positions on a number of Councils of Reference, both as a member and as Chair, including Open Doors, Stewardship, Jews for Jesus, and The Rooftop Ministries. He is also a Patron of two different charities - Mildmay and Viva.

A prolific author, Stephen has written more than 20 books, edited a variety of Bible study series and small group resources, and authored numerous articles and blogs. His first book, *It Makes Sense*, an accessible, humorous and compelling introduction to Christian faith, has been translated into several different languages and sold more than 100,000 copies.

Stephen is also a keen Manchester United supporter, an enthusiastic squash player, and an avid reader of political biographies. He enjoys spending time with his family – his wife Janet, their three adult children, and their three grandchildren.