

An Evening with GEOFFREY BLAINNEY

Thursday 7 December 2023

7:00pm – 8:30pm

St Peter's Parish Centre

583 Toorak Road, Toorak

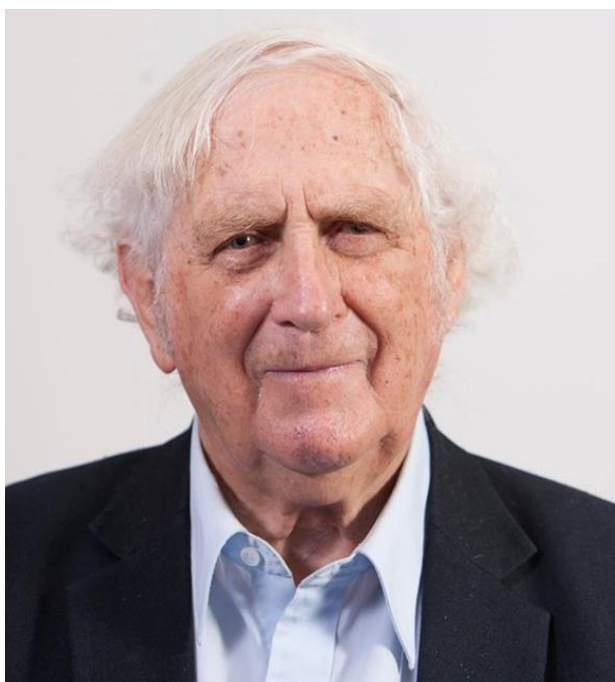
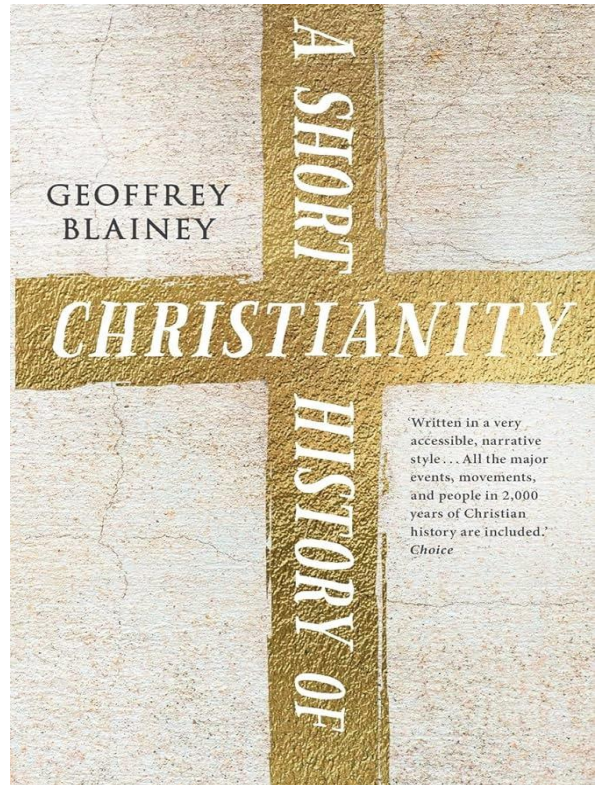
This free community presentation includes talk, discussion and concludes with light refreshments and book signing.

To Register:

<https://www.trybooking.com/CNIA>

RSVP: Friday 1 December 2023

Bookings are essential for seating and catering purposes.



Geoffrey Blainey, one of Australia's most prominent historians, held a visiting chair at Harvard University and held two chairs at the University of Melbourne.

The Oxford Companion to Australian History calls him "the most prolific, wide-ranging, inventive" of all living Australian historians.

To buy 'A Short History of Christianity' as an eBook, please visit:

<https://www.penguin.com.au/books/a-short-history-of-christianity-9781742534169>

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Professor Geoffrey Blainey has written more than forty books, including *The Tyranny of Distance*, *Triumph of the Nomads*, *A Shorter History of Australia*, *The Rush That Never Ended*, and the international bestseller *A Short History of the World*, which was published in a score of lands as far apart as Brazil, India, Spain and China. He has served the federal government as chairman of the Commonwealth Literary Fund, the Australia Council for the Arts, the National Council for the Centenary of Federation, and the Australia–China Council. At the United Nations in New York, in 1988, Professor Blainey received the celebrated Britannica Prize 'for exceptional excellence in the dissemination of knowledge for the benefit of mankind'. A recipient of Australia's highest honour, Companion in the Order of Australia (AC), he has been officially listed for two decades by the National Trust as a 'National Living Treasure'. He is married to the well-known biographer Ann Blainey.

A Short History of Christianity

For 2000 years, Christianity has had a varying but immense influence on world history. Who better, then, than Geoffrey Blainey to bring us a history of this world-changing religion.

A Short History of Christianity vividly describes many of the significant players in the religion's rise and fall through the ages, from Jesus himself to Francis of Assisi, Martin Luther, Francis Xavier, John Wesley and even the Beatles, who claimed to be 'more popular than Jesus'. Blainey takes us into the world of the mainstream worshippers – the housewives, the stonemasons – and traces the rise of the critics of Christ and his followers.

With his characteristic curiosity and storytelling skill, Blainey considers Christianity's central place in world history. Will it remain in the centre? As Blainey observes in his eminently readable account, the story of Christianity is one of many ups and downs.

Come along for an entertaining evening!