

**An evening with Bishop Peter Price
in preparation for Advent
Sunday 4th November
Tisbury Methodist Church
7.30pm**

Come and join Bishop Peter for an evening
of reflection, conversation and worship on the publication of

***A Shaking Reality*
Daily Reflections for Advent**

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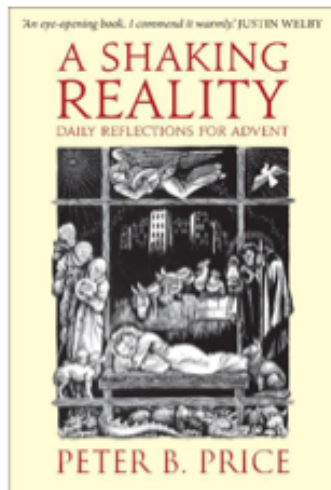
Archbishop Justin Welby says of *A Shaking Reality* - 'Peter Price gently, but with great firmness, calls us to be shaken by Jesus, to have our senses stirred, to be awakened to the power of the birth of Jesus, to hear the call to celebration and the warning of judgement. It is an eye opening book and I commend it warmly.'

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An evening with Bishop Peter will provide us with an opportunity to consider together how we too may find courage and compassion to face the challenges of our contemporary world, and understand a little better why God has sent *us* into this time.'

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**A Shaking Reality:
Daily Reflections for Advent
Peter B. Price**



'Christmas is so often not only commercialised but domesticated. The weeks before are busy and demanding. Yet in Christian thinking they open our eyes to the shattering and shaking work of God in taking human form as Jesus. Nothing could be more dramatic. Peter Price gently, but with great firmness, calls us to be shaken by Jesus, to have our senses stirred, to be awakened to the power of the birth of Jesus, to hear the call to celebration and the warning of judgement. It is an eye-opening book and I commend it warmly.' Justin Welby

A Shaking Reality is a series of Daily Reflections for Advent. It takes its title and inspiration from the witness of Father Alfred Delp who was imprisoned and executed by the Nazis in 1945. Delp was amongst a small group of courageous men and women who committed themselves to building a new Christian order after the war. During Advent 1944, imprisoned in Plötzensee prison, Delp wrote a meditation in which he spoke of Advent 'as a time when we all ought to be shaken and brought to a realisation of ourselves.' He saw the season of preparation as providing an opportunity for bringing people to their senses to

live, work and pray for God to intervene in human affairs to bring in a new world order of justice love and peace.

A Shaking Reality takes many of Delp's themes and applies them to biblical characters such as Abraham, Sarah, Hagar, Esther, John the Baptist and Mary, as well as contemporary individuals Charles de Foucauld, Ettie Hillesum, Mother Mary Clare, and anonymous individuals un-remarked prophets and witnesses of our time, all of whom bear testimony to seeking God's kingdom of justice, love and peace. Throughout the meditations there is an echo of Delp's haunting question: 'We may ask why God has sent us into this time?'

From his Advent prison cell, Alfred Delp observed, 'I have a new understanding of God's promise of redemption and release.' Each meditation serves to help us in a time of fear, suspicion, conflict and insecurity; and find a new understanding of the compassionate and courageous witness we are called to bear today.

The reader is invited to set aside a few minutes each day, creating a personal or group sacred space. Read the reflection, meditate and offer the prayer which closes each day. The Advent journey concludes with welcoming the *shaking reality* of Christmas when we are invited to be born again into a living hope, reflected in the nature and person of Jesus Christ, child of Mary, Son of Man and of God.

Praise from Jim Wallis, Sojourners – 'Peter Price integrates the liturgical Scriptures with the real world as well as anyone I have ever read. This book offers a deep and refreshing look into what advent means for us in this troubled world. Advent is a time to return to the root of our faith and Jesus' call to his followers, and these reflections do just that. As we anticipate Jesus' coming into the world, Peter Price reminds us that advent is a time to be shaken, in order to remain faithful and participate in God's work. So I continue to listen to what Peter says about Advent and how it can shape our response to the daily circumstances we are living in—and you should too!'

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Peter B. Price was Bishop of Bath and Wells from 2002 to 2013, and General Secretary of the USPG (United Society Partners in Gospel). His books for DLT include *Things That Make for Peace* (Jan 2018) which expertly draws on Peter's engagement in peace building and conflict resolution spans over forty years.

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