

## **Saint Stephen's presents: Tools for Reconciliation**

Saint Stephen's | The parish church at the heart of Bristol city centre | off Corn St | BS1 1EQ



**Wednesday 17 November**  
in **Saint Stephen's Café**  
**7.30 pm**  
**Tickets at door: £3.00**  
(includes Fair Trade refreshments).

Saint Stephen's [third Reconciliation Laboratory](#) calls voices from Judaism, Christianity and Islam, to bring from faith the tools that make for healing and reconciliation.

The Reconciliation Laboratory aims to share the gifts in faith that heal and restore.

David Mowat, a Quaker and musician, will open up the process with stories from his experience amongst Jews, Christian and Muslims in the Middle East.

"Saint Stephen's Reconciliation Laboratory invites people to listen to each other in a climate of honesty and trust. The aim is to create a safe forum so people can hear each other," says David Mowat, who worked in the West Bank with the [Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel](#) (EAPPI) in 2006.

"In this safe space of sanctuary, we will listen and explore hot and sensitive stories between cultures and people," he says. "We will ask how the Faiths have tools to heal and resources to offer for healing in a broken world."

As the harbour church which blessed the slavery-trading ships and grew rich from their donations, Saint Stephen's is engaged in its own process of reconciliation.

[Saint Stephen's Bristol Reconciliation Reredos arts programme](#) is part of its artistic response to this legacy. A response that includes Saint Stephen's Reconciliation Laboratory, and the new artwork for the main east wall of the church building, the [Reconciliation Reredos](#).  
7.30pm £3 including refreshments

Bristol Reconciliation Reredos is funded thanks to the [Bristol Legacy Commission](#) and the [Heritage Lottery Fund](#).

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