



**FACT Autumn Conference, Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2017**  
at  
**St Luke's Church and Conference Centre**  
**Great Colmore Street, Lee Bank, Birmingham. B15 2AT**

**Programme**

(Subject to Change)

**Morning Session: Members Only**

Please book in advance by either post or email

Guests are welcome to arrive from 12.15pm onwards

**10am** Onwards Tea & Coffee served

**10.45** Annual General Meeting

**10.45** Elections to the Committee and Annual Reports from the Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary of FACT Resolutions and AOB

**12.00** Sandwich Lunch

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**Afternoon Session**

**1.00** Sister Frances Dominica

*Welcome from FACT's President*

**1.10** Dennis Eady

*"Justice in Crisis":*

*What can student based projects offer in the current climate?*

**2.15** Margaret Jervis

*Making the Criminal Justice System Fair Again  
( a guide for the perplexed)*

**3.15.** Refreshments break (15 minute)

**3.30** **Panel:** The Speakers, Secretary and other invited experts

Discussing questions from the floor

**We aim to end at 4.15**

## The Speakers

**Margaret Jervis** has been tracking the reliability of sexual offence allegations for 30 years, firstly as a journalist on the professional magazine *Social Work Today*, then as a freelance journalist and researcher and subsequently legal affairs adviser for the British False Memory Society. Since 2004 she has worked as a consultant and caseworker with Chis Saltrese Solicitors specialising in sexual offence trials, appeals and related matters as well as writing on the subject. She has a BA Hons (Joint) in Philosophy and German and a Graduate Diploma in Law.

Making the Criminal Justice System Fair Again – a guide for the perplexed

*The criminal justice system in England and Wales has been 'rebalanced' over 30 years in favour of convicting people accused of sexual offences on the basis of oral testimony, often historic. This has entailed judicial and statutory reforms with a revision of investigative practice and has led to a growing disquiet about the number of wrongful prosecutions and convictions. Why has this happened and what can be done to right the wrongs while allowing for safe convictions of the guilty? Margaret Jervis puts forward a simple solution that could rebalance the system for the good of all.*



**Dr Dennis Eady**, Cardiff Law School, works as Case Consultant to the Innocence Project at Cardiff University Law School and has been an active campaigner on miscarriage of justice issues for 20 years with South Wales against Wrongful Conviction (formerly South Wales Liberty). He has many years of experience on the topic of miscarriages of justice including the appeal process, particularly the CCRC and applications to them. In January 2015, he gave oral evidence to the House of Commons Justice Committee's review of the CCRC (Criminal Cases Review Commission) in support of Cardiff Law School Innocence Project's written submission. <http://sites.cardiff.ac.uk/experts/dr-dennis-eady/>

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## Directions

### Car

St Luke's has some parking and is easy to find using a Sat Nav; post code: **B15 2AT**

### Walking

It is ten to fifteen minutes from **New Street Station**

**Bus 63** along Bristol Street.

Alight by Bristol Street Motors, cross the road and walk to St Catherine's Church. Turn left and walk up Great Colmore Street. The church is on the right.

