

**University of Cambridge  
Faculty of Divinity**



A lecture in memory of Fr Sergei Hackel

**Dr Paul Oestreicher**

will deliver a lecture on

**THE RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH THEN AND NOW:  
ITS GLORY AND ITS SHAME**

**On Tuesday, 25 November at 5 p.m.**

in the Runcie Room, Faculty of Divinity

Bishop Basil of Amphipolis will be in the chair

Archpriest Sergei Hackel was born in Berlin to Russian parents with some Jewish background. He fled from Hitler to Holland and thence to England, where he was ordained into the Russian Orthodox Church, Moscow Patriarchate. For many years he worked for the Russian service of the BBC and was often the only source of religion for many Russian listeners. He was also for many years lecturer in Russian at the University of Sussex. A key advisor to the British churches on relations with the Church in Russia, he lived in critical solidarity with his own Church through the years of the cold war and beyond it.

Canon Paul Oestreicher was born in Germany in 1931 and grew up in New Zealand. He was ordained to the priesthood 1960 in London. His main areas of concern are peace and human rights. He has served as Chair of Amnesty International UK, Vice-President of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, Secretary for East–West Relations of the British Council of Churches, and Director of the Centre for International Reconciliation at Coventry Cathedral.

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Light refreshments will be served after the Lecture