

RMC LECTURE: FOUR FUNERALS AND A WEDDING: CHRISTIANITY IN
MODERN ENGLAND

‘FOUR WEDDINGS & A FUNERAL’ at RMC

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BILLINGS – The Philosophy and Religious Thought Society of Rocky Mountain College invites the public to a lecture by the Rev. Jacob Knee, Rector of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, entitled, "Four funerals and a wedding: Christianity in modern England." Rev. Knee's talk will be on Thursday, March 19, 2009 at 4 p.m., in the RMC Chapel.

European Christianity has been in decline for the past half century and more, a trend Fr. Knee will explain and comment on, with reference to his 14 year experience as a Christian minister in England and his theological studies at the University of Oxford.

In the 1960s, sociologists claimed religious life was incompatible with rational, modern life and would simply wither away across the world. At that time, some claimed that "secularization" would be complete before 2000 and that religious life would completely disappear in Europe.

Yet to the contrary, in most of the world, religious communities grew in both number and significance over this period. In Europe alone, has there been a persistent and mysterious decline in participation in Christian religious communities. Using England as an example, Fr. Knee will talk about his experience of this and discuss why Europe might be different.

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