



Archbishop Justin said: “This year’s [Michael Ramsey Prize](#) shortlist offers a glimpse into the riches not just of contemporary Christian thinking, but of Christian living. Each book has been a gift to the Church – helping us to think more deeply, act more wisely and witness more effectively to the glory of God.

“Writing such as this challenges, nourishes and inspires the Church to be ever more deeply and more joyfully what it is called to be: a praying, reconciling, proclaiming and witnessing community of people following Jesus Christ. It will be a real privilege to join my fellow judges in reflecting on these books, and sharing them with a wider audience when we announce the winner at the Greenbelt Festival this year.”

The shortlisted titles are:

Benigno Beltran, *Faith & Struggle on Smokey Mountain* (Orbis)

Stephen Cherry, *Healing Agony: Re-imagining Forgiveness* (Continuum)

Anne Richards, *Children in the Bible* (SPCK)

Francis Spufford, *Unapologetic* (Faber & Faber)

John Swinton, *Dementia: Living in the memories of God* (SCM)

Frances Young, *God's Presence: a contemporary recapitulation of early Christianity* (Cambridge University Press)

The shortlisted books will be studied by the five judges over the coming months. They will meet together at Greenbelt on 28th August 2016 to choose the winning title.

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