

THE SYDNEY C.S. LEWIS SOCIETY OF SYDNEY

10.30 am SATURDAY 20th NOVEMBER 2021

(Coffee tea and socialising from 10am.)

CASTLEREAGH BOUTIQUE HOTEL

Castlereagh St SYDNEY, near Town Hall Station

(Go east from Town Hall Station along Park St for two blocks and turn left.)

Cost: \$5 to cover room hire and tea and coffee.

This also includes introductory membership of the society.

YOU MUST BE DOUBLE VACCINATED TO ATTEND AND BE ABLE TO SHOW PROOF

Space is limited to 30 so you **MUST** register your intention to come to

Christopher Cooper 040307 7473 or by email to

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Speaker: Christopher Cooper:

The scope of C.S. Lewis's writings

Christopher Cooper was a Senior Lecturer in Mathematics at Macquarie University for many years. He is also the ex-President of the Australian Brontë Association. In 1965 he met Walter Hooper, C.S. Lewis's literary secretary, and Warnie (Lewis's brother). As a mathematician he was attracted to the way Lewis wrote clearly and logically, as a mathematician would, even though it is known that



his arithmetic skills left a lot to be desired. Cooper has a strong interest in reconciling Theology with Mathematics. He has written a book *The God Theorem* that explores the question "how can a mathematician, who only believes what he can prove, be a Christian, who is supposed to believe by faith?"

The talk will provide an overview of Lewis's writings. He is best known for his religious books, such as *Mere Christianity* and *Screwtape Letters* and his *Narnia* books such as *The Lion The Witch and the Wardrobe*. But he also wrote science fiction and poetry and essays on religion, ethics and education. He wrote a couple of allegorical works, such as *The Great Divorce* and *The Pilgrim's Regress*. And, of course, as a professor of Medieval and Renaissance English, he wrote many ground-breaking books on literature.

