



## The Four Liveries Lecture

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2017

The 2017 Four Liveries Lecture is being organised by the Worshipful Company of Clockmakers. We are honoured to have as the Guest Speaker **the Astronomer Royal, Baron Rees of Ludlow** who will be telling us how precision instruments have expanded our knowledge of the universe: ***“From planets to galaxies: how precision measurements have expanded cosmic horizons”***. See the reverse of this notice for a short biography of Baron Rees of Ludlow.

**Date:** Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2017  
**Venue:** Painters’ Hall, 9 Little Trinity Lane, London EC4V 2AD

**Timings:**

6.00 pm	Doors open - assemble in Hall - cash bar
6.30 - 7.30 pm	The Lecture
7.30 – 7.45pm	Questions and discussion
7.45pm	Two course dinner plus cheese board
9.30pm	Carriages

**Cost:** £70.00 for the lecture and dinner including wine, or £35.00 for the lecture only

All Liverymen and Freemen are welcome to attend and to bring a guest. Please apply for tickets by completing and returning the Form below to the Clerk with your payment **by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June**. Thank you.

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I wish to attend the Lecture and Buffet bringing .....guest(s) for which I enclose my cheque for £..... being £70.00 per person **made payable to the Clockmakers’ Company**

I wish to attend the Lecture only bringing ..... guest(s) for which I enclose my cheque for £..... being £35.00 per person **made payable to the Clockmakers’ Company or by transfer to Nat West Bank Account: 09801774; Sort Code: 60-00-01 (Reference your surname/4LL)**

Name .....

Address.....

Name of Guest.....

E-mail..... Telephone .....

Any special dietary requirements?.....

Please return this Form to the Clerk by 16<sup>th</sup> June: Clockmakers’ Company, 1 Throgmorton Avenue, London EC2N 2BY or [Clerk@clockmakers.org](mailto:Clerk@clockmakers.org)

**Martin John Rees, Baron Rees of Ludlow, OM, FRS, FEng, FMedSci**



Baron Rees of Ludlow is a British cosmologist and astrophysicist. He has been Astronomer Royal since 1995 and was Master of Trinity College, Cambridge from 2004 to 2012 and President of the Royal Society between 2005 and 2010. In 2005, he was elevated to a life peerage, sitting as a crossbencher in the House of Lords as **Baron Rees of Ludlow**.

After holding post-doctoral research positions in the United Kingdom and the United States, he taught at Sussex University and the University of Cambridge, where he was the Plumian Professor until 1991, and the director of the Institute of Astronomy. From 1992 to 2003, he was Royal Society Research Professor, and from 2003 Professor of Cosmology and Astrophysics.

He has been President of the Royal Astronomical Society (1992–94) and the British Association (1995–96), and was a Member of Council of the Royal Institution of Great Britain until 2010. He is the author of more than 500 research papers, and he has made important contributions to the origin of cosmic microwave background radiation, as well as to galaxy clustering and formation. He has received numerous international awards for his research, and is a member of many foreign academies.

Baron Rees is an author of books on astronomy and science intended for the lay public and gives many public lectures and broadcasts. In 2010 he was chosen to deliver the Reith Lectures for the BBC, now published as *From Here to Infinity: Scientific Horizons*. He believes the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence is worthwhile, although the chance of success is small.

Aside from expanding his scientific interests, Baron Rees has written and spoken extensively about the problems and challenges of the 21st century, and the interfaces between science, ethics and politics. He co-founded, in Cambridge, the Centre for the Study of Existential Risk. He has formerly been a Trustee of the British Museum and the Science Museum.