



Fraser Prize essay 2014

Topic: Is the Referendum question a theological question?

Entries were assessed by a Reading Panel drawn
from the journal *Theology in Scotland* and
the Scottish Church Theology Society.

The views of the Fraser Prize Reading Panel:

Margaret Whyte

It is a mark of the quality of this essay that it raises arguments on both sides of the issues, and makes the reader think, and disagree honestly. Whyte's argument is that the Referendum raises theological questions, about nationhood, justice and the role of the church. She uses biblical, theological and ecclesiological material to present a balanced consideration of the question. The paper also indicates an awareness of the current position of religion in society, and of ecumenical and inter-faith issues.

Overall, the clarity of argument, the good use of sources, and the open nature of the investigation fulfils the brief of the Fraser Prize and the vision of theology that Dr Ian Fraser has upheld.

The Fraser Prize Reading Panel, Autumn 2014