



## Fraser Prize essay 2012

### Topic: The church in Scotland in relation to status and power

The views of the Fraser Prize Reading Panel:

#### **Kate Sainsbury**

The members of the Reading Panel felt that Kate Sainsbury's essay was constructive and creative, in that she has an original perspective on how Gospel values can be embodied in the intellectually-impaired, who can then serve as a model for the church. While this paper did not set out to cover all aspects of the Prize essay brief, few others have explored models of the church in Scotland along these lines.

Sainsbury presents her case in theological terms, and this is one of the strengths of the essay. She draws on Scripture and the Incarnation and makes a well-grounded case for a counter-cultural stance on status and power. She strives to integrate the examples she gives of intellectually-impaired people with her theological points and, in this way, shapes a creative argument. She writes, the Reading Panel felt, with real, but controlled, passion.

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