

Simon Jenkins (London)

Simon Jenkins is an author, designer and cartoonist from London with a formal theological education.

Main Research and Ongoing Projects

Jenkins is founder and editor of "Ship of Fools" (<http://shipoffools.com/>), a UK-based pan-Christian website, which was first launched as a magazine in 1977. The magazine folded in 1983, and was resurrected as a website on April Fool's Day, 1998. Subtitled "the magazine of Christian unrest", Ship of Fools pokes fun and asks critical questions about the Christian faith, "which we love but also question". The site is partly a magazine and partly a web-community.

In 2003, Jenkins was part of the team organizing "The Ark" (<http://ark.saintsimeon.co.uk/>), an internet-reality-gameshow "where Big Brother meets the Bible". Twelve contestants adopted the role of biblical heroes and - linked up via the internet - fought it out to stay on board for 40 days.

In 2004, Jenkins initiated a project called "Church of Fools" (<http://churchoffools.com/>), a 3D online interactive church that ran as a multi-user environment from May to September 2004, and as a single-user environment since that date.

His latest project is the online church St Pixels (<http://www.stpixels.com/>).