

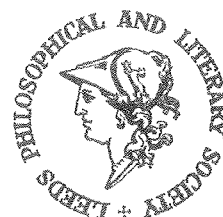
# Joseph Priestley and the Leeds Library



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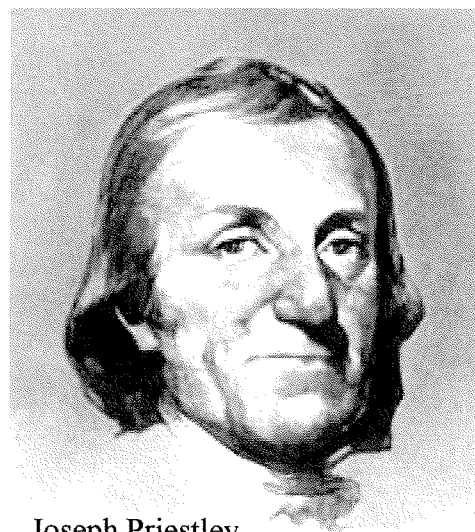
**Mill Hill Chapel  
City Square Leeds**

**7.30 pm Wednesday 24 November 2010  
(Tea and biscuits served at 7:00pm)**



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Joseph Priestley

## **The first home of the Leeds Library -**

the Golden Cock public house  
in Kirkgate in 1910. The right  
hand side of the building was  
formally Ogle's bookshop, with  
the library on the first floor.

Joseph Priestley (1733-1804) is known as a scientist, theologian, educationalist and political agitator. Less well known is the part that he played in the development of at least three subscription libraries. One of these was the Leeds Library, founded in 1768, of which Priestley was the first secretary and the second president.

Geoffrey Forster's lecture will look at the part that print, books and libraries played in Joseph Priestley's life as a whole and specifically at the library that he helped to create and which still flourishes in Leeds, 242 years later.