

Thinking Allowed: British Humour

- Elements/characteristics of British humour – we all have views on this: I'll include mine as I go.
- Some international comparisons – and why?
- Value/s of British humour:
 - Downsides
 - Upsides
- Humour in sermons
- Is British humour too often just a trick?
- Classic comedians: modern and less so – Hancock; Morecambe and Wise; Tommy Handley?
- Classic Writers: also modern and older – Galton & Simpson; Muir and Norden: Charles Dickens, Geoffrey Chaucer.
- On his own – P G Wodehouse, but
- Other British features of British humour – e.g., self-deprecation; irony; puns.
- Conclusion: British humour is an essential ingredient in a positive, helpful and contented British life – Agreed?