



Living Christianity & CCS

Lent & Easter Programme 2011

This selection of courses are the optional modules for year 2 of the Course in Christian Studies, and are also open to anyone else interested in participating.

Celtic Christianity – reconnecting with our roots

- Week 1 The Age of Saints – discovering our ancient church
- Week 2 Restoring the woven cord – an integrated spirituality
- Week 3 The sacrament of creation – God in the whole of life
- Week 4 Villages of God – people friendly mission
- Week 5 A new monasticism? – ancient ways for modern churches

Leader: The Rev Simon Reed

(Simon is Vicar of the Ascension, Hanger Hill, and is also one of the Guardians of the Community of Aidan and Hilda. He has published work on Celtic spirituality.)

Tuesdays 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th March

OR *3rd, 10th, 17th & 23rd May (combining weeks 4 & 5)*

8pm The Church of the Ascension, Hanger Hill, W5 3EB

Planet-wise

Why do Christians have a special responsibility to care for Creation? What does stewardship really mean and how can we live as if it matters? What hope does Jesus offer in the present environmental crisis?

Leader: Sarah Leedham, A Rocha Living Waterways

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7.30pm at St George's Church, Lancaster Road, Southall

Personality, prayer and calling

An opportunity to explore how different personality preferences affect our relationship with God, our prayer and our response to his calling.

Leader: Penny Pedley, Adviser in Ministry and Development

Wednesdays 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th March

OR *4th, 11th, 18th & 25th May*

7.45pm at St Hugh's Church Hall, Kensington Road, Northolt UB6 9UE

Retreat in daily life

This is an opportunity, over 4 or 5 weeks, for a personal individual journey to deepen your understanding and experience of prayer. You will be put in touch with a prayer guide and expected to commit to a weekly meeting and a daily pattern of prayer. There will be a shared opening session when you will meet your guide to arrange dates, times and venues of meetings, and a closing session with thanksgiving worship.

Opening session: 4 – 5pm Sunday 27th February (at St George's, Southall) **or** 1st May (at St Stephen's, Ealing*)

Closing session: 10 – 11am Saturday 2nd April (at St George's, Southall) **or** 28th May (at St Stephen's, Ealing*)

(* venue to be confirmed)

Reading the Old Testament as a Christian

St Paul calls the Old Testament a mystery. For many Christians it is more like a 'no go' area. This short course will try to demonstrate why we should read the Old Testament and how we can read it with Christian eyes.

Leader: The Rev Ron Herbert Vicar of St Michael and all Angels, Stonebridge

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OR *3rd, 10th, 17th & 23rd May*

7.45pm at St Stephen's Church, St Stephen's Road, Ealing W13 8AQ

Expanding our imaginations:

Appreciating art and poetry in our walk with God.

Not 'doing art or poetry' but rather exploring together how we interpret and get the most out of what others have done.

Week 1. God given imaginations – why bother with art and poetry?

Week 2. Views of the cross

Week 3. How poetry can be a means of prayer

Week 4. Tools of interpretation – looking and listening together

Leader: The Rev Christopher Ramsay Vicar of St George's, Southall

Tuesdays 22nd February, 8th, 15th & 29th March

OR *3rd, 10th, 17th & 23rd May*

7.30pm at St George's Church, Lancaster Road, Southall

To apply, see brochure and application form or contact the Area Office: 020 7932 1275 or wao@london.anglican.org