

Norwich Centre for Christian Learning

September to December 2018

Michael the Archangel: scripture and legend

Tutor: Gudrun Warren

Date: 29 September 2018, 10am-12.30pm in Norwich Cathedral Library

Cost: £10

On the feast of Michael and All Angels we will investigate the figure of the Archangel Michael, leader of the heavenly army, associated particularly with high places. How much of what we know is scriptural, and how much legend? Where does Michael fit in our wider understanding of angels? What can we learn about ourselves and our faith through our understanding of Michael?

Certificate in Christian Studies: In-depth option in subject area 3, Church History

Getting lost in the Old Testament

Tutor: the Revd Robin Myerscough

Date: 13 October 2018, 10am-12.30pm in Norwich Cathedral Library Cost: £10 (£30 if current four Biblical Studies sessions booked together)

This talk aims to look at modern approaches (from 2000 CE) to the study of the Old Testament. Too often recent researches have had a negative effect on the world of faith. There will be a chance not only for people to air their views on some of the important Old Testament ideas, but also an opportunity to consider important literary ideas and to evaluate the contribution of the books to the three monotheistic faiths of Judaism, Christianity and Islam.

Certificate in Christian Studies: Introduction to subject area 1, Old Testament

True Beauty: Finding Grace in Disabilities

Tutor: Dr Mark Bredin

Date: 27 October 2018, 10am-12.30pm

Cost: £10

*** in King's Lynn Quaker Meeting House ***

Based on his Grove booklet of the same name and subsequent thinking, Mark will lead us in considering 'how divine grace is encountered through those in our world who are not personally valued and are seen by society as useless and weak'.

Certificate in Christian Studies: In-depth option in subject area 5, Spirituality and Daily Living

Banquet or Brimstone – What will be our fate when we 'move over'?

Tutor: the Revd Phil Charlesworth

Date: 10 November 2018, 10am-12.30pm in Norwich Cathedral Library Cost: £10 (£30 if current four Biblical Studies sessions booked together)

When we die we might hope for heaven but fear for hell; but what form will they take? Feasting at heaven's eternal banquet or suffering eternal torment in hell's brimstone lake? This session will explore different perceptions of these domains, with special consideration of C S Lewis' dream of the divorced realms.

Certificate in Christian Studies: In-depth option in subject area 4, Doctrine and theology

Ancient Wisdom for Today's Church: St Augustine's 'Instructing Beginners in the Faith'

Tutor: the Revd Canon Dr Peter Doll

Date: 24 November and 1 December 2018, 10am-12.30pm

Cost: £10 each session, or £15 for both sessions booked together

Certificate in Christian Studies: In-depth option in subject area 3, Church History

LOOKING AHEAD to Spring 2019. Booking open now, but further courses may be added.

The Minor Prophets

Tutor: the Revd Robin Myerscough

Date: 19 January 2019, 10am-12.30pm in Norwich Cathedral Library Cost: £10 (£30 if current four Biblical Studies sessions booked together)

The twelve books of the Old Testament from Hosea to Malachi are frequently overlooked, mainly because their subjects seem so diverse or even odd. But these interesting documents were written by passionate, brave people, inspired by God to pronounce his word, sometimes against their own instincts and wishes. Why were they chosen to go in the Old Testament? Why does Judaism regard them as a single book? Is there a common theme? There will be lots to look at and lots to talk about.

Certificate in Christian Studies: In-depth option in subject area 1, Old Testament

Healing ministry

Tutor: Gillian Straine, with Eleanor Langan

Date: 2 February 2019, 10am to 3pm, in Norwich Cathedral Library

Cost: £15

With the new healing evensong about to begin, this study day will focus on the following aspects of healing:

- 1. The history and theology of the healing ministry
- 2. Healing ministry in practice
- 3. The place of Christian Spiritual healing in the world today
- 4. Healing, storytelling and pastoral ministry.

There will be time for discussion and feedback; Eleanor Langan will provide chaplaincy support for the day.

Certificate in Christian Studies: In-depth option in subject area 4, Doctrine and theology

Gilead - by Marilynne Robinson: the benediction of ordinary things Tutor: the Revd Julian Pursehouse

Date: 9 February 2019, 10am-12.30pm, in Norwich Cathedral Library

Cost: £10

Theological reflections on Marilynne Robinson's novel, Gilead.

Certificate in Christian Studies: In-depth option in subject area 5, Spirituality and Daily Living

Exploring Anglican—Roman Catholic Ecumenism: The Report of ARCIC

III, 'Walking Together on the Way'
Tutor: the Revd Canon Dr Peter Doll

Date: 2 and 16 March 2019, 10am-12.30pm, in Norwich Cathedral Library

Cost: £10 each session, or £15 for both sessions booked together

Certificate in Christian Studies: In-depth option in subject area 4, Doctrine and theology

St Mark

Tutor: the Revd Robin Myerscough

Date: 6 April 2019, 10am-12.30pm, in Norwich Cathedral Library

Cost: £10 (£30 if current four Biblical Studies sessions booked together)

I hope this will be a fresh look at the Gospel of St Mark. The gospel contains so many gems that are not always obvious to the casual reader. Despite the unfavourable and unjust criticisms of Mark's writing, this book is a valuable uncompromising vision of the historical Jesus and the Christ of faith. In these days of so much *fake news* we ought to look again at this honest pilgrim's version of the good news of the gospel.

Certificate in Christian Studies: In-depth option in subject area 2, New Testament

Booking

To book please complete the inserted booking form, or contact NCCL Admin Team, 01603 218443, NCCL@cathedral.org.uk www.norwichcentreforchristianlearning.co.uk

Library

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Studium in Norwich Cathedral Library offers structured study time on first and third Friday mornings.

Study in the library free of charge, borrowing rights £12 per annum.

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