

Bible Study and Discussion, Autumn 2021



In October we are offering two weekly courses running for 4-6 weeks. Both are based around texts in the bible but exploring them from different perspectives. Everyone is welcome at either, or both courses. If you cannot manage every week, still come along when you can as they are “stand alone” sessions.

The first course will explore a different text from the bible each week and reflect on what it has to say to our lives today, through a time of sharing and discussion with one another. The material to be used will be available one week before the sessions to give participants time to think about it in advance. This course will be run twice each week – online and face to face.

Monday evenings on Zoom using the usual link: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74867075396> , led by Revd Steve.

Time: 6.30 to 7.30pm

Starting: Monday October 4th.

Wednesday mornings in the Parish Centre, led by Anthony Rathbone and William Payne.

Time: 10-11.30am.

Starting: Wednesday October 6th.

Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to join these groups or have any questions. Materials will be distributed in advance. smdh.office@gmail.com; 01273 440202

The second course will explore how we read the bible.

“This is the Word of the Lord” we say. How is it? How did it come about? How should we use our minds when we read it? In what ways is it true?

This short course will start from the belief that we can and should read the Bible in a critical way, that God gave us brains and we should use them in our religious life as well as our secular one. So we shall look at the Bible as a library of books written over a period of about a thousand years, and used by the Christian Church as a source of guidance and inspiration ever since.

Each session will begin with a talk, followed by time for discussion and questions. No previous expertise is needed, but it would be helpful if participants brought a modern version of the Bible with them.

Thursday Mornings in the Vicarage, 33 Church St, led by Revd Peter.

Time 10-11.30am

Start Date Thursday October 7th

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