

One in worship
Open in faith
Outward in community



Discipleship & Ministry Training from the Diocese of Southwark

Confronting violence in the Old Testament

Wednesday 24 February, 7.30-9.00pm, Zoom, free

A workshop to help those of us who wonder why the God of mercy and peace, whom we love and serve, is associated with such violence in parts of the Bible. It will help us approach perplexing passages of the Old Testament with a new understanding. It is led by Revd Dr Simon Stocks, who is Senior Tutor at St Augustine's College and Assistant Minister at Christ Church, Purley.

To book your place email:

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Preaching the Resurrection

Saturday 27 February, 10.00am-1.00pm, Zoom, free

Tuesday 2 March, 10.00am-1.00pm, Zoom, free
As Easter approaches, this is an opportunity for those who preach to think anew about sharing the good news of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ with their congregations. It is led by Revd Dr Raewynne Whiteley, who is Deputy Director of Discipleship and Lay Ministry.

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The Woolwich Area Lay Conference

Saturday 6 March, 10.00am – 1.30pm, Zoom, free

Led by and for the lay people of the Woolwich Episcopal Area. The keynote speaker is Mark Greene, executive director of the London School of Contemporary Christianity, who will speak on God in Your Everyday Life.

The event will take place in the context of worship. There are 15 workshops to choose from:

- God in the Everyday
- Personal Bible Reading
- Black Lives Matter
- Caring for the Environment
- Growing Faith with Teenagers
- Praying With Every Inch of your Body
- Serving the Poor Across the Globe

- Moving Church Mission to a Relationship
- Ministry on an Estate
- Everyday Faith and Citizens UK
- Being a Grandparent
- Generous Living in Everyday Faith
- Faith at Home
- Unity and Diversity in Mission and Outreach
- God in the Workplace

Online booking is open now and you can find full details at: https://everyday_faith.eventbrite.co.uk
Booking closes at midnight on Sunday 28 February.

Praying at night

Wednesday 10 March, 8.00-9.30pm, Zoom, free

What is it about the dark and the lateness of the hour that offers itself as a rich context for prayer? What traditions of night prayer have developed through the Christian centuries and how can they help us today? Andrew Bishop, who is the Priest in Charge of Croydon Minster and author of *Theosomnia: A Theology of Sleep*, will encourage us to meet God at the end of the day and will lead us in Compline at the close.

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The Prodigal Son in Art

Tuesday 30 March, 7.30-9.00pm, Zoom, free

A reflection for Holy Week on the love of the Father, who calls us as prodigals back to himself. Led by Sally Munns, a Reader at St John's Church, West Wickham, this session looks at how the prodigal son and his father have been portrayed in art through the centuries. Is there also a prodigal daughter?

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Do I need a spiritual director?

Monday 19 April, 7.30-9.00pm, Zoom, free

More and more Christians are talking of the benefits of having a spiritual director – a fully trained person who helps you reflect on your experience and open yourself to God's leading on your journey of faith. This session will explain how a spiritual director can help you, what it would mean in practice, and how to go about getting one. It is for anyone who thinks that having a prayerful companion with whom to meet in an organised manner is an interesting idea. It is led by the Revd John Philpott Howard and members of Spidir (an ecumenical network promoting spiritual direction in and around Southwark Diocese).

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The fool says in his heart: There is no God

**Wednesdays 21, 28 April and 5 May,
7.30-9.00pm, Zoom, free**

A short course of three evenings that takes Psalm 14:1 as its starting point. This will equip us with a toolkit of concepts and insights to enable us to challenge atheism and materialism at the most fundamental level. The key elements are: Science is a method, not a metaphysic. You can't prove that a proof works. Fundamental particles are not the fundamental level of explanation.

Consciousness is not material. Atheism is culturally specific. Our shared moral intuitions are Christian. If we can grasp these ideas firmly we will be better able to give an account of God as he reveals himself in Christ, to a world sorely in need of him. The Revd Joshua Rey is the Vicar of Roehampton and teaches Christian Doctrine for St Augustine's College.

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