

How Jesus Read His Bible

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When we read the Gospels, we can see Jesus' knowledge of the Hebrew Scripture and how he both spoke about and used Scripture - a different approach to the Bible compared to that which we have inherited today

Venue: Leeds Church Institute, 20 New Market Street, LS1 6DG

Date: Saturday 17th September 10am-12pm, 1pm -3pm

Leader: Michael Hardin

Details: events@leedschurchinstitute.org - 0113 391 7928

Living & Praying the Prophetic Life: Despair and Hope

The biblical prophets spoke urgent words and lived challenging lives at times of great disaster, conflict and suffering. They also spoke of hope and promised a new future. Using texts from Jeremiah, we will explore what it means to be prophetic in our world today.

Venue: The Mirfield Centre, Stocks Bank Road, Mirfield WF14 0BW

Date: Saturday 24th September 10am-3.30pm

Leader: Revd Henriette Howarth

Cost: £20 including lunch & refreshments

Details: Beth Harper bharper@mirfield.org.uk - 01924 481920

Forgiveness & Reconciliation - are at the core of the gospels but we can struggle with them in the face of deep hurt. Should we always forgive? Where does repentance come in? What if we can't forgive? Is human forgiveness like God's forgiveness?

Venue: Wydale Hall, Wydale, Scarborough YO13 9DG

Date: Tuesday 27th September 9:45 am - 4:00 pm

Leader: Andrew De Smet

Cost: £25 to include refreshments and lunch

Details: Book at www.wydale.org/events

The Fifth Walter Tapper Lecture

FREE - **booking essential**

This year's lecture is entitled 'The Tent of Meeting: ecclesiological art and the imagination.'

Venue: The Mirfield Centre, Stocks Bank Road, Mirfield WF14 0BW

Date: Friday 30th September 10.30-12.00pm

Leader: Mark Cazalet, contemporary British artist

Details: Beth Harper bharper@mirfield.org.uk 01924 481920

Hearing God's Voice Today - Have you ever felt that your prayers seem a little one way? That you are conscious of speaking to God, but are unsure how to be confident of what God is saying to you? This day will provide the opportunity to listen to God for yourself and for others, with guidance about how to be confident in what you are hearing.

Venue: Wydale Hall, Wydale, Scarborough YO13 9DG

Date: Friday 7th October 2016 9.45am - 4pm

Leader: Fiona Simpson

Cost: £25 to include refreshments and lunch

Details: Book at www.wydale.org/events

Faith and the Future of the Earth

FREE

Part of a series of 'Cleveland Matters' lectures, Bishop James Jones (ex-Bishop of Liverpool) will be speaking on this theme.

Venue: Pickering Church, Hall Garth, Pickering YO18 7BE

Date: Wednesday 12th October 2016 7pm for 7.30pm

Leader: Bishop James Jones

Details: Enquiries to Julie.elphee@yorkdiocese.org

Understanding Self and Others - An Introduction to Transactional Analysis

- offers an understanding of human behaviour communication and relationships. This will introduce you to the main concepts of TA, including the way we relate to others, the psychological "games" we play, and life scripts.

Venue: Diocese of York Office, Amy Johnson Way, Clifton Moor, York. YO30 4XT

Date: Thursdays, 13th & 20th October 2016 10.00am to 5.00pm

Leader: Sarah Frettingham

Cost: £70.00 for the two days

Details: Book at training@yorkdiocese.org or 01904 699504

Who? How? Where? When?

FREE

Looking ahead to preaching Matthew as the lectionary gospel

- for all lay preachers offering an overview of Matthew's gospel, with ideas for sermon themes for the coming lectionary year.

Venue: St Andrew's United Reformed Church, Shaftesbury Avenue, Roundhay, Leeds LS8 1DS

Date: Saturday 15 October 09:45 - 3:30pm

Leader: Revd Dr Rosalind Selby

Cost: Free, bring your own lunch - drinks will be provided

Details: Revd Dr James Coleman do@urcyorkshire.org.uk tel 0113 289 8490

Doors of Perception: Spiritual & Theological Significance of Icons

An introduction to the theology and spirituality of iconography and its use in worship and personal prayer.

Venue: The Mirfield Centre, Stocks Bank Road, Mirfield WF14 0BW

Date: Saturday 15th October 10am-3.30pm

Leaders: Dr Kathryn Naylor and Revd Andrew De Smet

Cost: £20 including lunch & refreshments

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Mystic of Brokenness - the Spirituality of St Paul of the Cross. In this Year of Mercy, Fr Paul Francis Spencer offers a short course on the spirituality of the Founder of the Passionists.

Venue: The Briery Retreat Centre, 38 Victoria Avenue, Ilkley, LS29 9BW

Date: 21st-23rd October 2016 (3pm arrival, 21st - departing after lunch, 23rd)

Leader: Fr Paul Francis, C.P.

Cost: £150pp - includes full board

Details: The Retreat Secretary, briery@btconnect.com or 01943 607287 - www.briery.org.uk

Love for the Future - Spiritual Resources for Environmental Justice in partnership with Christians Aware. This day will explore ways we can develop our spiritual lives in order to grow in wonder, compassion, hope and wisdom; tapping into the energy of the Creator to work for the healing of creation.

Venue: The Mirfield Centre, Stocks Bank Road, Mirfield WF14 0BW

Date: Saturday 29th October 10am-3.30pm

Leader: Revd David Osborne writer and member of the Iona Community

Cost: £20 including lunch & refreshments

Details: Beth Harper bharper@mirfield.org.uk - 01924 481920

Getting Started with Prayer Spaces in Schools

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For anyone interested in hosting prayer spaces in their local schools, including practical how-to-get-started training, stories from local and national prayer spaces and example prayer activities.

Venue: Diocese of York Office, Amy Johnson Way, Clifton Moor, York. YO30 4XT

Date: Tuesday 1st November 7pm - 9pm

Leader: Olivia Seymour, Education Adviser for the York Diocese

Cost: Free, but please book. Refreshments will be provided

Details: Book with training@yorkdiocese.org or 01904 699504

Subversive Peacemaking: Conscience & Remembrance - based on his book 'Subversive Peacemakers: War Resistance 1914-1918' (Lutterworth 2014), Clive Barrett will lead us in a day thinking about the importance of shaping an informed conscience, standing for what one believes in and reclaiming narratives in ways that promote peace and understanding with responses by Jim Coleman (former chaplain to both RAF and army). Both speakers will aim to give some resources and food for thought as we approach Remembrance Sunday, especially poignant during 2016 which marks the centenary of the introduction of conscription. It will be helpful if participants read the book beforehand.

Venue: The Mirfield Centre, Stocks Bank Road, Mirfield WF14 0BW

Date: Wednesday 2nd November 9:30am - 4pm

Leaders: Revd Dr Clive Barrett & Revd Dr James Coleman

Cost: £25 including lunch and refreshments

Details: Beth Harper bharper@mirfield.org.uk 01924 481920

Sacred Circle Dance Weekend - Dancing in a circle is one of the most ancient ways in which people celebrate community and togetherness. This weekend is now in its 18th successful year.

Venue: The Briery Retreat Centre, 38 Victoria Avenue, Ilkley LS29 9BW

Date: 4th-6th November 2016 (4pm on 4th to after lunch on 6th)

Leader: Mrs Sylvia Williment

Cost: £140pp - includes full board

Details: The Retreat Secretary, briery@btconnect.com or 01943 607287 www.briery.org.uk

When I Pray What Does God Do? - Scientific & Biblical Reflections for Discipleship and Ministry. An afternoon session in two parts; firstly looking at the problems of a laser beam God: Old challenges in thinking about how God answers prayer, then a session entitled From a clockwork universe to the uncertainty of quantum theory: New opportunities in thinking about how God answers prayer.

Venue: The Mirfield Centre, Stocks Bank Road, Mirfield WF14 0BW

Date: Wednesday 9th November 2016 2pm – 4.30pm

Leader: Revd Prof David Wilkinson

Cost: £8 including refreshments

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The Bible & the Holy Land Today - Whether we like it or not, our attitudes to the Bible and the biblical text affect and are affected by current realities in the Middle East, and specifically in Israel and Palestine. This event offers the opportunity to explore several interrelated biblical themes which contribute to the tensions.

Venue: The Mirfield Centre, Stocks Bank Road, Mirfield WF14 0BW

Date: Monday 21st – Wednesday 23rd November 2016

Leader: Dr Clare Amos

Cost: 48 hour Residential Prices from £175

Details: Beth Harper bharper@mirfield.org.uk tel 01924 481920

OH NO! NOT THE BOOK OF REVELATION! - A day of discovering that the weird and wonderful writings of the last book of the Bible are not as strange as they appear.

Venue: Wydale Hall, Wydale, Scarborough YO13 9DG

Date: Wednesday 23rd November 2016 9.45am – 4pm

Leader: Revd. Adam Reed, Vicar of Saltburn by the Sea

Cost: £25.00 to include refreshments and lunch.

Details: Book at www.wydale.org/events

Making Sense of Matthew - Matthew's gospel, with its focus on Jesus' origins, the Jewish character of Jesus' mission, and extended reflection on eschatology, offers both rich resources and specific challenges for our reading and preaching. We will explore this more as we grapple in depth with this popular gospel.

Venue: The Mirfield Centre, Stocks Bank Road, Mirfield WF14 0BW

Date: Saturday 26th November 10am–3.30pm

Leader: Revd Dr Ian Paul

Cost: £20 including lunch & refreshments

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Advent Day of Reflection

God so loved the world that in the fullness of time He sent His Son, born of a woman, born a subject of the law to redeem the subjects of the law". Galatians 4:4. Through prayer and reflection, we will discover what this means for each one of us today.

Venue: The Briery Retreat Centre, 38 Victoria Avenue, Ilkley, LS29 9BW

Date: 30th November 2016 10am -4pm

Leader: Sister Anne Hammersley & Mrs Linda Pennington

Cost: £25– 2 course hot lunch plus coffees/teas & cakes

Details: The Retreat Secretary, briery@btconnect.com or 01943 607287 www.briery.org.uk

Reflective Advent Study Day on St Nicholas

Boy to Bishop, Saint to Santa Claus, the legends of St Nicholas are numerous and often fanciful. He is Patron of more groups than any other saint, and many churches are dedicated in his honour. But what is the truth behind the tales, the life behind the legend? Who was this 4th Century Bishop who became one of our most popular saints? During the day there will be room for quiet reflection.

Venue: The Mirfield Centre, Stocks Bank Road, Mirfield WF14 0BW

Date: Friday 2nd December 10am–3.30pm

Leader: Revd Bruce Carlin

Cost: £20 including lunch & refreshments

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Advent Preached Retreat – “With Graced Eyes “

Recognise God in everything – and hold creation up to the light so as to see the watermark of God and so be ready for the miracle of Christmas.

Venue: The Briery Retreat Centre, 38 Victoria Avenue, Ilkley LS29 9BW

Date: 9th -11th December 2016 (3.30pm 9th – departing after lunch, 11th)

Leader: Fr Daniel O’Leary

Cost: £140pp – includes full board

Details: The Retreat Secretary, briery@btconnect.com or 01943 607287 www.briery.org.uk

Advent Quiet Day

In all the Christmas rush we can surely take a day out to think, to pray and to prepare for the coming of Jesus. Set aside the noise and confusion of Christmas for a few hours and come and enjoy the silence while you consider what it's really about.

Leader:

Venue: The Mirfield Centre, Stocks Bank Road, Mirfield WF14 0BW

Date: Saturday 10th December 10am–3.30pm

Leader: Fr Nicolas CR

Cost: £20 including lunch & refreshments

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CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

Join us for an evening of Carols followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

Venue: The Briery Retreat Centre, 38 Victoria Avenue, Ilkley LS29 9BW

Date: Wednesday, 14th December at 7.30pm

Details: The Retreat Secretary, briery@btconnect.com or 01943 607287 www.briery.org.uk

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