

Discipleship Resources and Learning Opportunities

Diocese of Guildford



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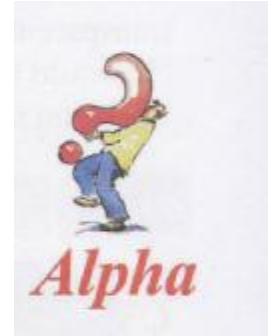
Jo Walker, Adviser in Adult Education, April 2009

Finding Faith

Alpha

www.alpha.org

The **Alpha** Course is described as 'an opportunity to explore the meaning of life.' Aimed at those enquiring about Christian faith and those wanting a refresher course, it tackles topics such as 'Who is Jesus?' and 'Why and how do I pray?' in a relaxed, non-threatening setting over ten thought-provoking weekly sessions. It is supplemented part-way through the course by a day or weekend away. Each session consists of a shared meal, a talk on one of the topics, followed by discussion in small groups.



Widely used in the UK, and now in many other countries, **Alpha** is endorsed by all the major Christian denominations.

Great wealth of resources available - DVDs, participants booklets, prayer ministry training, administrator's handbook, etc.

Alpha Express is a new abridged course, in which each talk lasts 20 minutes.

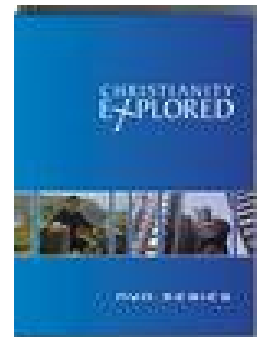
Also available:

Alpha in a Catholic context, Alpha for Forces, Alpha for Prisons, Alpha in the Workplace, Student Alpha, Youth Alpha, Senior Alpha

Christianity Explored

www.christianityexplored.org

A 10 session course based on Mark's Gospel that explores who Jesus is, why he came and what it means to follow him. Describes as 'an informal course for people who'd like to investigate Christianity, or just brush up the basics.' Involves teaching input, Bible study and group discussion. Full resource materials available, including comprehensive teaching material on CD plus free downloads from CE website. Talks available on DVD.



Emmaus

www.e-mmaus.org.uk

www.chpublishing.co.uk



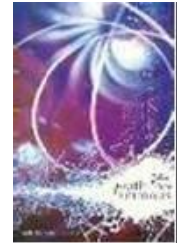
Emmaus is a full programme of resources for teaching Christian basics and developing the discipleship of more mature Christians. It consists of a variety of short courses (usually 4-6 sessions each) for use in small groups. Less direct teaching input, more emphasis on discovery as people journey together. **Emmaus** demands more of small group leaders who need some facilitation skills.

Excellent range of materials; leader's and session notes in A4 format manual and on CD with permission to copy notes for course members.

Youth Emmaus

www.e-mmaus.org.uk www.chpublishing.co.uk

Designed to help those aged 11 to 16 to explore the basics of the Christian faith.



Landings

www.landingsUK.org.uk

Developed by the Paulist Fathers in the USA, **Landings** is currently used in several Roman Catholic dioceses in the UK. Described as a "ministry of compassionate listening" it allows people who have been away from regular worship to tell their stories and share their experiences within a small friendly group (a mix of other 'returners' and ordinary parishioners). Lay-led (apart from the sacramental ministry at the final retreat day that follows the 8 weekly meetings), it is highly structured yet gentle and enjoyable, focusing on faith sharing and prayer. **Landings** is a dedicated programme for welcoming Catholics back to the Church, although with a few slight modifications it has been successfully used in other contexts too. It can't be 'bought off the shelf' but is taught at workshops.

Essence

www.cpas.org.uk

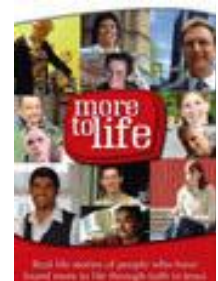
A six session interactive programme to stimulate a deeper spiritual life, drawing from the teachings of Jesus and the Christian mystics. This evangelistic course explores contemporary spirituality, which looks towards a lifestyle integrating body, mind and spirit. It is aimed at people who recognise that they are on a spiritual journey, but are probably not involved with Christianity.



More to Life

www.vizaviz.org

This evangelistic resource sponsored by Christian Enquiry Agency and other national bodies includes some powerful stories on video for showing to or distributing to seekers, telling of how the Lord changes people's lives. The full evangelistic **More to Life** resource includes a training video and manual ideal for forming up an outreach strategy backed by prayer. The DVD could be used as input into a local Christian enquirers' group.



Start!

www.cpas.org.uk



Start! is a basic six-session introduction to the Christian faith for use in small groups. The sessions assume no previous knowledge of anything Christian. They use a mix of DVD input, time to chat, simple discussion activities and space for reflection. Designed primarily for a group of about five to ten members with two leaders. As well as those who want to know more about Christianity, **Start!** works well with baptism families, wedding contacts, bereaved families, parents of children and teenagers and those who are new to the church.

Lost for Words

www.cpas.org.uk

This popular 6 week course in faith sharing is specifically designed for the 'non-expert', those who might shudder at the thought of evangelism, either because they feel it is not for them, or because they feel inadequate. The aim of **Lost for Words** is to help ordinary Christians speak about their faith in the course of everyday life in a relaxed, natural and helpful way, so others may discover and respond to God's love for them. The resource consists of 3 separate courses, (as below), with leader's notes, a CD-ROM with PowerPoint presentations, handouts, activities, and publicity material.

The *Children's course* consists of 3 creative sessions using a variety of media. The sessions explore the story of what God is doing in his world and how children can play their part. Age range: 5-11 Length: 60 minutes per session.

The *Youth course* consists of 6 sessions packed with ideal activities for young people to explore what their faith means to them and how they share it with their peers. Age range: 12-18 Length: 90 minutes per session.

The *Adult course* has 6 interactive sessions and has been used effectively throughout the UK across the spectrum of church traditions. Age range: 18+ Length: 120 minutes per session.

Course Principles and Values:

- God is the evangelist.
- The Bible is the foundation for our understanding of evangelism.
- Prayer is the priority in personal evangelism.
- Evangelism is meant to be a part of the ministry of the whole church.
- The focus of evangelism is people's daily lives.
- The best motivation for evangelism is vision, not guilt.
- In evangelism training we need to minimise gift and personality projection.
- Relational evangelism is emphasised.
- Evangelism training needs to be part of an ongoing overall evangelistic strategy.
- All training material needs adapting to the local context.



The Y Course

www.tywynbaptistchurch.org.uk

The Y Course has been out for a few years, but enables young people to engage with the basics of the Christian Faith.



The Y Course: Beyond Belief

A paperback basis of The Y Course talks. Free from jargon; cuts to the heart of life's important issues.

The Y Course: The Complete Y Course, all eight talks on 2 videos

The Y Course: The Y Course Participants Notes

Toolkit for Christian Living

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'Toolkit for Christian Living' is a new opportunity for adults in Guildford Diocese to develop their Christian faith as 'whole life' disciples. The programme offers four modules of five sessions lasting two hours, which can be run in weekly meetings or together over a weekend, for example. The course will help you:



- become more confident in your faith, discipleship and understanding in relation to God, membership of the church and engagement as a Christian in the world
- to be able to draw effectively on a solid grounding in knowledge of the Bible and Christian tradition
- be able to voice an understanding, informed by Christian reflection and dialogue with others
- be open to exploring a variety of pathways in response to God's call to discipleship

Full materials for participants and for leaders available. Needs facilitation skills to run a group (recommended size 8-15). Modules can be run in any order, though starting with Module 1 is probably a good way to get a group to gel. Any of the modules would also make a good stand-alone course – during Lent, for example. The Diocese has run groups over a period of three years (2006-09) and made revisions through evaluation feedback.

Networking and training is available once parishes have identified leaders.

Module 1: Journey of Faith – where are you on the journey? Faith development and life-stages; connecting with others; developing discipleship and a sense of life's mission.

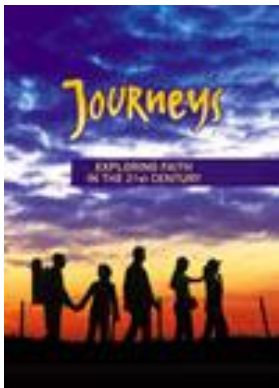
Module 2: Roots of Faith – approaches to studying and interpreting the Bible; encountering Jesus in and exploring the authority of scripture and its relationship with Christian living today.

Module 3: Community of Faith – exploring the nature of the Church as the local and worldwide worshipping community, commissioned by God to serve the world.

Module 4: Living Faith – understanding how to live as Christian disciples in a fast-changing world; responding to people of other faiths and none; expressing and sharing faith at home, at work, in the community and across the whole of life.

Journeys

www.occ.org.uk



Journeys is a 100% Kiwi-made course, designed to introduce 'spectators' to the Christian faith. It's fronted by investigative TV journalist Rob Harley. Since being launched, Journeys has been run in more than 1000 New Zealand churches. Journeys is a five week DVD journey exploring the Christian faith through real people, amazing stories and changed lives. The course utilises a unique blend of stories of faith, told by regular people whose lives have been impacted by God. Journeys features powerful interviews about spiritual encounters, and shows how faith works at 'street level.'

Growing Faith

Beta

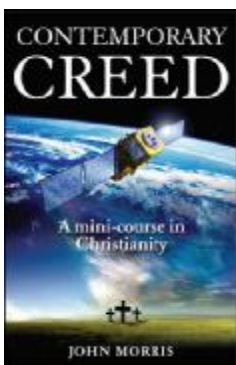
www.beta-course.org

Designed for Christians seeking to develop their faith, personal lives and church community. Described as an holistic 10 week course linking Christian faith with personal development and pastoral care. The course emphasises the need for healing and wholeness, both personally and in our relationships.



Contemporary Creed

www.contemporarycreed.org.uk



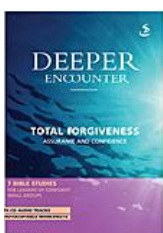
Contemporary Creed aims to translate ancient beliefs into today's language. It is written for those who, like the author, do not find it easy to believe and whose faith is married to doubt.

It offers an intelligent pathway through sixty intellectual problems of traditional Christian beliefs. Described as a 'novel and popular mini-course on modern Christianity, in transparent English, without jargon.' It requires a basic familiarity with the Bible. 'It would be good for discussion groups or by couples, or as a personal manual of Christian instruction,'

(Archbishop John Sentamu).

Deeper Encounter: Total Forgiveness

www.scriptureunion.org.uk



At one level, forgiveness is simple - the free gift of grace bought for us on the cross of Christ. But the realities can be more challenging. Drawing on insights from the Gospels and 1 John, there are seven sessions for confident small groups, accompanied by an audio CD and printable notes for each group member, so only one copy per group is required.

Deeper Encounter: Serve the Lord

www.scriptureunion.org.uk

We readily accept that the career missionary serving overseas has been 'called' by God. But can the Christian working on the supermarket checkout, or caring for children at home, be said to be 'called?' Seven questions for confident small groups, accompanied by audio tracks on CD, and with question sheets also on CD, so only one copy per group is required.



Discipleship Explored

www.christianityexplored.com www.thegoodbook.co.uk

An 8 session course based on the book of Philippians, designed to help new Christians to become grounded in the faith, and as a refresher for more established Christians. For new Christians, Discipleship Explored would make a helpful way in to regular Bible study. User and leader's guides available.



Emmaus

www.e-mmaus.org.uk

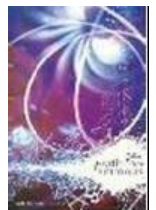
www.chpublishing.co.uk

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Youth Emmaus 2

www.e-mmaus.org.uk

A fourteen session interactive discipleship course for young people, designed to help 11 to 16 year olds integrate their faith into life and to equip them as worshippers and disciples.



Foundations21

www.foundations21.org.uk

Online modular study programme, offering flexibility and a choice of four learning styles. Designed to allow everyone to explore what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ and to discover their own personal direction in Christian service. For new and experienced Christians, a combination of personal exploration and interaction with other people.

Foundations – Purpose Driven Discipleship



www.purposedriven.co.uk/resources

Described as a course exploring '11 core truths to build your life on'. Foundations is a resource for teaching Christians the essential doctrines of Christian faith, providing the theological basis for living a purpose-driven life. DVDs, participants and leaders guides available.

Freedom in Christ

www.ficm.org.uk/discipleship

A 13 week course designed to help every Christian understand the truth of who they are in Christ, resolve personal and spiritual conflicts and become a fruitful disciple. Described as 'an easy and effective way for any church to implement effective discipleship.' Excellent range of resources including leader's and participant's workbooks. Course teaching available on CD and on DVD.



If you want to walk on water, you've got to get out of the boat

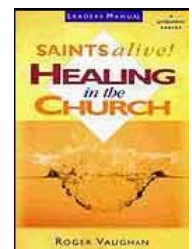
www.zondervan.com

A 6 session study course based on the book of the same title by John Ortberg. A resource for Christians that is a 'journey on learning to trust God.' Relating the story in Matthew 14 to life today, the course aims to help participants 'discover how to discern God's call, transcend fear, risk faith, manage failure and trust God.' Sessions include DVD clips, Bible study and group discussions. Range of materials available including participant's guide, leader's notes, DVD.

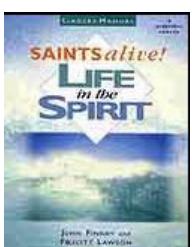
Saints Alive! Healing in the Church

www.resource-arm.net

A practical and informative course for groups of Christians wanting basic introductory training in the healing ministry. It consists of 9 sessions and is suitable for churches of all traditions.



Saints Alive! Life in the Spirit



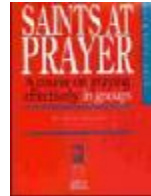
www.resource-arm.net

This course is ideal for helping to bring renewal into the life of the Church. It has proved useful for people enquiring about the Christian faith, seeking deeper commitment, exploring the work of the Holy Spirit and for baptism and confirmation preparation.

Saints at Prayer

www.resource-arm.net

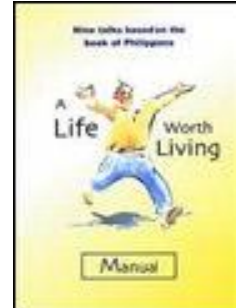
An ideal resource to teach and encourage people to pray in groups with confidence. It makes a good follow up to *Alpha* and *Emmaus* courses.



A Life Worth Living

www.eden.co.uk/shop/departments.php

A 9 session course aimed specifically at those who are just starting out in the Christian life (but the course would benefit any small group) it explains how it is possible to live the Christian life positively, practically and joyfully. Based on the book of Philippians it follows the *Alpha* format of a meal, then a talk followed by discussion. Study manual, leader's manual and DVDs available



Lifelines

www.anglicanshop.com

Lifelines is described as an accessible guide for use in Christian study groups, house groups and other small group settings and is intended for those interested in exploring, or new to, the Christian faith. It looks at some of the issues that concern everyone in a society where God has been marginalized or forgotten.

Living Faith:

Exploring the Essentials of Christianity

www.spck.org.uk/livingfaith

Written by Bishop Tom Wright, *Living Faith* is a 10 session DVD-based course in which the author helps us explore the essential truths of the Christian faith. For new Christians and those looking for a better understanding of the basics of the faith. DVDs, study guides and leader's guide available.



Sean (Study by Extension for All Nations)

www.sean.uk.net

A range of courses available for new and more mature Christians to enable ongoing discipleship. E.g. *Life to the full* - 18 home studies to help new Christians think through the basics of living out their faith as new believers. Described as 'ideal for post-*Alpha*.'

The life you've always wanted

www.zondervan.com

A 6 session study course by John Ortberg. A resource that aims at guiding participants 'down the ancient path of the spiritual disciplines.' It looks at how we may grow in discipleship through integrating the spiritual disciplines into our lives. Sessions include DVD clips, Bible study and group discussions. Participant's guide, leader's notes, DVD available.

Mind the Gap

www.agape.org.uk

This training course addresses the issue of the 'gap' between church culture and a society in which there is a great spiritual hunger. 6 workshops help participants understand better the context in which their church is set and consider what method of evangelism would work best. Each workshop uses video clips and the course comes on DVD with supporting materials on CD for printing off leaders' and participants notes.



A Passionate Life

www.lifeshapes.com

An easy to read guidebook that takes the reader through eight shapes providing memory models for key areas of discipleship. This has been developed into a training course with an eight session DVD. The resources are:

- A circle of repentance and faith
- A semi-circle of rest and work
- A triangle of relationships
- A square of priorities
- A pentagon of ministry
- A hexagon of prayer
- A heptagon of life
- An octagon of peace



Christian Life & Resources for Small Groups

www.christianlifeand.com

A series of DVD based teaching resources with leader's guide and participants' notes.

Christian Life & Why It Makes Sense aims to give people the teaching and confidence to tackle some of the most common objections to the Christian faith. **Christian Life & Children** explores our role as individuals and as a church family, in the spiritual growth of children. **Christian Life & Today's World** is to help us understand and engage.

Christian Life & the Bible covers what the Bible is and what it is supposed to do. **Christian Life & Global Mission**

looks at how to make a difference in today's world. **Christian Life & Work** asks if work can

really be part of God's plan.



Faith in Action

www.putyourfaithinaction.org

Faith in Action is a 4 week, church-wide campaign that creates in your congregation an outward focus and a heart to serve. Faith in Action culminates in a Sunday when regular services are cancelled and the entire congregation engages in service projects in, and with, the community.



Play your Part

'Play your Part' is a six session resource to help Christians explore how to live out their faith in the whole of life. It offers creative perspectives to reflect on key questions:

- Why am I here?
- What has God created for me?
- What does this mean for me as a Christian today?
- How can I become more Christ-like in all that I am and do?

A flexible resource that can be used by individuals or small groups to discover more about each person's unique role and potential as a follower of Christ.

For more details, contact Sally Beyer s.beyer@liv.ac.uk



Toolkit for Christian Living

jo.walker@cofeguildford.org.uk

Guildford Diocesan discipleship course available to any parish / organisation / group that wishes to help Christians develop their faith as 'whole life' disciples, review their faith journey and hear afresh God's call on their lives. Four Modules of material (five sessions in each) for leaders and participants. See page 6 for further details.

Sharing Faith

Lost for Words

www.cpas.org.uk

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More to Life

www.vizaviz.org

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Becoming a Contagious Christian

www.willowcreek.com

Becoming a Contagious Christian is a well-tryed, 6 session course designed to equip Christians for effective relational evangelism in today's world. It avoids stereotyped approaches that feel intimidating to many Christians. Instead, it shows ordinary believers how they can share the gospel in a natural and powerful way while being the person God made them to be. Each session's exercises, discussions, self-assessments, and video vignettes give step-by-step guidance to help participants become effective communicators for Christ to those around them.

The aim of the course is described as being to enable Christians to:

- Demonstrate a contagious Christian character
- Build spiritually strategic relationships
- Direct conversations toward matters of faith
- Communicate their faith in a style that's personal and natural
- Explain biblical truths in a style that's personal and natural
- Explain biblical truths in everyday language
- Respond to the most common objections to Christianity



Extensive resources include 2 x DVDs, leader's and participant's guides.

Leading Faith

Imagine how we can reach the UK

www.licc.org.uk/imagine/home

This 50 minute film explores the main reasons for the church's difficulties in envisioning, equipping, resourcing and supporting Christians for today's world and proposes a simple but radical way forward, focusing on two great biblical truths – the concern of the Creator-redeemer God for every aspect of our lives and Jesus' mandate to make disciples not converts. The DVD comes with extra resources making it highly flexible for use in one, two or three session formats in small groups, cells, leadership teams or churches.



Growing Leaders

www.cpas.org.uk

Growing Leaders is a practical resource from CPAS. It is more than just another course. Over a year, its unique mix of teaching, mentoring and practical application focuses on:

- leadership rooted in Christ
- leadership rooted in Christ
- deepening commitment to long-term service
- essential skills for the task.



The Growing Leaders pack includes:

- leaders' notes and resources
- photocopiable handouts
- the Growing Leaders paperback
- CD-ROM with PowerPoint presentations, brief training videos, additional handouts, resources and software.

The Y Course Leader's Handbook

www.tywynbaptistchurch.org.uk

an A4 dummies guide to planning and running a Y Course.

The Y Course: The Y Course Group Leader's Guide

The practical help discussion leaders need. With crafted and tested questions for each session.



Emmaus - (Leading an Emmaus Group)

www.e-mmaus.org.uk, www.chpublishing.co.uk

A resource to help set up and run a small group. Although specifically geared towards use with the Emmaus courses, it provides a wealth of practical advice on running any small group in the local church. Laying a biblical framework for group leadership, it includes information and advice on the following issues:

- the role of the leader in the group
- making newcomers to the group feel welcome
- how to prepare for each session
- leading Nurture and Growth groups
- how to use shared meals and retreats to help a group grow

LICC - Toolbox

www.licc.org.uk

Toolbox is an integrated, interactive programme designed to help people:

- Develop a robust Biblical method for interpreting the Bible and applying it to contemporary life
- Develop specific skills in reading contemporary culture through a biblical lens
- Apply those skills to contemporary issues and to their own life context.
- Develop a vision for whole-life Christianity and understand the inhibiting impact of the sacred-secular divide on church life and Christian mission and living.



Christian Life & ... Resources for Small Groups

www.christianlifeand.com See Page 12

Section Two: FURTHER LEARNING RESOURCES

The following learning resources are provided by a number of colleges and universities (known collectively as Higher Education Institutions or HEIs) and some other organisations that offer higher level courses themselves, or have made arrangements with HEIs to accredit the study they offer.

There is a range of possible further study for anyone who would like to explore questions of faith and religion in a more formal context, often leading to an academic award. These days, Degree level courses and even Masters programmes are much more accessible and may not require formal educational qualifications for entry, since many institutions will accept prior experience and learning and may also give credit for these.

All of these courses will require fees and there may be other conditions for enrolment. The content of courses varies (even if they have the same title) from institution to institution. There will also be different conditions and methods of delivery (eg daytime attendance or distance learning). Anyone interested in following up a particular subject or type of course should consult the organisation's website for fuller information. We have included these, as details of courses and availability might change more frequently than we can update this document!

If you cannot immediately see what interests you, the following websites may be of help (see page 27 for contact details):

TRS Online - Christian Distance Learning Studies - www.trsonline.org.uk

UK Bible Colleges.com - www.ukbiblecolleges.com

UK Directory of Bible Colleges - www.byfaith.co.uk/bcdirectory.htm

Churches Together in Surrey - www.ctsurrey.org.uk

All Nations Christian College (Independent)

Easney
Ware
SG12 8LX

Independent Bible College specialising in mission:
Certificate, Diploma & Degree
Specialist courses Arts and Sports Leadership - both with Intercultural
Studies (1 year)

Tel: 01920 443500
E-mail info@allnations.ac.uk
Web: www.allnations.ac.uk

Birmingham Christian College (Christian Distance Learning)

54 Weoley Park Road
Selly Oak
Birmingham
B29 6RB

MA in Mission Leadership

Tel: 0121 472 0726
E-mail Kevin.Popley@togethermission.org
Web: www.bhxc.ac.uk

Canterbury Christ Church University (Universities and colleges)

Department of Theology and Religious Studies
North Holmes Road
Canterbury
CT1 1QU

BA in Theology (single honours)
BA in Religious Studies (single honours)
MA in Religious Studies
MA in Anglican Studies

Tel: 01227 767700
E-mail
Web: www.canterbury.ac.uk

Catholic Bible School

(Bible College)

Nutbourne House
Farm Lane
Nutbourne
Chichester PO18 8SD

Study Days
Healing Services
Distance Learning
Scripture Studies
Teaching Tapes, CDs and resources

Tel: 01243 371766
E-mail bibleschool@tregalic.co.uk
Web: www.catholic-bible-school.org

Christ for the Nations UK - Bognor Regis (Bible College)

Bible Training Centre
The Royal Norfolk
The Esplanade
Bognor Regis PO21 2LH

Discovery Days
'A Bible School in your church'

Tel: 01243 826222
E-mail cfnuk@aol.com
Web: www.christforthenationsuk.org

Christ for the Nations UK - Midhurst (Bible College)

Dodsley Lane
Midhurst GU29 0AD

Short part-time courses for (potential) leaders
Gap year option - Certificate in Radical and Applied Theology
Certificate in Biblical Studies
Diploma in Practical Theology

Tel: 01730 817775
E-mail cfnuk@aol.org
Web: www.christforthenationsuk.org

Cliff College

(Bible College)

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Hope Valley
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Lay training college:
Certificate, Diploma, BA and Postgraduate courses
International Learning Centre (2 years)
Cliff Horizons: distance learning
Study weekends and events
Annual Festival

Tel: 01246 584220
E-mail prin.sec@cliffcollege.ac.uk
Web: www.cliffcollege.org

Education for Ministry

(Training Organisation)

EFM Administrator
46 Barn Meadow Close
Church Crookham
GU52 0YB

EFM 'Changing Lives' - an ecumenical programme for lay ministerial development (ideal for established Christians to develop their understanding of the Bible, Church History and Doctrine). Also a 3-day residential training event for those seeking to mentor an EFM group

Tel: 01252 621639
E-mail haydonwilcox@mac.com
Web: ww.efmuk.org.uk

Harris Manchester College

(Universities and Colleges)

Faculty of Theology
University of Oxford
Mansfield Road
Oxford OX1 3TD

BA Hons in Philosophy and Theology / Theology
Bachelor of Theology (3 years)
Certificate in Theology (2 years)

Tel: 01865 271006
E-mail enquiries@hmc.ac.uk
Web: www.hmc.ox.ac.uk

Heythrop College

(Universities & Colleges)

University of London
Kensington Square
London
W8 5HQ

Graduate Diploma in Theology

BAs in: Abrahamic Religions, Philosophy, Religion and Ethics, Philosophy and Theology, Psychology plus Philosophy, Psychology plus Theology, Study of Religions, Theology

Bachelor of Divinity

MAs in: Biblical Studies, Canon Law, Contemporary Ethics, Christianity and Interreligious Relations, Christian Spirituality, Christian Theology, Pastoral Literacy, Pastoral Theology, Philosophy, Philosophy and Religion, Psychology of Religion

MAs - evening course

MTh

Non Degree studies in New Testament Greek (a beginner's course) and Faiths Together.

Graduate Diploma in Religion

Tel: 020 7795 6600
E-mail enquiries@heythrop.ac.uk
Web: www.heythrop.ac.uk

Highland Theological College

(Christian Distance Learning)

UHI Millennium Institute
High Street
Dingwall
IV15 9HA

MPhil / PhD - full or part time

Tel: 01349 78000
E-mail htcadmission@htc.uhi.ac.uk
Web: www.htc-scotland.com

Kings College London

(Universities & Colleges)

Department of Theology and Religious Studies

Strand

London

WC2R 2LS

BAs in : Religion, Philosophy & Ethics, Religious Studies, Theology, Religion in the Contemporary World

MAs in: Bible & Theology, Biblical Studies, Ethics & Philosophy of Religion, Jewish Studies, Religion in the Contemporary Society, Systematic Theology, Theology & Ministry

MPhil

PhD

Religious Literacy Days

Graduate Diploma

Tel: 020 7848 2339/2073

E-mail

Web: www.kcl.ac.uk

London School of Theology

(Christian Distance Learning)

Green Lane

Northwood

HA6 2UW

PGDip

Undergraduate Courses in: Theology, Theology, Music & Worship, Theology & Counselling

MA in Transformation: Scripture, Church & World

MTh

MPhil

PhD

Tel: 01923 456322

E-mail: d.sherriff@londonbiblecollege.ac.uk

Web: www.lst.ac.uk

Moorlands College

(Bible College)

Sopley
Christchurch
BH23 7AT

Gap Year
Moorlands Certificate
Foundation Year
Cert & Dip HE Applied Theology
BA & MA Applied Theology

Tel: 01425 672369
E-mail admission@moorlands.ac.uk
Web: www.moorlands.ac.uk

Oak Hill College

(Bible College)

Chase Side
Southgate
London N14 4PS

Cert HE
Dip HE
BA (Hons)/MA in Theological & Pastoral Studies
MTh
Cert Ministry
Youth and Children's Ministry Course
CofE ordination preparation

Tel: 0208 449 0467
E-mail
Web: www.oakhill.ac.uk

Roehampton University

(Universities & Colleges)

School of Arts
Roehampton Lane
London
SW15 5PU

BA/BSc:

Religious Studies

Theology

Theology & Religious Studies

MA / PGDip, Religion & Human Rights

Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CPP)

Foundation Certificate

Tel: 0208 392 3000

E-mail

Web: www.roehampton.ac.uk

Sarum College

(Bible College)

19 The Close
Salisbury
SP1 2EE

Dedicated to intellectual and spiritual growth and development – open to all faiths and none:

Short courses (see website for details)

MA in Christian Spirituality

STETS (The Southern Theological Education and Training Scheme)

CeFAS – The Centre for Faith and Action in Society – courses and conferences

Tel: 01772 424800

E-mail

Web: www.sarum.ac.uk

School of Oriental and African Studies (Univs & Colleges)

University of London
Thornhaugh Square
Russell Square
London WC1H 0XG

Expertise in 14 religious traditions
Certificate in the Study of Religions
MA, MPhil / PhD

Tel: 0207 898 4034

E-mail

Web: www.soas.ac.uk

Southern Theological Education and Training Scheme (STETS) (Universities & Colleges)

19 The Close
Salisbury SP1 2EE

Initial training for CofE, Methodist and United Reform stipendiary and non-stipendiary and lay ministry.

University validated courses via a part-time, non-residential basis using Distance Learning – usually 3 years.

HE Certificate, Diploma, BA, Postgraduate Certificate, Postgraduate Diploma, MA in Theology for Christian Ministry and Mission

Tel: 01722 424820

E-mail

Web: www.stets.ac.uk

Southlands College (Universities & Colleges)

Roehampton University
80 Roehampton Lane
London SW15 5SL

Methodist established – but all faiths welcomed
Courses – see Roehampton University
Chaplaincy Theological Society public lectures
Southlands Saturday

Tel: 0208 392 3400

E-mail

Web: www.roehampton.ac.uk/southlands

Spurgeons College

(Bible College)

South Norwood Hill
London
SE25 6DJ

One day week courses
Church-based Diploma and Degree
Open Learning
Evangelism
College based degree
MAs in: Advanced Christian Studies, Christian Faith & Doctrine, Radical Free Church Movements.
MTh in: Applied Theology, Biblical Studies, Christian Doctrine, Preaching, Radical Free Church Movements
Mphil, DMin/PhD
Postgraduate Research
Counselling
Oasis Youth Ministry
Centre for Continuing Development in Ministry
Equipped to Minister – modular based

Tel: 0208 653 0850
E-mail email
Web: www.spurgeons.ac.uk

St John's Theological College, Nottingham (Christian Distance Learning)

Chilwell Lane
Bramcote
Nottingham
NG9 3DS

Certificate in Christian Studies
Certificate of Higher Education in Theology and Vocation
Diploma of Higher Education in Theology and Vocation
Courses in pastoral counselling
Faith in Life modules
Weekend events and Summer Schools

Tel: 0115 925 1114
E-mail college@stjohns-nottm.ac.uk
Web: www.stjohns-nottm.ac.uk

St John's Seminary

(Bible College)

Wonersh
Guildford
GU5 0QX

Associated with the University of Surrey
Cert HE / Dip HE
Degrees - Honours in Theology - full or part time
Special courses and tuition
Internet theology resources
CD - 'Let us proclaim the Mystery of Faith'

Tel: 0191 373 8501
E-mail rector@wonersh@dial.pipex.com
Web: www.wonersh.org

St Mary's College - Strawberry Hill (Universities & Colleges)

School of Theology, Philosophy and History
Waldegrave Road
Twickenham
TW1 4SX

Postgraduate Certificate, Diploma and MA in Pastoral Theology

Tel:
E-mail
Web: www.smuc.ac.uk

St Paul's Theological Centre, Holy Trinity, Brompton (Church)

Brompton Road
London
SW7 1JA

School of Theology - provides courses primarily for lay people in secular work - runs on Saturday mornings at HTB:

- 1 Bible Track
- 2 Life Track
- 3 Faith Track

Tel: 0845 644 7533
E-mail sptc@htb.org.uk
Web: www.htb.org.uk

University of Glasgow

(Christian Distance Learning)

Department of Religious Education
Glasgow
G12 8QQ

Post-graduate RE
Certificate and Diploma
BD

Tel: 0141 330 3433

E-mail

Web: www.gla.ac.uk

University of Winchester

(Universities & Colleges)

Department of Theology and Religious Studies

Winchester
SO22 4NR

Church College Certificate in Religious Studies
Full or part time BA honours
Full or part time MA: Rhetoric & Rituals of Death
(including by distance learning)
Research degrees: MPhil and PhD

Tel: 01962 841515

E-mail course.enquiries@winchester.ac.uk

Web: www.winchester.ac.uk

University of Chichester

(Universities & Colleges)

Faculty of Business, Arts and Humanities
Bishop Otter Campus
College Lane
Chichester PO16 7PE

Full and part time study to Certificate, Diploma or Masters level
BA, MA in Theology
MPhil
PhD

Tel: 01243 816000

E-mail

Web: www.ucc.ac.uk

Westminster Institute of Education (Universities & Colleges)

Oxford Brookes University
Harcourt Hill Campus
Oxford
X2 9AT

Distance Learning Courses:
Certificate / Diploma in Christian Studies
Certificate in Higher Education

Theology:
Certificate in Higher Education
Diploma in Higher Education
BA Theology
BA (Hons) Theology

Practical & Contextual Theology:
Certificate
Post graduate Diploma
MA / MSc

Tel: 01865 488353
E-mail
Web: www.brookes.ac.uk

WEBSITES

TRSonline (Christian Distance Learning)

Site listing theological or religious studies based qualifications via distance learning

Tel:
E-mail
Web: www.trsonline.org.uk

UK Bible Colleges.com (Christian Websites)

Website of UK Bible Colleges

Tel:
E-mail
Web: www.ukbiblecolleges.com

UK Directory of Bible Colleges (Christian websites)

Website listing details of Bible Colleges holding to the doctrines of the Evangelical Alliance

Tel:

E-mail

Web: www.byfaith.co.uk/bcdirectory.htm

Churches Together In Surrey

Christian Adult Learning Opportunities database – accessible via:

Web: www.ctsurrey.org.uk

Arundel and Brighton Roman Catholic Diocese

Web: www.dabnet.org

Section Three: LEARNING OFFERED BY THE DIOCESE

This section contains information about learning and training opportunities that are open to everyone in the Guildford Diocese. We have included courses and events that the Diocese itself is organising in the coming year, and those of other organisations that operate in or around our area. We hope that participating in some of these will be a stimulus to your growth as a Christian and also to your sense of developing ministry, whether as a Christian disciple, or with a particular role in mind.

The Department of Ministerial Training offers the following programme, short courses and study days that are **OPEN TO ALL**:

The Guildford Local Ministry Programme (LMP) exists primarily to train Ordained Local Ministers and Readers for ministry in the Diocese. If either of these possibilities appeals to you, please talk to your incumbent.

But, as well as offering training specific to these two ministries, LMP also *welcomes anyone who wishes to study on the programme*, either as part of their vocational exploration, without any commitment to a specific ministry, or who simply wants to deepen their theological knowledge and understanding. Over a three year period you could cover some or all of:

Year One	Year Two	Year Three
Introduction to the Bible	New Testament	Doctrine
Church History	Old Testament	Ethics
Ministry Today	Mission	Leading Worship
Skills for Ministry	Pastoral Theology	Christian Education
Faith and Prayer	Theological Reflection	Web-based learning

LMP meets on Monday nights in term time at Christ's College, Larch Avenue, Guildford GU1 1JY, from 8pm - 10pm, starting with worship at 7.30pm.

If you want to explore the possibility of study within the LMP programme, please get in touch either with the Acting Principal, the Revd Andy Spence on 01483 790319 or the Course Administrator, Jane Mills on 01483 790351 jane.mills@cofeguildford.org.uk

The cost for someone who is not in training for authorised ministry or already studying for an award with Oxford Brookes is £50 per term, or £100 if you wish to register for accreditation with the University.

Local Ministry Programme (LMP) Short Courses for 2009

At the moment we have plans for a short course on:

- Humanity and Pastoral Care – 9 Monday evening sessions in the Summer Term 2009. Revd William Lang, Vicar Elstead & Thursley will be the course tutor; £60

Degree Level Courses

These are courses accredited with Bangor University for *former* GDMC students who study the modules to add credits to their Diploma in Ministerial Studies, towards a BTh Degree. They are also open to anyone who has an interest.

- Mission of the Church – 9 sessions during the Summer Term 2009; £60

For more details on these and further short courses which may be added, please check the diocesan website www.cofequildford.org.uk

The Education for Discipleship Team offers:

Diocesan Summer School

Held annually in the first two weeks of July, Summer School takes the form of a learning festival of individual sessions arranged on a central theme, held mostly in Guildford but also elsewhere in the Diocese. Suitable for adults of all church traditions and denominations; bookings can be made for as many or as few sessions as you wish, and are available during day and evening, including Saturday. The aim is to develop your Christian understanding, practice and expression and to learn together with others.

Summer School 2009 is 4-18 July, on the theme of *Getting Grounded*.

Programmes are available in parishes, from Diocesan House or by emailing summerschool@cofequildford.org.uk or visiting www.cofequildford.org.uk/go/ss

Contacts: Adult Education Adviser, Jo Walker

Tel. 01483 484909 email jo.walker@cofequildford.org.uk

And Summer School Administrator, Helen McCormick

Tel. 01483 790300 email helen.mccormick@cofequildford.org.uk

The Department of Education offers the following courses and study days:

Education for Discipleship

Toolkit for Christian Living

The *Toolkit for Christian Living* is a new opportunity for all adults in Guildford Diocese to grow in their Christian faith as 'whole life' disciples by:

- developing confidence
- applying faith to life
- reviewing God's call at this stage in the faith journey

Full materials are available for participants and leaders to run Modules in parish / community venues. See page 5 in Section One of this document for more detail.

Content:

Module 1 (five sessions)	Journey of Faith
Module 2 (five sessions)	Roots of Faith
Module 3 (five sessions)	Community of Faith
Module 4 (five sessions)	Living Faith

Contacts: Jo Walker, Adult Education Adviser

Tel: 01483 484909 e-mail: jo.walker@cofequildford.org.uk

EfD Administrator: Elaine Waddington

Tel: 01483 484912 e-mail: elaine.waddington@cofequildford.org.uk

Education for Discipleship, Education Centre, The Cathedral, Stag Hill, Guildford GU2 7UP

Moor Park College Trust

Is a local Christian Adult Education charity with a long history of providing programmes in the Farnham area. In 2009 it hopes to run an early summer meeting at Moor Park House itself, to reflect on the history of the house and garden and the place of the College in the local community and the lives of students. In the autumn, it hopes to host a formal lecture on science and faith. For more details when available,

Contact: Adult Education Adviser, Jo Walker

Details as above.

Training in Children's and Youth Ministry

Safeguarding Training: Various courses for different people involved in children's and youth work, run by the safeguarding adviser, Janet Hind. Contact her at janet.hind@lineone.net or 01243 780684 in the first instance.

Creating Sparks: annual training event for children's leaders and anyone involved or interested in ministry to children. Come on your own or as a team. In 2009, Creating Sparks is on Saturday May 16th, 10am-3pm at Holy Trinity CoFE Junior School, Guildford. Cost £8. Main speaker Jim Davis, panel member of the Good Childhood Enquiry, the Children's Society's ground breaking investigation into childhood today; also workshops, resources and networking. Usually a sell-out, so book early. In 2010, Creating Sparks will be on Saturday May 15th.

Diocesan Certificate

Are you new to leading children's groups? Or feeling in need of a fresh look at how you work with the children who attend your sessions? Then come and join us on the Diocesan Certificate course to meet and share with others in the same situation. Sessions include: Why run children's groups?; Planning a session; worship with children; practical skills. This course runs centrally or can be offered locally if you can get a group of eight or more together.

Dates: Saturday October 10th, then Thursday evenings 15th, 22nd October, 5th, 12th November at Education Centre. Cost: £20

Contact: Alison Hendy, Children's Work Adviser, Diocesan Education Centre, The Cathedral, Stag Hill, Guildford GU2 7UP

Tel: 01483 484910 : e-mail: alison.hendy@cofeguildford.org.uk

Godly Play: training and support

Various courses are offered throughout the year on this reflective method of working with children. See www.cofeguildford.org.uk for updates or contact Alison Hendy, above.

Youth Work

Ytrain 09: A training day for anyone involved in youth work - helpers, leaders, volunteers, employed workers etc. October 3rd 2009, 10-2pm cost £8. Main address by Jenny Baker. This will be held at the newly opened Christ's College, Guildford.

Contact Ytrain@cofeguildford.org.uk for more information.

Diocesan Certificate in youth ministry: A four evening course run over the course of the month each October, covering all the basics of youthwork. Ideally suited for new helpers and leaders looking to learn about what they have let themselves in for! This course can

also be run locally if you can gather a group of more than seven together to do it. Why not invite other churches in your deanery and do it together?

Gap Year and First Timer training: A course for people taking gap years in youth or children's work and those starting youth or children's work jobs for the first time as employed workers. The course lasts for a year, every Monday at the education centre. Cost £150 per term, and there will be an optional retreat in February. Application form and further information from David Welch.

Termly training: Each term we offer training for employed workers on a topical theme. Contact: David Welch Youth Adviser, Diocesan Education Centre, The Cathedral, GU2 7UP
Tel: 01483 484908 e-mail: david.welch@cofequildford.org.uk

Adult Vocations

Have you recently considered your life's mission or calling? There are a number of routes for you to take in pursuing God's call, including...

...as a **Pastoral Assistant** working as part of the team of ministers in the parish in the areas including Marriage and Baptism Preparation, care of the bereaved, sick and elderly, work with families, children and young people, and in general, visiting. Once you have been put forward by your incumbent and PCC, you would take the diocesan programme of training and then be authorised for ministry by the Bishop.

For further details, please contact Revd Liz Boughton, tel: 01483 790321
e-mail: liz.boughton@cofequildford.org.uk

...as a **Reader** to preach, teach and assist in worship in parishes and other places where ministry is needed. After diocesan selection and a three year, part-time training on the Guildford Diocesan Ministry Course, you would be equipped as a valuable theological and pastoral resource, able to interpret and commend the Gospel in church, community and workplace.

For further details, please contact Revd William Challis, tel: 01483 790322
E-mail: ddo@cofequildford.org.uk

... as an **ordained minister**. There are several ways to follow your calling to be ordained in this Diocese, but all of them are concerned with serving as a leader in worship, prayer, preaching, pastoral work and mission.

- As an ordained local minister, you would serve as a leader in your local parish and congregation as a member of the parochial team
- As a pioneer minister, you would be involved in a particular context and undertake context based training

- As a non-stipendiary priest, you would offer a voluntary ministry, often combined with other employment, bringing together the world of work and the life of the church
- As a stipendiary (paid) minister, you would offer a full-time ministry as a parish priest or in schools, hospitals, prisons or other forms of chaplaincy

For further details, please contact Revd William Challis, email: ddo@cofequildford.org.uk or Revd Liz Boughton, liz.boughton@cofequildford.org.uk

Communion Assistant Training

If you wish to help distribute the elements of bread and wine at Communion services, you need to undertake a brief diocesan training session, in order to have the Bishop's permission to do so. Further details available from Canon Hazel Whitehead, hazel.whitehead@cofequildford.org.uk

Occasional Preachers' Training

This is a new course beginning shortly after a successful pilot course. It is designed for those who are not ready / called to undertake full Reader or ordination training, but are invited by their incumbent to preach 4 to 5 times a year. Further details available from Canon Hazel Whitehead, hazel.whitehead@cofequildford.org.uk

OTHER COURSES:

Guildford Cathedral

During the year, the Cathedral organises a varied programme entitled '*Faith in Everyday Life*', comprising short courses, talks and on-going study groups, especially around Advent, Lent and Easter. These events are open to all and mostly free or at very low cost.

Summer term 2009:

Spirituality Group: This regular group continues to meet to 'develop our spiritual lives in the light of scripture, experience and tradition', at 4 Cathedral Close on May 4th, June 1st and July 6th; all at 7.30-9.30pm. Tel. 01483 207831.

One-off talk / discussions on

April 28th: The Liturgy of the Church, Canon Dr Nicholas Thistlethwaite (Sub Dean)

May 13th: Everything you wanted to know about the House of Bishops but were afraid to ask, Canon Jonathan Neil-Smith.

Both at 8pm, Chapter House, Guildford Cathedral, GU2 7UP

Contacts for future programme:

Canon Angela Weaver (Canon Pastor), 01483 547863 or at angela@guildford-cathedral.org

Or Cathedral Office on 01483 547860 or at reception@guildford-cathedral.org

Autumn term 2009

Day workshop for music / worship leaders: *One Heart, One Voice*

Saturday 24th October, 9am-4.30pm at Cathedral. Features Marty Haugen, Andrew Maries, Paul Field, Geraldine Latty and others. Book before 31st July for £15, or for £17 thereafter – includes a packed lunch. Visit www.cofequildford.org.uk or email janbrind@googlemail.com Organised with RSCM, National Network of Pastoral Musicians, Arundel and Brighton Diocese and the Methodist SE & London Districts.

Education for Ministry (EFM)

Education for Ministry (EFM) is an international programme and has been running for eight years in Guildford Diocese. Three people from Aldershot recently graduated at Birmingham Cathedral. In the UK, this ecumenical educational programme is in academic partnership with Chester University and provides a four year course which is taken in one year units. Students can study all years continuously, or single years with breaks in between. Those who seek academic accreditation for their studies can register with Chester and gain credits towards a Theology degree.

Course Outline:

Year 1	Old Testament
Year 2	Church History
Year 3	New Testament
Year 4	Ethics, Doctrine and Theological Concepts

EFM is not a programme for educating people for church ministry, but for developing lay people in their ministry in the world. It involves home study and a weekly meeting in a seminar group where worship, study, discussion and theological reflection is practised. The standard course fee each year is £195 and includes all course materials.

Groups are currently available in Aldershot, Fleet, Church Crookham and Guildford and include students from various traditions: Roman Catholic, Anglican, Methodist, United Reformed Church and Baptist. New groups are starting in Epsom and Cove.

Leadership Opportunities with EFM

Those with some theological background and experience of facilitating groups e.g. Readers, Clergy and mature lay leaders might like to consider leading a seminar group in their local area – new groups are needed. Seminar group facilitators are called Mentors and training is provided in Birmingham and Woking. Mentors are paid an allowance for running a group and their ongoing training provides good professional and personal development.

Your Diocesan Contact is: Revd Haydon Wilcox

Tel: 01252 621639 E-mail: haydonwilcox@mac.com

The EFM UK website is www.efmuk.org.uk