

Exploring the Theology of the Resurrection Saturday 3 December 2011

The study day will first look at the biblical accounts of the resurrection in the Gospels and Acts in order to discover what the early Christians believed happened and how that understanding informs our understanding in the 21st century. Then we will go on to look at Paul's letters to see what he says about the significance and meaning of the resurrection. A further session will look at the theology of the resurrection in other NT writings. The goal of the day is to help us understand the importance of the resurrection for our Christian faith today.

Tutor: Revd Dr Dennis Stamps, *Tutor in New Testament Studies*

Venue: The Chapter House Crypt, St Albans Abbey

Time: 10.30 am to 3.30 pm **Cost:** £18

Short evening courses

The venue for both courses is the Chapter House at St Albans Abbey.

Old Testament Characters & Christian Mission in Multi-faith Britain

Tuesdays 20 September to 18 October 2011

Whether as workmates, neighbours, acquaintances or friends, many of us come into contact with people of other faiths. Indeed, all of us have 'virtual' contact via our television or computer screens. Yet we seldom reflect theologically on our posture toward other religions. This course will use Old Testament stories (which emerged from multi-faith contexts every bit as challenging as our own) to help participants grapple with inter faith issues. No previous experience or study is required. In fact, these bible studies work well when people come to them 'fresh'. Bible study can be exciting and fun, and this course aims to be something of an adventure.

Tutor: Revd Jay McLeod, *Interfaith Adviser to the Bishop of St Albans*

Time: 8.00 pm-9.30 pm

Cost: £32

Religion and science Tuesdays 8 to 29 November 2011

Are science and religion in conflict? Has the big bang pushed God out of the universe? Is evolution compatible with religious faith? Are humans no more than biological machines? These and other questions are discussed by prominent scientists and theologians in the Test of Faith course. It is an opportunity to hear views and discuss our reaction to them.

The course is led by Revd Dr Keith Suckling SOSc. Keith is a professional scientist and an Anglican priest in Digswell parish. He was for many years head of a group working in drug discovery in cardiovascular disease, in both academic and industrial environments. He is Warden of the Society of Ordained Scientists.

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Further information

Our web site contains more information on all our courses, venues and teaching staff. You can also download copies of this leaflet and our other material. Please go to

www.christianstudies.org.uk

We also welcome enquiries at:

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**News & events: Autumn Term
September to December 2011**

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Application form

Please enrol me/us on the following course(s):

Name(s).....

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Church attended (if any).....

The New Testament (Certificate course)

Botticelli in a day

Art and spirituality

Christian art in France 1400-1650

Exploring the Theology of the resurrection

Old Testament Characters & Mission

Religion and science

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Certificate in Theology

At the heart of our programme is a six-module St Albans Certificate in Theology which we launched in 2005 and are now offering in a revised form. The course is designed as a mixture of lectures, case studies, plenary discussions, individual study and small group work. It can be taken in full or you can opt to study the modules that interest you.

Each module is approved by NCFE and is offered under their Investing In Quality Licence which monitors the standards under which StACCS operates. Those who attend a module receive a certificate of attendance and participation, whilst those who successfully submit a short assignment receive a certificate of achievement. We welcome both levels of interest and commitment. On completion of all 6 modules the St Albans Certificate in Theology is awarded. **For more details see our certificate leaflet and web site.**

Module 1: An Introduction to the New Testament

This ten week course will introduce the books of the New Testament and explore questions about their authorship, meaning and content. It may be taken as part of the certificate programme or as a stand alone course.

Tutor: Revd Dr Dennis Stamps, *Tutor in New Testament Studies*

Venue: Marlborough Road Methodist Church, St Albans
Dates: Tuesdays from 20 September 2011 (no session on 25 October)

Time: 8.00 pm **Cost:** £85 (£75 if signing up for the whole certificate programme, please ask for details)

Saturday study mornings and days

Our 'in a day' introductions are gateways to further study: aimed at busy people whose diaries don't allow extended study, but who would like to think through their faith. All events include morning coffee. Please bring a packed lunch.

Botticelli in a day Saturday 24 September 2011

Sandro Botticelli (1445-1510) was the leading artist of his

day in Florence and his paintings from classical mythology are widely reproduced today. His engagement with Christian subjects is less well known, but fascinating and important. This study day will focus on Botticelli's spirituality, his wrestling with faith and art in response to the preaching of Savonarola, and the difficult questions surrounding the interpretation of his late work, for example the *Mystic Nativity* in the National Gallery. The day will also attempt to place Botticelli in the context of developments in European art in the late 15th century

Tutor: Iain Lane, *Tutor in Doctrine & the visual arts*

Venue: The Chapter House Crypt, St Albans Abbey

Time: 10.30 am to 3.30 pm **Cost:** £18

Art and spirituality Saturday 8 October 2011

A day of looking at our spirituality through the media of art and from looking, doing art as a means of exploring or expressing our spirituality. The day is open to artists of any level, trained or untrained. Some art materials will be provided. You are welcome to bring your own materials if you wish. Come with a willingness to try. The day will be led by the Revd Katharine Rumens, Rector St Giles' Cripplegate and chaplain to the Barbican. She continues to be involved in promoting the arts in the church. Before ordination she trained to teach art and went on to run a successful studio designing and producing women's occasional wear.

Tutor: Revd Katharine Rumens

Venue: Ashley Church, Ashley Road, St Albans

Time: 10.00 am to 3.30 pm **Cost:** £18

Christian art in France: 1400-1650 Saturday 5 November 2011

This study day aims to introduce the work of a series of artists from Jean Fouquet and Enguerrand Quarton in the fifteenth century to Georges de la Tour, Poussin and Philippe de Champaigne in the seventeenth. Balanced between the influences of north and south, the Netherlands and Italy, artists who are less well known at a popular level produced striking and powerful works of Christian art. **Please note the start time.**

Tutor: Iain Lane, *Tutor in Doctrine & the visual arts*

Venue: The Chapter House Crypt, St Albans Abbey

Time: 10.45 am to 3.45 pm **Cost:** £18