

**Module 2: Being Christian Today**  
**Tuesdays from 23 February 2010**

The content of this module is described above.

**Tutors:** Revd Dr Dave Dickinson, Iain Lane

**Venue:** Marlborough Road Methodist Church

**Dates:** Tuesdays 23 February 2010 to 23 March, 20 April to 25 May, 8 June to 29 June

**Time:** 8.00 pm **Cost:** £110 **Credits:** 15 credits

**Module 3: Christian Understanding of Jesus**  
**Tuesdays from 15 September 2009**

This course will focus on the central figure of Christian theology, Jesus Christ. Taking a thematic approach, the course will explore questions raised by the repeated 'quests' for the historical Jesus and will consider the core doctrinal elements of any Christology: the Incarnation, the Crucifixion, Resurrection and teachings of Jesus. The final sessions will look at the figure of Christ in the arts, the many faces of Christ in different cultures, including Islam, Jesus in 21st century and modern liberal and post-liberal Christologies.

**Tutor:** Dr Roger Greeves, University of Cambridge

**Venue:** The Chapter House, St Albans Cathedral

**Dates:** Tuesdays 15 September 2009 to 20 October, 3 November to 24 November

**Time:** 8.00 pm **Cost:** £85 **Credits:** 10 credits

**Optional Module: The Problem of Evil**  
**Wednesdays from 13 January 2010**

The existence of evil in the world provides the most important grounds (in philosophy) to doubt God's existence. This course will consider the varieties of the problem which have emerged in the course of its consideration by philosophers and some of the solutions which have been proposed.

**Tutor:** Dr Karim Esmail, University of Cambridge

**Venue:** Marlborough Road Methodist Church

**Dates:** Wednesdays 13 January 2010 to 24 March (no session on 17 February)

**Time:** 8.00 pm **Cost:** £85 **Credits:** 10 credits

## Venues and facilities

The venue for **modules 1 & 2**, and the **optional module** is **Marlborough Road Methodist Church**. The church is close to the centre of St Albans, only five minutes' walk from St Albans City Station. While attending the course students are able to park their cars without charge in the private car park of **Faber Maunsell**, Marlborough House, Upper Marlborough Road.

**Module 3** is taught in the **Chapter House** at **St Albans Cathedral**, which has limited free parking for students in Sumpter Yard.

Both venues are fully accessible, but people with mobility impairment may need assistance from the cathedral staff in the Chapter House. There are kitchen and toilet facilities at both venues.

## Further information

We are sorry to announce that due to changes in funding for higher education the University of Cambridge has withdrawn concessionary rates for courses this year. Our web site contains more information on all our courses, venues and teaching staff. Please go to

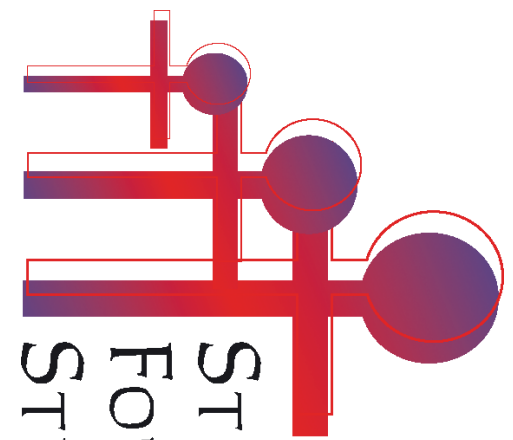
**[www.christianstudies.org.uk](http://www.christianstudies.org.uk)**

for full details. We also welcome enquiries at:

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**Sumpter Yard, St Albans, AL1 1BY**  
**01727 890205**  
**[info@christianstudies.org.uk](mailto:info@christianstudies.org.uk)**

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**Certificate Programme  
in Theological Studies  
2009-2010**

## Certificate in Theology 2009-10

### Application form

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

Name(s).....

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Core Module 1

*Sources for Theology*

Core Module 2

*Being Christian Today*

Core Module 3

*Christian Understanding of Jesus*

Optional Module

*The Problem of Evil*

I enclose payment of £.....

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The Secretary, St Albans Centre for Christian Studies  
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## St Albans Certificate in Theology

At the heart of our work is the **Certificate Programme in Theological Studies** which we have developed with Cambridge University Institute of Continuing Education. The **St Albans Certificate** comprises two modules (core modules 1 and 2 of the overall scheme), each providing 15 credits towards the **Cambridge Certificate of Continuing Education in Theological Studies**, for which 60 credits are required. At this half way point students who successfully complete the modules are eligible to receive the local centre certificate to recognise their achievement. The course is presented as a mixture of lectures, case studies, small groups and plenary discussions.

In **Module 1** students are introduced to the study of theology and to the structure, purpose and themes of the New Testament books. They consider how Christians use the Bible and examine the origin, development and current forms of worship in the Church as well as Christian spirituality. The module also introduces the Old Testament outlining the style, purpose and theologies of the books it contains.

**Module 2** introduces students to the Christian understanding of God, creation and humanity as they examine the classical Christian creeds. The module focuses on a range of current contextual concerns in theological studies including interfaith relations, medical ethics, politics and human relationships. Students also consider matters such as baptism, Eucharist, mission and vocation.

These modules are taught on Tuesday evenings at Marlborough Road Methodist Church in the centre of St Albans. Full credit depends on the submission of a written assignment in each module (for which we give advice and support) and attendance at most sessions. Students who do not wish to submit assign-

ments and gain credit are equally welcome.

Some students on the course use it as part of their initial Reader training, some use it for continued development studies as local preachers, some use it to equip themselves for various roles within their local churches such as teaching in Junior Church or pastoral visiting, but most use it simply as an opportunity to think systematically about what they believe as Christians in today's world. It caters for all sorts! Students from other or no faith background are equally welcome.

We also offer core **Module 3, *The Christian understanding of Jesus***, as well as a range of **optional 10 credit modules** each year which can be taken as part of the certificate programme or as stand-alone courses. Thus we can help you achieve the 60 credits required for a Cambridge Certificate of Continuing Education in Theological Studies. Modules can be taken in any order, but the three core modules are required for the full Cambridge Certificate. We strongly recommend taking modules 1 and 2 before module 3.

### Modules and credit bearing courses offered in the academic year 2009-2010

#### Core Module 1: Sources for Theology (The Bible) Tuesdays from 8 September 2009

The content of this module is described above.

**Tutors:** Revd Dr Dave Dickinson, Canon Dennis Stamps, Canon Kevin Walton

**Venue:** Marlborough Road Methodist Church

**Dates:** Tuesdays 8 September to 20 October, 3 November to 1 December, 12 January 2010 to 2 February

**Time:** 8.00 pm **Cost:** £110 **Credits:** 15 credits