

## Short evening courses

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

### Building apart? Unity and division in western church architecture

**Tuesdays 12, 19 & 26 January 2010**

Different understandings of the church & different approaches to worship have shaped very different Christian buildings in the last 500 years. This course explores relationships between the churches of the reformation and the Catholic church through the evolving spaces created for worship. Looking at a series of key churches we will trace the theological and spiritual journey apart... and closer together.

**Tutor:** Iain Lane

**Time:** 8.00 pm **Cost:** £24

### The Dream of the Rood: 'The wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died'

**Tuesdays 9, 16 & 23 March 2010**

*The Dream of the Rood*, an anonymous Old English poem of the eighth century, retells the Passion of Christ as an active event. In this short course that will enrich our devotions in Lent, we will study the poem translated into modern English and consider some of its biblical, liturgical and artistic parallels. A copy of the poem will be sent to you when we acknowledge your booking.

**Tutor:** Dr Dave Dickinson

**Time:** 8.00 pm **Cost:** £24

### An Introduction to the Gospel of Luke

**Thursday, 21 January 2010**

In the church year beginning on Advent Sunday 2009, Luke's Gospel, with its particular insights into Christ, is read semi-continuously in the Revised Common Lectionary. In this one-off lecture **Dr Jeffrey John, Dean of St Albans**, will introduce the main themes of the Gospel, helping your hearing of the Gospel through the year become clearer and more enriching. In the summer term we will follow up the lecture with a study course led by Dr Dennis Stamps.

**Venue:** The Lady Chapel, St Albans Abbey

**Time:** 7.30 pm **Cost:** £5

## Matthew Paris Symposium

**Saturday 13 February 2010**

The Fraternity of Friends of St Albans Abbey is organising a symposium to mark the 750th anniversary of the death of Matthew Paris, the famous chronicler, cartographer and artist who was a monk at St Albans in the 13th century. A panel of distinguished speakers from major universities will explore Matthew Paris' unique and important contribution to British art, historiography and literature. StACCS is supporting the Fraternity in this event and you may book for the symposium using this form, or with the form available on our web site, where you will find full details.

**Time:** 10.00 am to 5.00pm **Cost:** £25 inc. lunch.

### Venues and facilities

All our 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 all venues. There is *some* parking available on site at St Albans Abbey and Ashley Church; for Marlborough Road please use city centre public parking. If you require more help or advice, please contact us.

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

We also welcome enquiries at:

**St Albans Centre for Christian Studies**  
**Sumpter Yard, St Albans, AL1 1BY**  
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**[info@christianstudies.org.uk](mailto:info@christianstudies.org.uk)**

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**A large print version of this leaflet is available on request.**



**News & events: Spring Term  
January to March 2010**

## Spring Term 2010

### Application form

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

Name(s).....

Address.....

Post code.....

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Church attended (if any).....

Matthew Paris Symposium

Painting the historical Jesus

The Caroline Divines, Br Patrick

A morning with Elizabeth Jennings

Rejoicing in the Old Testament

Building Apart?

An introduction to Luke's Gospel

The Dream of the Rood

I enclose payment of £.....

**Please send cheques payable to  
St Albans Cathedral Education Trust to:**

The Secretary, St Albans Centre for Christian Studies  
Sumpter Yard, St Albans, Hertfordshire, AL1 1BY

*We do not want anyone to be deterred from attending any  
events for financial reasons. If you find the fees prohibitive,  
please contact the Centre on 01727 890205.*

*Your details will not be disclosed to any third party. If you  
would prefer not to receive information about future events at  
the Study Centre, please tick this box*

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### Certificate in Theology

At the heart of our work is the **Certificate Programme in Theological Studies** developed with Cambridge University Institute of Continuing Education. **Module 2, *Being Christian Today (Ethics & doctrine)***, begins this term, and we also offer an **optional module, *The Problem of Evil***, a 10 credit, single term, course.

**For full details of Certificate programme courses see our Certificate leaflet, or go to our web site: [www.christianstudies.org.uk](http://www.christianstudies.org.uk) .**

### 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 know more and think through their faith. We also offer 'morning only' sessions on more specific subjects. All events include morning coffee. On full days please bring a packed lunch.

### Painting the historical Jesus Saturday 16 January 2010

In the nineteenth century many biblical scholars became fascinated with the desire to discover the 'historical Jesus': for some it was about stripping away what they regarded as 'myth', for others it was more about understanding Jesus in a real cultural context. This movement had an impact on Christian art and in this study day we will explore the work of several later nineteenth century artists including James Tissot, Henry Osawa Tanner, and members of the Pre-Raphaelite movement. We will set their work in a wider context, look at popular reactions to it, explore links with developments in Christian spirituality, and look at their legacy: how does the 'real Jesus' speak to today's church?

**Tutor:** Iain Lane  
**Venue:** The Chapter House Crypt, St Albans Abbey  
**Time:** 10.30 am to 3.30 pm **Cost:** £18

### Paradise Lost: The Caroline Divines Saturday 30 January 2010

The Centre is delighted to support once again the visit to the Abbey of Brother Patrick Moore, a De La Salle Brother and scholar in residence at Sarum College, Salisbury. He will give a talk exploring Christian spirituality which emanates from the Caroline Divines. These were influential

theologians and writers in the Anglican church who lived during the reigns of King Charles I and, after the Restoration, King Charles II. This period, often considered the golden age of Anglican scholarship, includes Anglican scholars like Izaak Walton, Lancelot Andrewes, John Cosin, William Laud, and Jeremy Taylor. The talk will be educational and inspirational.

**Tutor:** Br Patrick FSC  
**Venue:** The Chapter House Crypt, St Albans Abbey  
**Time:** 10.30 am coffee, lecture 11.00 am-12.30 pm  
**Cost:** Donations on the day, please book in advance.

### A Morning with the poetry of Elizabeth Jennings

#### Saturday 20 February 2010

Whether or not you are already familiar with the poetry of Elizabeth Jennings who died in 2001, you will find the poems we will read together on this study morning accessible, thought-provoking and faith-enriching. Jennings was a devout Catholic and spiritual themes abound throughout her work. However, we will focus on the anthology she published in her seventieth year, *In the Meantime*.

**Tutor:** Dr Dave Dickinson  
**Venue:** The Chapter House Crypt, St Albans Abbey  
**Time:** 10.00 am to 12.30 pm **Cost:** £10

### Rejoicing in the Old Testament: a fresh look at the OT and spirituality (including the hard bits) Saturday 27 March 2010

Much of the Old Testament is hard for 21st century people to accept (hard-to-believe stories and blood-thirsty episodes), but can be a rich spiritual resource. It faces issues such as love, suffering, fear, failure, success, death, birth, and many other still relevant themes. To leave the OT at Sunday School is to lose an important resource we can rejoice in. The two tutors come from different backgrounds and traditions, but share an interest in making the OT accessible and enriching for people of faith today.

**Tutors:** Ysmena Pentelow & Roy Gregory  
**Venue:** Ashley Church, Ashley Road, St Albans  
**Time:** 10.00 am to 3.30 pm **Cost:** £18