

## An Introduction to Church History

Kenneth will be leading another Cathedral Study Centre Course this autumn, covering the history of the Christian Church in a broadly chronological manner. Each of the sessions will focus on a particular period of church history from the first century to the present day. Within each session time will be given not only to key dates and events, individuals and movements, but to art, architecture, liturgy and music. The course will focus on western church history, but include material relating to the Orthodox churches and to Christianity in Africa, Asia and South America, as well as Europe and North America.

This is a ten-week course. Each session consists of two 45 minutes lectures with refreshments in between. 8pm in the Chapter Room in the Deanery at the Cathedral on Thursday evenings beginning September 27<sup>th</sup>.

Those attending this course will need to be registered with the Study Centre and pay the Study Centre's fee. Please visit [www.stalbanscathedral.org/learning/study-centre/](http://www.stalbanscathedral.org/learning/study-centre/) to book or find out more.



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## Advent Stillness

*Escape the chaos of December with:*

- **Advent Carol Service**  
*Evocative words and music as we look towards Christmas*  
Sunday 2nd December 6.30pm  
St Michael's church
- **Advent Quiet Evenings**  
*Icons, candles, silence*  
Tuesdays December 4th, 11th, 18th  
8-9.30pm  
St Michael's church



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*St Michael with St Mary*

# Autumn Explorations 2018



*Faith seeks understanding:  
why not try some of these opportunities  
to deepen your life with God?*

## Church Music Afternoon

Sunday 30th September St Michael's church

2.30pm Open choir rehearsal

We will be rehearsing a selection of music for services up to Christmas. Singers interested in joining the choir or able to offer a part-time commitment, and prospective Choral Scholars are warmly invited to this event.

Followed by:

Buffet Tea

5pm Choral Evensong for St Michael's Day

6pm Closing drinks



## Africa Evening

Monday 15th October  
8pm, Parish Centre

An evening with George Throup (Organ Scholar) and Emma Smillie (Choral Scholar) who will be discussing their recent trips to Zambia and Uganda, and the charitable projects which they have been supporting - with the aid of your donations!



## NHS at 70 Evening

The Pastoral and Worship Committee is working towards a panel discussion led by parishioners who work in the healthcare sector sharing something of the stresses and joys of their jobs and where faith fits in. Details to follow...



## Exploring Faith / Confirmation

It's great to have another chance to explore the major building blocks of Christianity. We will be running a group for adults and another for teenagers. Course participants may wish to proceed to Confirmation in the cathedral next Easter.

Space is given for issues raised within the group, but over the six sessions we aim to cover **God, Jesus, salvation, Church, worship, and ethics.**

Dates, times and venue to suit participants; please email [kennethpadley@gmail.com](mailto:kennethpadley@gmail.com) if you are interested or want to find out more.



*Parish candidates confirmed March 2018*

## Sabbatical Feedback

There will be several opportunities flowing from the Vicar's recent visit to the seven churches of Revelation in Turkey.



## Nothing beside remains

A photo tour of the ruins of the seven churches  
Tuesday October 2nd, 8pm, Parish Centre

## Hear what the Spirit is saying

Seven biblical reflections on what the letters to the churches of Revelation might mean for us today.  
St Mary's Childwick 6pm on the following Sundays:

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| October 7th:   | Ephesus: the <b>cosmopolitan</b> one<br>Revelation 2.1-7    |
| October 14th:  | Smyrna: the <b>persecuted</b> one<br>Revelation 2.8-11      |
| October 21st:  | Pergamum: the <b>political</b> one<br>Revelation 2.12-17    |
| October 28th:  | Thyatira: the <b>industrious</b> one<br>Revelation 2.18-28  |
| November 11th: | Sardis: the <b>complacent</b> one<br>Revelation 3.1-6       |
| November 18th: | Philadelphia: the <b>faithful</b> one<br>Revelation 3.7-13  |
| November 25th: | Laodicea: the <b>self-centred</b> one<br>Revelation 3.14-22 |