

LIFE & LEARNING @ LUDLOW

Unscrambling issues of life and faith



Programme

October 2017 to March 2018

**The Parish Church of St Laurence, Ludlow
(A member of Churches Together Around Ludlow)**

About Life & Learning

Life & Learning is the name of an adult learning programme which seeks to broaden understanding and initiate debate on theology, social issues and the arts.

The programme offers a range of opportunities for study and learning. It is intended to stimulate the interest of people of faith who want to reflect deeply on how their faith impacts on their engagement with the world around them, and also appeal to those with no strong faith commitment who are interested in exploring the Christian perspective on contemporary issues.

Arranged by the Parish Church of St Laurence, Ludlow, (a member of Churches Together Around Ludlow) the events are open to all people from the town and beyond, regardless of religious affiliation.

Copies of this leaflet can be downloaded from our website: www.stlaurences.org.uk/lifeandlearning. We also welcome enquiries at:

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A note about the 2017/18 programme

On 31 October 1517 the protest of Martin Luther as expressed in his 95 theses kick-started the European Reformation. This year, the 500th anniversary is being marked by events across Europe and beyond which seek to strengthen relationships between churches and promote reflection on what the Reformation means for us today.

The 2017/18 Life & Learning @ Ludlow programme includes several lectures on that theme. Other lectures include a study day exploring the Gospel of St Mark at the start of a church year when his gospel provides the majority of our Sunday readings. There is also a special lecture to mark International Holocaust Remembrance Day. The programme concludes with a series of talks taking a look at some of the church's local figures.

Special thanks go to all those who are contributing to this our sixth Life & Learning programme, most of whom are travelling some distance to be with us or are fitting in a visit to Ludlow with other plans. I am sure we will want to give them a warm welcome.

Barry Forrester

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Date:	Thursday 19 October 2017 at 10am – 12 noon
Venue:	Ludlow Mascall Centre
Cost:	£8 (including coffee during a mid lecture break)

The Case for a New Reformation

A lecture given by the Rt Revd Dr John Saxbee

This year marks the 500th anniversary of Luther's 95 theses which kick-started the European Reformation. This represented an extraordinary eruption of passionate intensity into a pre-modern world ill-served by an increasingly corrupt and complacent church. But since then the Enlightenment, modernity and post-modernity, secularism and post-secularism and a raft of revolutions have transformed the world into a place the 16th century reformers would barely recognise. Perhaps the time has come for a new Reformation or, at least, completion of the original 'unfinished business'.

The Rt Revd Dr John Saxbee was Bishop of Ludlow from 1994 before his appointment as Bishop of Lincoln in 2001. He retired to west Wales where he remains active in ministry and theological education.

Date:	Saturday 11 November 2017 at 10.30am – 3.30pm (bring a sandwich lunch or enjoy a light lunch at the Mascall Centre Café)
Venue:	Ludlow Mascall Centre
Cost:	£10 (including coffee during a morning break)

The Glorious Theatre of God's Works: Visual Culture in the Age of Reformation

A study day led by the Revd Iain Lane

500 years ago significant changes were taking place in western European visual culture: it is not true either that Catholic areas carried on much as before, or that Protestant regions were characterised only by iconoclasm and a horror of the visual arts. In this study day we will trace the changes from the late fifteenth to the seventeenth centuries, illustrating developments in both art and architecture across the divided continent and placing them in historical context. Artists featured will include Albrecht Durer, Cranach, Michelangelo, Titian, Rembrandt and Caravaggio.

The Revd Iain Lane is an Anglican priest and a Franciscan (Third Order). He served as Education Canon at St Albans Cathedral from 2000 to 2008, and is currently tutor in Christian doctrine and the visual arts at the St Albans Cathedral Study Centre.

Date:	Thursday 30 November 2017 at 10.30am – 3.30pm (bring a sandwich lunch or enjoy a light lunch at the Mascall Centre Café)
Venue:	Ludlow Mascall Centre
Cost:	£10 (including coffee during a morning break)

The Gospel of Mark: Jesus revealed as Messiah and Son of God

A study day led by the Revd Canon Dr Dennis Stamps

The Gospel of Mark has often been regarded as a primitive Gospel, but taking time to explore its message and structure reveals a document crafted to spur on faith. It proclaims in creative ways the identity of Jesus as Messiah and Son of God. It communicates Jesus' teaching and actions to challenge discipleship for the first readers and followers of Jesus today. Come and explore this fast-paced, straight-forward Gospel to glean insights into its message and challenge for today.

The Revd Canon Dr Dennis Stamps is presently Rector of the Parish of Harpenden, in the Diocese of St Albans - one parish with three churches. Previously he was Director of Ministry for the Diocese of St Albans and Residentiary Canon at St Albans Cathedral. Before that he served as Dean and Principal at the Queen's Foundation, Birmingham. Dennis has a particular commitment to ecumenism, adult theological education, and research and writing on the New Testament. He lectures regularly on the New Testament for the St Albans Cathedral Study Centre and for the Eastern Region Ministry Course.

Date:	Thursday 18 January 2018 at 10am - 12 noon
Venue:	Ludlow Mascall Centre
Cost:	£8 (including coffee during a mid lecture break)

Religious or Spiritual: An Investigation of two National 'Souls'

A lecture given by the Revd Canon Jonathan Boardman

Italy and the UK have shared strong ties since before the Reformation which have been strengthened in the period of their joint membership of the EU. However, an analysis of their attitudes to Christianity reveals important cultural differences. In this lecture Jonathan Boardman examines ways in which a consideration of this cultural divergence might be helpful in renewing the Church's ability to speak to a post modern and globalised context, with a particular emphasis on current ecumenical trends.

The Revd Canon Jonathan Boardman has been Chaplain at All Saints' Anglican Church, Rome, since November 1999. Educated at Oxford, Cambridge and the Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome, he was ordained in Liverpool where he served his curacy. Precentor of St Albans Cathedral between 1993 and 1996, he then served as Team Rector of Catford and Downham, and Rural Dean of East Lewisham, both in South London. Since working in Rome he developed the role of Senior Tutor at the Anglican Centre, playing a part in the planning and delivery of the Centre's annual academic programme. He contributes an occasional diary piece to the Church Times. He has written two books: *'Umbria: A Cultural History'* in 2012 and *'Rome, a Literary and Cultural Companion'* in 2006. He has been a canon of Malta Cathedral since 2007. He was Archdeacon for Italy and Malta from 2009 to 2015 and he served on the General Synod of the Church of England from 2005 -2010. He is currently also Priest in Charge of St Anthony Anglican Church, Padova.

Date:	Thursday 25 January 2018 at 10am - 12 noon
Venue:	Ludlow Mascall Centre
Cost:	£8 (including coffee during a mid lecture break)

The Holocaust and Human Nature

*A lecture to mark International Holocaust Remembrance Day
given by the Revd Dr Chris Moore*

The buildings and the ruins of Auschwitz are bleak, and to visit the site and understand what occurred is sobering. It is to look at evil, but it is also to remember that this was done by humans to humans. It raises questions about human nature, our bearing of the image of God, and our treatment of the 'other'. It questions the notion of 'progress'. This lecture will address these issues, their enduring lessons and quite how Nazi theologians managed to present a non-Jewish Jesus.

The Revd Dr Chris Moore is Rector of Fownhope, to the south-east of Hereford. He took part in a pilgrimage to Auschwitz with the Archbishop of Canterbury in January 2016 and this lecture springs from that visit.

Date:	Thursday 8 February 2018 at 10am - 12 noon
Venue:	Ludlow Mascall Centre
Cost:	£8 (including coffee during a mid lecture break)

**Separate Tables? Divergence and Convergence in Worship
1517 – 2017**

A lecture given by the Revd Canon Chris Walsh

The impact of the Reformation was felt most immediately and keenly by the people in their weekly worship. The Reformers, Protestant and Catholic, attempted to embed their theological and cultural differences in divergent forms of worship. For centuries these different traditions seemed entrenched and self-contained, but all along were exerting influence on each other until, in the 20th century, a remarkable and exciting convergence became possible. What were the principles and influences at work, and how do we assess the trends and outcomes?

The Revd Canon Chris Walsh lectured in liturgy at the University of Durham for 18 years, and subsequently at Wesley College, Bristol, and the University of Wales, Lampeter. He was director of the ecumenical Institute for Liturgy and Mission at Sarum College, Salisbury, and for 15 years served on the advisory and editorial committees of the International Commission on English in the Liturgy in Washington DC. He has also been a parish priest in Wirral and Greater Manchester and currently serves the Catholic Parish of St Peter, Ludlow.

Date:	Thursday 22 February 2018 at 10am - 12 noon
Venue:	Ludlow Mascall Centre
Cost:	£8 (including coffee during a mid lecture break)

Technology, Reformation, and the Future of Church

A lecture given by the Revd Dr Dan Inman

The seismic shifts in the political and religious constitution of the Latin West, from Luther's 95 theses in 1517 to the end of the Thirty Years War in 1648, are widely considered to have been influenced in no small part by Johannes Gutenberg's invention of the printing press in 1450. Some have even gone so far as to suggest that the vast increase in the number of Bibles that were suddenly available to Europeans in their own language by the beginning of the sixteenth century was the cause, rather than the outcome, of the Reformation. Certainly, Gutenberg's invention transformed communication across Europe and helped the otherwise minor figure of Martin Luther to kick-start a revolution in how Europeans thought about God, the Church and what it meant to be human.

In our own day, we are beginning to sense the variety of ways in which the invention of the World Wide Web by Sir Tim Berners-Lee in 1989 is not dissimilarly revolutionising our political and religious landscapes. In this lecture, Dan Inman considers how technology bound Europeans together against the Church in the sixteenth century and how technology in our own day is transforming how people are 'religious' and what this means for the future of the Church and ecumenism.

The Rev Dr Dan Inman is the Diocesan Director of Ordinands for the Diocese of Chichester. Before this, he was Chaplain and Junior Research Fellow of The Queen's College in Oxford, and is the author of *The Making of Modern English Theology: God and the Academy at Oxford, 1833-1945*.

Date:	Thursdays 1, 8, 15 & 22 March 2018 at 10.30am until 12 noon, with coffee available from 10am
Venue:	Ludlow Mascall Centre
Cost:	£6 (including coffee) per session; £20 for series

**Hereford's Rogues Gallery: The lives and times of the
Bishops and Deans of Hereford 1550-1950**
A series of lectures given by the Very Revd Michael Tavinor

The Diocese of Hereford may not always have been at the forefront of national life and politics but its deans and bishops can tell a fascinating story.

This series selects bishops and deans from four successive centuries, places them in their historical and theological context and asks what each may be saying to the Church of today:

- 1 March - 1550- 1650
- 8 March - 1650-1750
- 15 March - 1750-1850
- 22 March - 1850-1950

The Very Revd Michael Tavinor has been Dean of Hereford since 2002. Before that he served in the dioceses of London, Ely and Gloucester. This lecture series builds on his interest in local figures - a subject which provided the impetus for his 2012 book 'Saints and Sinners of the Marches'.

Life & Learning @ Ludlow
Application Form for October 2017 – March 2018 Programme

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