

# Exploring Christianity

This leaflet explains how 'Exploring Christianity' works as a course. The course has been developed in the Diocese of Bath & Wells in partnership with Trinity College, Bristol.

## Who is this course for?

All lay people, who want to explore faith, deepen their commitment and learn together with other interested students, whether or not they wish to pursue a calling to recognised official ministry. There are no age limitations and no previous experience is necessary. Come with an open mind, your experience and your background. The course can also form the first part of Reader training.

## How does the course work?

People meet week by week in a home or other venue. They share the possibility of handing in an assignment, compulsory for Reader candidates. Some students will want to attend the course without completing assignments.

## What do students do each week?

Each student receives a Study Guide at the beginning of the module. There is work in the Study Guide to be completed each week, reading and thinking, writing a sentence or two in a box, looking at pictures, maps etc. You should set aside an hour or two between tutorials to do this. During the tutorial, there will be a discussion of the work done at home. The tutor will also provide additional activities for the group.

## Where is the course held?

Courses are held locally to you. Possible groups this autumn are :

**Croscombe** - 15 September Tuesday evenings 7.30

**Mells** - Monday or Thursday evening

**Wells** - 24 September

**Pitminster** - Thursday day/eve from mid January 2010

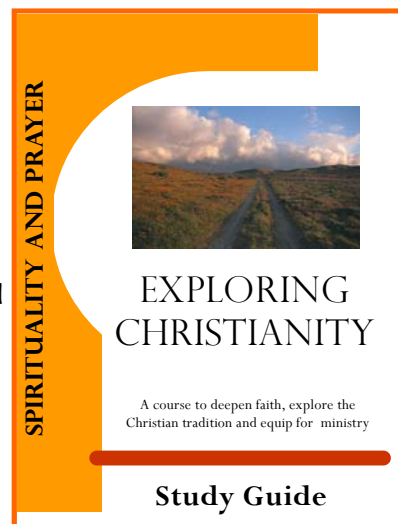
**Weston Super Mare** - Monday or Friday eve

**Bath** - Thursday eve 7.30

**Norton St Philip** - time and date to be agreed

**Taunton** - details to be finalised

Venues and time are given as a guideline. Groups will be finalised in response to enrolments



## What are the module topics?

There are six core modules to the course:

- Spirituality and Prayer
- Exploring the Bible—New Testament
- Questions of Faith
- Reshaping Church
- Exploring the Bible—Old Testament
- Challenging Choices (Ethics)

## How much does the course cost?

The cost of each module is £45. Students are encouraged to buy the module book, which is generally in the region of £20 or less. It is not essential to buy the book. A limited bursary scheme for those students who experience financial hardship is available. Please write to the **Course Director** in confidence

## What if there is no group near me?

If there is no group near you, do please still apply as we will endeavour to meet that need by setting up additional groups.

## Course Director

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## How do you get Study Guides and more details about the course?

To obtain a leaflet and application form, please get in touch with

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