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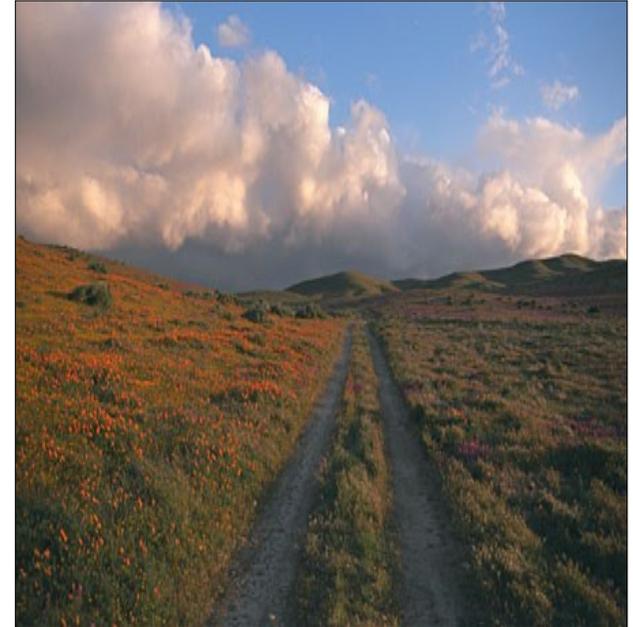
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Exploring Christianity

A course to deepen faith, explore the
Christian tradition, and equip for ministry

A growing partnership in Christian learning

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Do you ever wish you knew more about your faith? Have you ever wondered about how we got our Bible? Do you wish you could answer your neighbours' questions with more clarity? Do you feel you could be more active in the life of your church if you knew more?

If so, *Exploring Christianity* will help you. It has been developed in the Diocese of Bath & Wells together with Trinity College, Bristol. Now the Diocese of Exeter delivers and develops the course in Devon.

Who is this course for?

All lay people, who want to explore faith, deepen their commitment and learn together with other interested students. There are no age limitations and no previous experience is necessary. Come with an open mind, your experience and your background.

How does the course work?

The course is a blend of home study and tutorials. Each student receives a Study Guide at the beginning of the module. (Cost £10 to cover printing.) A local charge may be made for the cost of the venue. 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 and the like. 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. There will also be the possibility for you to complete an assignment.

Where will the course be held?

Exploring Christianity is based as locally as possible. We are looking for Deaneries, Mission Communities or Ecumenical groupings, who would be willing to host this course and encourage people to join in. We aim eventually to have venues throughout the Diocese.

What are the module topics?

There are six core modules to the course:

Spirituality and Prayer

- Explores what is meant by spirituality and prayer.
- Discovers and uses some of the rich traditions of the Christian faith.
- Shares some of the resources in the life of Prayer.

Exploring the Bible—New Testament

- Explores parts of the New Testament.
- Encourages reading of the New Testament in a communal way.
- Explores how to study the New Testament.

Questions of Faith

- Studies the history of Christian belief.
- Enquires into difficult contemporary questions concerning faith.
- Discovers the richness of Christian thinking.

Reshaping the Church

- Studies the history of the Christian Church.
- Enquires into some difficult contemporary questions concerning Church and culture.
- Discovers the richness of some models of the Church.

Exploring the Bible—Old Testament

- Gains an overview of the Old Testament story.
- Discovers some of the different writing present in the Old Testament.
- Grapples with the interpretation of texts from a far away time and culture.

Challenging Choices (Ethics)

- Helps come to an understanding of the ethical principles implicit and explicit in the Bible.
- Discovers how Christian ethics has responded to social change over time.