

Short courses for Developing Discipleship

Many people are too busy to sign up for a course which stretches over several months. As a response to the need for short, accessible and enjoyable learning opportunities we are trialling this range of six session courses. Any church or chaplaincy may request a short course. Some groups of churches run courses on an ecumenical basis.

Usually we ask that a course be opened up to other churches (ecumenical or otherwise) in the area, giving plenty of advance notice. Courses are led by two facilitators, one from the locality and the other from the wider region. Although designed as six sessions courses, these may be used in other ways, for example over two Saturdays.

Venue

Whatever venue you or your church agree on, please ensure that it is comfortable. If a course is shared by **several** churches Lindisfarne may be able to contribute towards the cost of room rental.

Cost

There is no cost for any of the short courses. We just ask that if you decide to run a course internally within your own church that you provide warm and welcoming premises to meet in.

Enquiries

If you are interested in completing or leading one of Lindisfarne's short courses contact Alastair Macnaughton, Developing Discipleship Officer on 0191 234 0371 or email alastairmacnaughton@lindisfarnertp.org

Alastair would be happy to discuss any aspect of these courses with you or to act as a sounding board for other plans you may have. He and the other Lindisfarne staff are keen to be of assistance to all who are seeking opportunities for learning, either for themselves or for a church to which they belong.



DEVELOPING DISCIPLESHIP SHORT COURSES



- Are you ready for a challenge?
- Are you a Christian hungry to find out more?
- Are you dissatisfied with easy answers?
- Do you want to see relevant connections between faith and the world?
- Do you want to explore your faith in your own way and at your own speed, in the company of people from different churches?

Lindisfarne presents the following courses to explore these issues and more.



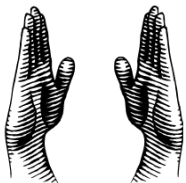
Lord, teach us to pray

A straightforward, lively introduction to a variety of ways of praying. This course covers Jesus' own praying in the gospels, the Lord's Prayer and practical ways of spending time with God. With a variety of teaching and learning styles, it is an invaluable course for the development of your prayer life.

Ideal for those who have not completed a course on prayer, it can also be useful to others as a 'refresher'.

Making sense of the Bible for today

A lively multimedia guide to the gospels and their Old Testament background with many resonances for today. For those who know just a little of the Bible it provides an initial overview, linking up different parts of the Bible in new ways. This course is good preparation for further study of the gospels and is an ideal follow on to the Big Read.

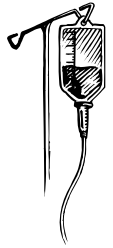


Christian Calling

Consisting of short Bible readings and in depth questions for discussion, this course can be applied successfully to all sorts of group situations. Not limited to those called for public ministry, it's about calling for everyone.

Struggling with suffering

This course looks at suffering as a theological issue. It tackles the question, 'how can there be a loving God when there is so much suffering?' It looks at and challenges our unconscious assumptions about the nature of God and God's power. It is for those who wish to respond to suffering with faith, and to be able to discuss it with others in the light of faith.



Science and Faith

It is often thought that science and religion are constantly at war. Darwin and God; Science and Ethics. This course aims to see science and faith in a complementary and fruitful relationship and to introduce some ethical issues in the development of science and current theological thinking. A straightforward look at issues arising for believers in the light of science.

Interpreting the Bible in a world of many voices

Many people are 'streetwise' in relation to the many voices trying to influence us in modern media. Are we streetwise and yet faithful in our reading of scripture? Are we aware of the ways in which people of other cultures and theologies interpret the same words? How do we read the scriptures as people of faith when there are so many different approaches?



The Journey of Forgiveness

What are the limits of forgiveness? How can we forgive? Can we expect others to? This course covers the challenges of living with hurt over a long period of time and looks at forgiveness on a wider, global level, as well as on a personal one.