



Resources for Lent and Easter 2014

The Way of the Cross

Denis O'Gorman and Barry Hart

The Way of the Cross is a new musical setting of the traditional devotion commemorating the Passion of Christ by depicting his journey as he carries his cross to his crucifixion.

This contemplative and moving work may be performed in a number of ways and could be used by any denomination or group. Traditionally sung whilst moving around a set of stations, The Way of the Cross could also form the basis of a dramatic presentation in schools or churches where the participants mime the unfolding events.

Others may find it beneficial for personal prayerful meditation, using the CD included. £9.99

Waymarkers

John Saxbee

Former Bishop of Lincoln, John Saxbee underlines the value of Mark's Gospel as a companion and guide on our Christian journey, with its wise teaching and Jesus' inspirational example.

The seven stages are:

- Travelling light - but not alone
- Stormy weather
- Brief encounters
- Food for the journey - food for thought
- Followers of the way

- Cross country - Gethsemane to Golgotha
- Journey's end?

Waymarkers helps the reader to take this journey, either individually or as part of a group, with each stage offering a closer look at an extract from Mark's Gospel, complete with suggestions for personal reflection or group discussion, audio-visual illustrations and prayer. £8.99

Who Do You Say That I Am

Annie Heppenstall

Annie Heppenstall has spent four years practising a contemplative lifestyle. She offers here an insightful and enriching daily journey through Lent, using Mark's Gospel as a guide book, with reflections, prayer and the opportunity for biblical exploration.

Exploring Lent as never before, Annie has tried to focus on the less obvious things, the little details, the 'behind-the-scenes people' and the way the land itself impacts on the Gospel story, to present a fresh way of looking at and appreciating the big picture of Jesus' self-giving love. In particular, she has looked for the significance of the natural world and of the women who are very much present in the Gospel narratives, but whose voices and names are less often heard. £14.99

Above are available from www.kevinmayhew.com

See also - <http://www.kevinmayhew.com/search-site?q=lent%20books>

Reflections for Lent

Reflections for Lent is designed to enhance your spiritual journey through the forty days from Ash Wednesday to Holy Saturday (5 March-19 April 2014).

Covering Monday to Saturday each week, it offers stimulating and accessible reflections, from four respected Christian authors, on a reading selected from the Common Worship Weekday Lectionary.

Each day includes:

- Full lectionary details for Morning Prayer
- A reflection on one of the Bible readings
- A Collect for the day

This volume offers daily material for 5 March to 19 April 2014, taken from the Reflections for Daily Prayer 2013/14 annual edition. It is ideal for individuals and groups seeking Lectionary-based reflections for use during Lent and Holy Week, or for anyone wishing to try Reflections for Daily Prayer before committing to a year's worth of material.

It also features a simple form of morning and night prayer and a guide to the reflective reading of scripture. Ideal as an accompaniment to *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* and *Time to Pray*, this unique series is for anyone who values both the companionship of daily Bible notes and the structure of the Lectionary.

Church House Publishing £3.99

See - www.chpublishing.co.uk

<http://www.chpublishing.co.uk/search-results?q=lent>

Christian Aid

Christian Aid has produced a series of reflections to accompany “Count your blessings”.

PDF downloads for Ash Wednesday and the six ensuing weeks. See -

<http://www.christianaid.org.uk/getinvolved/lent-2014/lent/lent-resources.aspx>

INNOVATIVE RESOURCES FOR LENT GROUPS

Love Life: Living the Gospel of Love

For Lent 2014 the Brothers of The Society of Saint John the Evangelist (SSJE), an Anglican order, have developed an easy-to-use video series and accompanying workbook “Love Life: Living the Gospel of Love.” The daily series runs from Ash [Wednesday, March 5th](#), to Palm Sunday.

Subscribers will be emailed each morning with a mobile-friendly video and evocative question. The daily email subscription is free, as are all the supporting materials which are available to download for free. A printed version can be purchased through www.SSJE.org/lovelife.

“Love Life: Living the Gospel of Love” is an offering from the Brothers of SSJE that delves deeply into the gospel that shapes their community life. The Brothers believe that spending time praying and pondering with the Gospel of John can help us all to live more abundantly: the life of love to which we are called. John’s message of love can unlock our own hearts and transform the communities where we belong.

This series is designed so that everyone in a community can participate. Churches can offer “Love Life” for groups that meet in person and for people who prefer to access the series electronically, via a smart phone or computer.

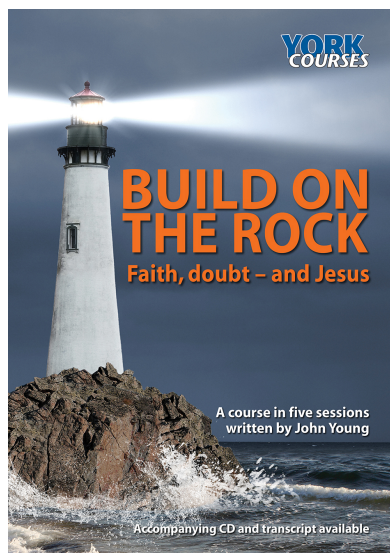
The Episcopal Diocese of Texas and the Anglican Church of Canada will be featuring Love Life during Lent. “When I learned about “Love Life,” it was a natural decision to coordinate our Lenten issue of the diocesan magazine, *Dialog*, with a similar focus. We are promoting the 5-week program and videos to our membership and churches as well. Our Christian Formation team is also very excited about the program, which can be very personal or approached from a group standpoint. I have found that collaboration with SSJE allows us to expand what my small staff can provide with quality programming while modeling what being part of a broader Church is all about,” said Carol E. Barnwell, Communication Director of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas

The series begins [on March 5th](#) with three short videos introducing John as the Gospel of Love and explaining their intentions and hopes for the series. After the introductory videos, the series explores five themes, which the Brothers find in John’s Gospel and in their lives: Revelation, Invitation, Participation, Collaboration and Vocation. Each Sunday there will be a video reflecting on the theme for that week, which will then be explored in five short daily videos (M-F) and in the worksheet that accompanies them. Each video ends with a thought-provoking question to be pondered over the course of the day, then answered on the worksheet or at www.SSJE.org/lovelife. On Saturday there will be a catch-up video with that week’s videos replayed together.

More information is available at www.SSJE.org/lovelife. Resources for group and church leaders and educators are available at www.SSJE.org/loveliferesources.

York Courses

[Build on the Rock: faith, doubt - and Jesus](#)



BUILD ON THE ROCK (Matthew 7.24) starts by looking at faith and doubt. Is it wrong – or is it normal and healthy – for a Christian to have doubts? Is there any evidence for a God who loves us? We hear from many witnesses. At the heart of a Christian answer stands Jesus himself. We consider his ‘strange and beautiful story’ and reflect upon his teaching, his death, his resurrection and his continuing significance.

"The York Courses are a good brand. They help remind church members of their faith, serve useful sharing on Christian basics and engage with big issues facing humanity." Revd John Twisleton, Jan 2013

A course in five sessions comprising course booklet, CD and transcript:

Session (1) Believing and doubting

Session (2) Jesus - our teacher

Session (3) Jesus - our saviour

Session (4) Jesus - conqueror of death

Session (5) Jesus - Lord and brother

The course booklet, written by [Canon John Young](#) includes questions aimed at provoking wide-ranging discussion. Each group needs 1 CD, plus a course booklet for each member. In addition many groups find the transcript booklet, which cross-references to the tracks on the CD, invaluable.

The participants on the course CD are the [Rt Revd Richard Chartres](#), [Dr Paula Gooder](#) and [Revd Joel Edwards](#).

[Revd David Gamble](#) provides the Closing Reflection at the end of each session.

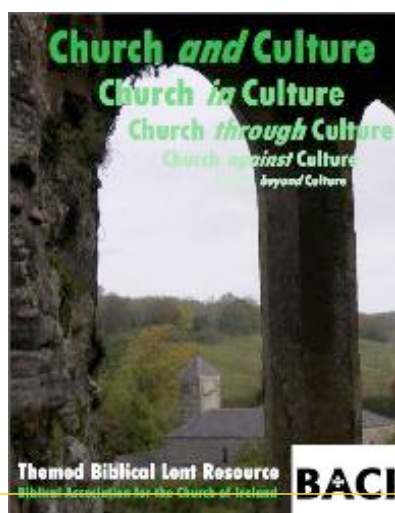
[Dr David Hope](#) - former Archbishop of York - introduces this course.

Further information with web site document and word file with invitations etc at -

<http://www.yorkcourses.co.uk/course.aspx?id=1cdbf6c0-131a-4921-852e-a2ffbf24f364>

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Themed Lent biblical study available for free download



BACI (the Biblical Association for the Church of Ireland) has published a themed biblical study which looks at the relationship the church and culture.

As in the previous three years' studies, this study has five weeks which use Old and New Testament readings.

The booklet was launched at St Anne's Cathedral, Belfast, on January 20, and is now available for free download at

<http://www.bibliahibernica.wordpress.com/>