

2021 UPDATE #2

CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED

Christianity Explored is an opportunity for anyone and everyone to look at what Christianity is all about. *Christianity Explored* is a seven-session course that gives people the time and space to think about the big questions of life and to explore the life of the man at the heart of the Christian faith. As they explore Mark's Gospel, people find out who Jesus is, why he came and what it means to follow him.

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The next *Christianity Explored* course will start this Thursday (21st Jan), at 7:45pm, and will be online via Zoom. For further details, or if you have any questions, do please contact Mark (details over).

NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

- *Mark writes:* In light of the recent government policy and the advice received from the Diocese, we remain closed for public worship once again. We will continue to make *Church Family Worship Online* available each Sunday morning, and will endeavour to help those unable to access this in other ways. The Churchwardens and I will keep the matter under ongoing review and will keep people informed as much as possible.
- Our church WhatsApp group is open to all who are part of St Peter's. It is used for encouragement and prayer, as well as general communication. If you would like to be added to the group, please contact Bernice Watts in the Church Office (details over).
- The next PCC meeting is planned for Tuesday 9th February, at 7:30pm, via Zoom.
- The preliminary date for the Annual Church Meetings in 2021 is Tuesday 27th April, at 7:30pm. This will be via Zoom unless by then it is viable to hold the meeting in church.

'DEALING WITH DEPRESSION' - an online 'Equip' event from Oak Hill

Depression is common. All of us know people affected by it, and many of us experience it ourselves. At its worst it can be flattening, dehumanising, and its effects can even be fatal. It's a huge part of modern life and in this session we will find that the Bible has a great deal to say about depression, to people who are depressed and to their carers, and connects at our points of greatest need. We'll also seek to understand how God uses both church and secular means to care for those struggling with depression.

This teaching session is delivered online in two 45 minute teaching sessions, with opportunities for interactions and questions, and will be led by our Director of Pastoral Care, Andrew Nicholls. The event will be on Thursday 4th February (7:30pm-9:30pm), and will be repeated on Saturday 6th February (9:30am-11:30am). Tickets are £5, and bookings can be accessed via <https://www.oakhill.ac.uk/events/equip-dealing-with-depression>

THE CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday 17th January [the 2nd Sunday of Epiphany]

- 10:00am — **Church Family Worship Online** (available on [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#))

Wednesday 20th January

- 8:00pm — **Church Prayer Meeting** (via the *St Peter's Church* WhatsApp group)

Thursday 21st January

- 7:45pm — **Christianity Explored** (via Zoom, details on request)

Sunday 24th January [the 3rd Sunday of Epiphany]

- 10:00am — **Church Family Worship Online** (available on [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#))

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