

IF YOU THINK THIS COURSE COULD HELP YOU, REGISTER ***NOW*** TO START THE 2013-15 COURSE BY COMPLETING THE REPLY SLIP BELOW AND SENDING TO:

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Name.....

Address.....

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Parish/Church.....

Name of
Minister.....

AGE GROUP (please circle the appropriate one)

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I wish to apply for a place on the **Mainland /Island** (please delete as applicable) Exploring Christianity course 2013-2015 and enclose a cheque for £..... for first term.

The Course costs £30.00 per term.

Cheques should be made payable to: Portsmouth Diocesan Reader's Board

Data Protection Act 1998 – this information will be retained on computer and paper solely for the purpose of this course and informing you of other courses. I agree to this information being held for the above purposes.

If you do not wish to be informed about other courses run by the diocese please tick the box.

Signed..... Dated.....

Please also complete the question in the box on page 3 as part of your application.

Exploring Christianity 2013-15



Mission and Discipleship

Exploring Christianity



Mainland Group 2013-15

Thursday 19th September 2013

Venue: Denmead All Saints Church Hall (Upper Room)

Isle of Wight Group

Thursday 19th September 2013

Venue: Ryde or Newport (size of group will determine exact venue)

Registered Charity Number 249256

Exploring Christianity 2013-15

EXPLORING CHRISTIANITY

A new learning opportunity for those who wish to expand their theological understanding of the Christian faith. The course is based on small tutor-led groups together with individual work by students, and course materials for study will be supplied. The course will also form the first phase of training for those selected for lay ministry, alongside other students.

The Unit Modules for the two year Exploring Christianity course comprise:

1. 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.

2. 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

3. Questions of Faith

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

4. Reshaping 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.

5. 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

6. 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
- Discovers how Christian theological positions might be applied to emerging contemporary ethical dilemmas

The cost of the Course is £30.00 per term.

If you are interested, please contact/send completed application form to:

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This course is likely to book up quickly as each group is limited in number. If you would like a place, it would be very helpful if you could return the completed form as soon as possible.

Application continued:

What do you hope to gain from this course, what do you feel you may achieve by doing it and how might you contribute to it?

Please use a separate sheet if you wish