

## A Proposed study group

“I believe in God.....” .....don't I ?

Where do our ideas and beliefs about God come from? At a recent group with 9/10 yr olds one of them, brought up in a church going family, said “I believe in Jesus, but I don't believe in God.”. Where do I stand?

Our understanding of the nature of God in the Christian tradition is developed through the Old Testament and culminates in the person of Jesus. We all remember stories from the OT, but can we begin to place them in this development ? And are they anything more than rattling good tales?

In this 5 week course we will try, all too briefly, to begin to;

...develop a 'time line' of the history of the Jewish people from the creation stories to the coming of Christ,

...see where some of the well known stories (Moses in the bullrushes, David and Goliath , Jonah and the whale etc) hang on this timeline and where patriarchs, kings and prophets come into the story

...explore how the understanding of the nature of God developed over centuries- and how that understanding impacts on our modern world.

A tall order, but hopefully it will provide a framework for deeper understanding over the years. When Jesus met two followers on the way to Emmaus after his resurrection we read “beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures”.

---

If you think you might like to join this study group there will be a meeting in Chelmondiston church room on **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> Feb** from **7.30 - 9 pm** I will also book the next 5 Wednesdays in case we need them.

At that meeting we will outline the programme in more detail and decide if, where and when we continue the course. It could be for the next 5 weeks in Lent, or later in the year. The day of the week and time will be decided by the group. If only 4 or 5 people are interested we could meet in homes,; if more we might continue the Chelmo Parish Room. If you are interested but cannot come on that first date please e mail me at **sandrseagulls@btinternet.com** or phone **780051** and tell me if you prefer Lent or later in the year, and what day of the week or time of day would suit you better.

