





Wednesday's at Christ Church Clifton

Check out our Big Read resources page for intro videos, discussion notes and to order a copy of John McGinley's book - ccweb.org.uk/bigread



John McGinley's book *The Church of Tomorrow* is such a timely book that it has been selected for the first ever Big New Wine Read this Summer

At Christ Church we will be basing our Summer Term weekly teaching on the chapters of the book. We are encouraging everyone to get hold of a copy of the book and read it alongside the weekly teaching. If you haven't yet ordered a copy of the book, you can do so at ccweb.org.uk/bigread

3rd May - Session 1 - The Church of Tomorrow *

Introduction - Matthew 16:1-20. What does it mean to be the Church in this generation and cultural moment, and to have a vision for renewal?

10th May - Session 2 - Jesus is Lord

Chapter 1 - Ephesians 1:19b-23. What does it mean to be the Church in a Post-Christendom society where the prevailing culture can often be opposed to the Gospel and where other false gods compete for lordship of our lives?

17th May - Session 3 - Dependent on the Holy Spirit

Chapter 2 - Ephesians 1:17-20. What might it look like for the Church to not only believe the teachings of Jesus, but to actually do the things He commanded us to do? **Followed by Midweek Lunch**

Jock and Katy Hughes will be with us today

24th May - Session 4 - Confidence in the Gospel

Chapter 3 - Ephesians 2:1-5. Why do we all seem to find sharing Jesus such a struggle? How can we regain confidence in the Gospel?

31st May - Mystery Revealed by the Spirit

Pentecost - Ephesians 3:1-13

7th June - Prayer in the Spirit *

Ephesians 3:14-21

14th June - Session 5 - A Disciple-Making Community

Chapter 4 - Ephesians 4:1-5 & 14-16. How can the Church live once again in the calling of the Great Commission to make disciples of all nations?

21st June - Session 6 - Churches That Plant Churches

Chapter 5 - Acts 19:1-10. How do we understand the Church as a missionary movement, open to the new thing that the Spirit is doing in bringing renewal and reaching the lost? Followed by Midweek Lunch

28th June - Session 7 - A Diverse Leadership

Chapter 6 - Ephesians 2:11-22. What challenges does the New Testament give us in terms of how the Church is to understand 'ministry' and 'leadership', break the stranglehold of clericalism and embrace the Biblical model of 'every-memberministry?

5th July - Session 8 - A Holy People *

Chapter 7 - Ephesians 5:1-20. How do Christians live in our calling to be 'in the world but not of the world?' How do we remain engaged and connected, yet holy and pure?

12th July - Session 9 - Prioritising Prayer

Chapter 8 - Ephesians 6:10-17. How might we reclaim the reality of the spiritual battle we live in and commit ourselves to the ancient disciplines of prayer that have lain dormant?

* Holy Communion