



YEAR GROUP 36/09
23-25 April 2010
Further Scripture Study (NT)



PROGRAMME [©STETS]

Welcome to the Further Scripture Study weekend at STETS. It is intended to support your study of the New Testament for ministry and mission, particularly via your work on modules A5, B8 and B6. MA students will be attending the second session of their M7 (Emerging Church) module.

Please remember to bring a Bible (NRSV), and your copy of Holgate and Starr (2006) to the weekend.

- 09:45 **Session 1: On Reading the Bible in Church - Why and How?**
Philip Seddon & Anne Claar Thomasson-Rosingh
 In this orientation session, we review the place of the Bible in our lives and in the life of the church, and consider the place of 'spiritual reading' and 'academic' biblical exegesis and interpretation.
 [Cavell Room] Chaired by Vernon White
- 09:30 **MA Seminar M7 (Emerging Church)**
 See STeTSlearn for details. [Tindall Room & Burnet Room]
- 10:45 **Coffee**
- 11:15 **Session 2: Reading the whole of Romans (and the consequences of not reading the whole book)**
Philip Seddon
Romans is a major intellectual and spiritual challenge. Knowing a few texts is OK, but where they occur is just as important. This session will attempt to give a bird's eye view of a major document of Christian faith, and offer clues about reading any biblical text in its entirety.
 [Cavell Room] Chaired by Anne Claar Thomason-Rosingh
- 11:15 **MA Seminar M7**
 See STeTSlearn for details. [Tindall Room & Burnet Room]
- 12:30 **Free Time**
- 12:45 **Lunch**
- 13:30 ❖ **Interviews**
 ❖ **Voice & Presentation Skills training with Sonia Woolley**
 ❖ **Free time**
- 15:00 **Tea available**
- 15:30 **Session 3: Life in the Roman Empire**
Judith Rossall
 What can we know about what life was like for those who lived in the Roman Empire? This session will attempt to answer that question, providing important background material for study of the New Testament and the Early Church.
 [Cavell Room] Chaired by Philip Richter
- 16:45 **Time for reflection or worship preparation**
- 18:00 **Supper**
- 19:00 **Session 4: Acts 15: Maintaining Fellowship in the Light of Conflict**
Dr Michael DeLashmutt
 This interactive session will help us to use exegesis and hermeneutics for responsible biblical interpretation. Here we will see how a central passage from Acts can help address a pressing issue in the life of the church today.

[Cavell Room]

Chaired by Jackie Lowe

20:15 **Evening Prayer (*Common Worship*)** Lambert & Co

20:35 **Worship Review** with Vernon White and Anne Claar Thomasson-Rosingh

SUNDAY

08:15-08.50 **Breakfast**

09:00 **Fresh Expressions Communion Service**
President: Anne Claar Thomasson-Rosingh
[Dining Room] with Barrie & Co
Please gather in the Hallway under the stairs before the service

10:00 **Worship Review** with Anne Claar Thomason-Rosingh

10:00 **Response to Worship** chaired by Philip Seddon
[Common Room]

10:25 **Coffee**

10:55 **Weekend Feedback and Community Notices**

11:00 **Bible Reading: John 20**
Philip Richter
Please bring your Bibles with you, preferably the New Revised Standard Version.
[Cavell Room]

11:20 **Theological Reflection in &Co Groups**

12:00 **Worship Matters: Leading Prayer in Worship**
Judith Rossall
In this session we aim to enhance your understanding of and skill in leading different forms of prayer in public worship. We will look at both set, liturgical form and also less formal forms of prayer (both prepared and spontaneous).
[Cavell Room] Chaired by David Holgate

13:00 **Lunch**

Bibliography

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Ferguson, Everett (2003, 3rd ed.) *Backgrounds of Early Christianity*, Grand Rapids: Eerdmans. An excellent reference book.

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Holgate, D. and Starr, R. (2006) *SCM Studyguide to Biblical Hermeneutics*, London: SCM Press. A basic framework to interact with as you develop your own approach to biblical interpretation.

Some useful web sites for New Testament study

These websites are well worth bookmarking and using. They will save you from 'Googling' aimlessly. The first is an essential portal.

Enjoy exploring them, though remember that these links serve a wide range of students and scholars—take care not to get lost, or sidetracked yourself.

<http://www.ntgateway.com/>

This excellent and comprehensive gateway, maintained by Dr Mark Goodacre formerly of the University of Birmingham, now at Duke University, is an excellent place to explore scholarly NT resources on the web. Note too the weblog, with debate on matters of current interest to NT studies.

<http://www.torreys.org/bible/>

A huge compilation of interesting material, focusing on the early Christian writings and their social world (don't get lost!)

<http://www.textweek.com/pauline/paul.htm>

A very comprehensive collection of links to material on Paul by Jenee Woodard. There is loads of other fun stuff here too!

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/shows/religion/first/missions.html>

Interesting introductions to Paul from the PBS documentary's web site by a number of front-rank American scholars, including Wayne Meeks.

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/shows/religion/story/mmindex.html>

A similar overview of the Four Gospels.

<http://www.abrock.com/Greece-Turkey/FootstepsIntro.html>

This last link is just a tourist report of a visit to Greece and Turkey, taking in the places Paul visited with descriptions and photos. Well worth visiting (see picture on front of this programme).

<http://blog.christilling.de>

This is an often light-hearted, but extremely informative and up-to-date blog on all things New Testament-like, with frequent video-lectures by the great and the good.

On Jesus

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Gorman, Michael J (2009) *Inhabiting the Cruciform God: Kenosis, Justification and Theosis in Paul's Narrative Soteriology*, Grand Rapids: Eerdmans

Gorman, Michael J (2008), *Reading Paul*, Milton Keynes: Paternoster

Schnabel, Eckhard (2004), *Early Christian Mission*. Two Volumes. Volume 1: *Jesus and the Twelve*; Volume 2: *Paul and the Early Church*

Schnabel, Eckhard (2008), *Paul the Missionary. Realities, Strategies and Methods*, Downers Grove, Ill. and Leicester, UK: Apollos/ IVP

Wright, N T (2005), *Paul: Fresh Perspectives*, London: SPCK

(Please also note that the Sarum Bookshop offer of the *New Interpreter's Bible Commentary* Volume X [Acts, Romans and 1 Corinthians] at £36.89 represents astonishing value for money!)