

THE OLD TESTAMENT

A closed book? or An open wound?

A 5 session course on Zoom on Wednesdays at 7.30pm
starting Wednesday 7th October

Isn't it all irrelevant now we've got Jesus and the New Testament?

I don't understand how to make sense of it.

Hasn't most of it been scientifically disproved?

There's too much punishment and violence for me!

If you identify with any of these questions, or if you simply want to know more about the Old Testament, this course is for you!

The aim is to understand how the Old Testament ticks and to discover the huge potential it has to allow us to hear the voice of the Christian God in today's society.

NO PRIOR EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!

A brief outline of evenings:

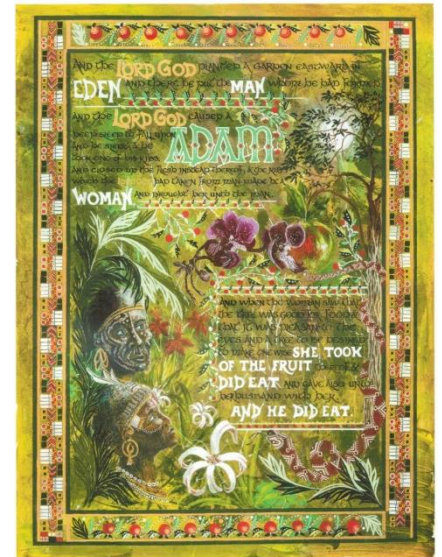
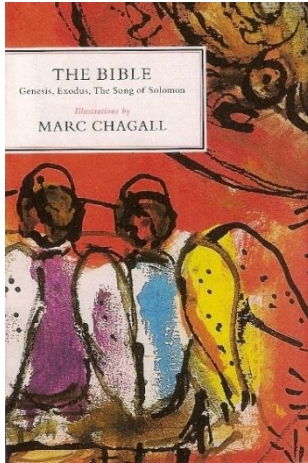
Session 1 7th Oct The Old Testament and the big story.

- If you were to sum up the Old Testament in one pithy sentence, what would you say?
- What questions are you bringing to the evenings?
- Who wrote the Old Testament?
- What does it say about who we are and the relationships we form?
- Why is the title of this course referring to 'an open wound'?

Session 2 14th Oct

The Patriarchs

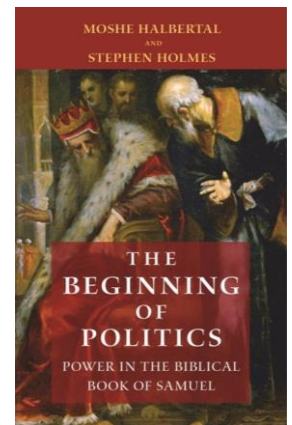
- Genesis and Exodus using art and embroidery.
- The Bath Abbey Diptychs and The Bible illustrated by Marc Chagall.



Session 3 21st Oct

History

- The books of 1 and 2 Samuel and 1 and 2 Kings .
- The bible and politics and power.
- A look at human relationships (using *'The beginning of Politics'* by Moshe Halbertal and Stephen Holmes).



Session 4 28th Oct

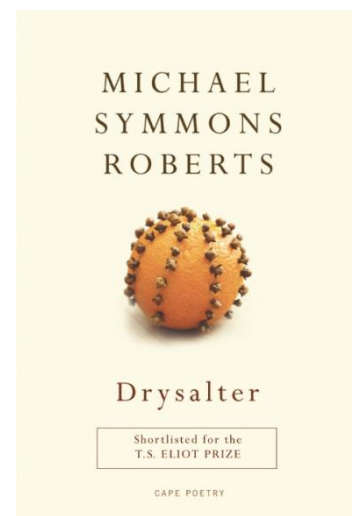
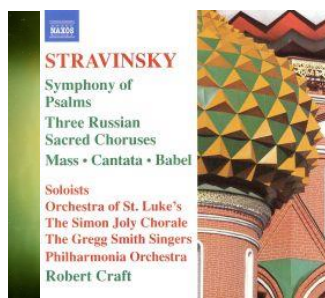
Prophecy

- What is prophecy?
- Isaiah and Jeremiah.
- What the Bible has to say about Climate Change and Covid 19.
- What the role of the Church might be today.

Session 5 4th Nov

Worship

- Psalms and Lamentations.
- How can we worship when we're angry or depressed?
- Music and poetry in worship.
- Is there a psalm for today?



Please
bring a bible!

