

Contemporary Culture and Christian Doctrine



An opportunity to audit a module taught for the diocese of Rochester.

Join us we seek to connect our faith with contemporary culture, and consider how the historic Christian Gospel addresses the live issues of our day.

The module will be delivered online, and pending Covid-19 guidance, will be taught in the church building.

Auditing the Course

Members of the parish are most welcome to audit the course for free, but are politely reminded that this is an assessed module for those attending through the diocese as part of their training for Licensed Lay Ministry.

For more details, or to book your place, visit our website or contact Rev. Simon

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What: Taught Module: Contemporary Culture and Christian Doctrine

When: Saturday 26/9 and 28/11 (Full Days - 9:00am to 3:00pm)
Tuesdays 13/10 and 3/11 (Evenings only - 7:30pm - 9:30pm)

Where: Online via ZOOM, and pending Covid-19 guidance, in the church building.

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At Length

The study of Christian doctrine can be misrepresented as an academic exercise that has little practical bearing on the way we express our faith. Yet such a view undermines the richness of the very faith we seek to proclaim. What we believe matters, and the content of our faith gives shape and structure to all that we say and do. As the foundations underpin a house, so too Christian doctrine gives structure and solidity to our hope in Jesus Christ - even in an unstable and changing world. This course will reflect on live issues in contemporary culture, with the conviction that the historic Christian faith speaks into these areas with relevance and authority. Students will be encouraged to think creatively, drawing upon Scripture, reason, experience and tradition to discern links between Christian doctrine and current affairs. Students will have freedom to explore questions such as "What does the Trinity teach us about Brexit?", "What does the Atonement mean for those grieving the effects of Covid-19?" or "How does Creation speak to those wrestling with questions of identity?"

This module is well suited to students who wish to learn more about theology, and who wish to apply their learning creatively to the challenges of contemporary culture. This course is designed to familiarise you with the core doctrines of the Christian faith, as they are presented in the Apostles' Creed. By engaging with the historic tenets of the Christian faith you will strengthen your foundation, and discover a greater confidence in the Christian gospel. A great deal of emphasis in this module is given to discussion, and to your developing ability to articulate historic truth in a contemporary, creative and engaging way.

By the end of this course, students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate a familiarity with the key doctrines expressed in the Apostles' Creed.
2. Reflect creatively and maturely to identify links between Christian belief and current affairs.
3. Articulate theologically sophisticated and sensitive responses to contemporary issues.

