

Faith Seekers[©]

COME, SEE, LEARN, KNOW

How much time do we spend window shopping for things to improve or add to our life? Exploring the virtual wishlist of must-have items online or physically gazing through a shop window. Well, many have taken that approach with their faith journey over the past few months, maybe even you!

You may have followed a service online, attended a church for private prayer or just spent some time having a private, quiet chat with God. Or, you may have done none of this and just simply felt alone, lost and questioning the world around you. Or, you may feel grateful for what you have around you, family, friends or creation. I am sure though that most, if not all of us, have noted the sense of community we have felt recently and the want to be there for each other in times of difficulty. These acts of

window shopping faith may have built an appetite to learn more. If that is the case then this course of exploration into the Christian faith may be your next step.

The course is called *Faith Seekers*. It is derived from the sense that we are all pilgrims seeking to understand more; on an internal journey, fuelled by our inquisitive nature and sense of restlessness. Leading us to ask more delving questions to understand ourselves, the world around us and what or who God is and how this fits into our lives.

So what will it involve?

Faith Seekers is a teaching and discipleship resource from Chelmsford Cathedral. It aims to help create a place where people can explore the Christian faith together and reflect on how it can be lived out each day.

It's relaxed, free-flowing, with opportunities to really say things such as 'Do I really believe?', 'What does it mean?', 'I don't understand?' and even 'I don't agree with that?' We all have lots of questions and these can be explored in a structured, supported and safe way. It may not be the

course that leads you to a committed and absolute faith but as pilgrims, it might be the next step on your exploration, your first step over the threshold.

The sessions approach the everyday issues of faith not through persuasion, but participation in a pattern of contemplation and discussion with a group of fellow seekers. The first course will run over 6 weeks with a focus on finding faith through tailored discussion in an informal and friendly environment.

The course is free and all materials will be provided. If you wish to have an informal discussion regarding attendance then please do contact Gary Fleming (Cathedral Ordinand) on gary.fleming@stmellituscollege.ac.uk

Expected start date is Wednesday, October the 14th at 18:30.

I look forward to meeting you.

Gary

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Hello. My name is Gary Fleming. I would like to introduce to you to Faith Seekers, a course for those seeking to understand and explore the Christian faith in a safe and relaxed environment.

Come

All are welcome. Very welcome. Come and take a step towards understanding the Christian faith. There are no prerequisites for attending, just an open mind.

See

See and hear about the good news that is at the heart of our faith. How has it worked in the lives of so many? What could it mean to you?

Learn

The story of the Christian faith is a trip through history that brings to life the past, makes sense of today and gives hope for the future. Learn about the God who has been, is now and will be forever.



(Gary on pilgrimage in Cornwall 2020)

Know

The approach to the course is to help you know the God that is there in your life already. Many people seeking faith often feel before they know. A sense of spiritual restlessness that precedes

inquiry is a natural path of starting to seek to know and understand more.

Is it for you?

The best way to answer that is to come along and find out. The fact that you are reading this suggests that you have enough of an interest to find out more.

The course will be run via Zoom and all resources will be uploaded for you to look at in your own time.

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For more information contact Gary on gary.fleming@stmellituscollege.ac.uk

I look forward to meeting you.
Best wishes,
Gary