



SUMMER BIBLICAL STUDY IN OXFORD

The programme of the Vacation Term for Biblical Study
(Registered Charity No.1125494)

Sunday 27 July to Friday 1 August 2014
At St Anne's College, Oxford

This annual residential summer school offers a programme of lectures and readings at a high academic level. The courses are suitable for ordained and lay worship leaders, students studying theology and related subjects, and any individuals who wish to develop their understanding of the Bible through academic study. Prices from **£575** (residential full-board), **£120** (non-resident)



What participants have said:

I always find it a positive and challenging week. There is so much to be learnt from the lectures for personal knowledge and for information to be used in sermons. Also I have made so many friends there it is lovely to catch up with everyone and have stimulating conversations.

It has become a regular feature of my annual calendar which I look forward to, both for its content and for the pleasure of spending a few days in Oxford.

I have always found it enriching, inspiring and it has fed my preaching and teaching.

I find biblical 'criticism' a great help in my desire to follow and discover the Christian way, but it so often appears to people as the opposite of that. With the contemporary splits in the churches it seems to me even more important than before for people in the church to discover the value of Biblical criticism, and [Summer Biblical Study in Oxford] does that.

For enquiries brochures and application forms please contact:
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The Vacation Term for Biblical Study is an organisation which contracts with St Anne's College Oxford for the use of facilities, but which has no formal connection with the University of Oxford

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The Vacation Term for Biblical Study (Registered Charity No. 1125494) runs *Summer Biblical Study in Oxford*, a summer school at St Anne's College for the benefit of people who wish to deepen their knowledge and understanding of the Bible and allied subjects.

In addition to the Inaugural Lecture on the opening Sunday, the week has a programme comprising 20 one hour sessions. The two main courses cover Old and New Testament topics and consist of four lectures, two related 'Readings' in which exegetical and translation issues are discussed; and a concluding question and answer session. This year there is the bonus of two (rather than the usual one) supplementary series each of three lectures. Participants can be issued with a Certificate of Attendance on request.



Advanced Hebrew Language Class, 2012

As an optional extra, for a fee of £25, participants can enrol for daily language classes in biblical Greek or Hebrew at absolute beginner, intermediate or advanced level, which take place after breakfast. Morning lectures begin at 10.15am. The programme is more intensive than in previous years. However, the minority of participants who choose not to attend either the Greek or the Hebrew

readings will have some extra free time in the early afternoon to explore the attractions of the historic City of Oxford and the surrounding countryside, or engage in quiet private study. Even the more conscientious participants should find time to enjoy St Anne's College's relatively quiet location, close to the University Parks and make the short walk to the centre of the City of Oxford.



Coffee Break between Lectures

Accommodation for this event includes full board. It is in attractive, well-appointed single study bedrooms at St Anne's College, many of which feature en-suite facilities. The rooms that only have just a wash-basin (which are much more affordable) are spacious and otherwise of a high standard, but regrettably none of them have step-free access. Please contact the Secretary or the Treasurer if you would like more information about the facilities on offer.

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INAUGURAL ADDRESS

Irrigating Deserts:

C S Lewis and the reading of Scripture

Revd. Professor Alister McGrath,
Professor of Theology, Ministry &
Education, King's College London



Lecture Theatre at St Anne's College, Oxford

OLD TESTAMENT SERIES:

The Lost Lady of the Temple

With Readings from
Proverbs 1:20-33; and 3:13-18 & 8:22-36
Dr Margaret Barker
Former President of the Society for
Old Testament Study

NEW TESTAMENT SERIES:

The Epistle to the Colossians

With Readings from
Colossians 2:1-23 and 3:1-4:1
Revd. Dr Paul Foster
Senior Lecturer, New Testament
Language, Literature and Theology,
University of Edinburgh

SUPPLEMENTARY SERIES:

The Second Commandment: Idolatry and Permissible Images in Modern Jewish Art

Professor Melissa Raphael-Levine,
Professor of Jewish Theology,
University of Gloucestershire

SUPPLEMENTARY SERIES:

Handelian Heroes of the Faith: Joseph and His Brethren, Samson, Susanna

Dr Deborah Rooke,
Research Fellow, Oxford Centre for
Christianity and Culture,
University of Oxford

Programme details correct as at [21 January 2014]

President	Professor Morna D. Hooker, M.A., Ph.D., D. Litt. D.D. The Lady Margaret's Professor of Divinity Emerita, University of Cambridge
Acting Chairman	Professor J. Keith Elliott, B.A., D.Phil., D.D. Emeritus Professor of New Testament Textual Criticism, University of Leeds
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Other Trustees	Ms Debbie Beer; Ms Janet Cowen; Mr Peter Green; Mrs Pat Green; Lady Laws; Revd Canon John Westwood
Lectures Advisory	Dr Margaret Barker; Dr Jennifer Dines; Professor Hugh Pyper



BOOKING ARRANGEMENTS

Formally, bookings for residents close on 15 June, with invoices for payment of accommodation charges to follow shortly afterwards. Early booking is advisable to ensure that sufficient accommodation is reserved and to avoid disappointment. Non-residents can apply up to a week before the start, and it might also be possible to consider later bookings for residents, but please check with the Treasurer. Booking forms should be accompanied by a cheque to cover the lecture fees payable to *The Vacation Term for Biblical Study* and sent to:

Mr Richard Garner, 45 Souldern Street, Watford, Herts WD18 0EU

An acknowledgement will be issued, and lecture timetables and reading lists will follow. If you have to withdraw, a deduction of £20 of the lecture fees will be made up to 15 July, and half the lecture fees after that date. Once accommodation fees have been paid there is no guarantee of a refund in the event of late cancellation, but St Anne's College will consider making refunds on compassionate grounds.

BURSARIES

A limited number of bursaries is available each year for applicants who would otherwise have difficulty affording the full residence fees. For an application form contact:

**Mr Peter Green, Bursary Secretary - plgreen1@virginmedia.com
3 The Chase, Church Road, Churchdown, Gloucester, GL3 2ER**

LIBRARY

Books relevant to the lectures and readings will be available to borrow at the Term. Hebrew and Greek Grammars and Testaments can also be borrowed.

PRAYERS

The programme includes short services of worship at 8.00 a.m. and 9.20 p.m. on week days; Communion is celebrated at 7.30 a.m. on Wednesday. Attendance is optional.

WEBSITE

For further information about Summer Biblical Study in Oxford and The Vacation Term for Biblical Study visit: www.vtbs.org.uk

BOOKING FORM – Summer Biblical Study in Oxford, 2014

Send to: Mr Richard Garner, 45 Souldern Street, Watford, Herts WD18 0EU

Title _____ Full Name _____

Address _____

_____ Postcode _____

Telephone _____ Email Address _____

Name as you would like it to appear on your name badge (e.g. [title], forename, surname):

LECTURE FEES:

* £100 for the week - Residents £

* £120 for Non-Residents (those not staying at St Anne’s)

* £15 per lecture if attending selectively (please add details on reverse) _____

Total to send with this form: £

(Cheques to be made out to ‘Vacation Term for Biblical Study’

Credit and debit card payments cannot be accepted, but you can

pay directly into our bank account by arrangement with the Treasurer.)

ACCOMMODATION (Indicate your preference below)

The booking is full board for five nights, Sunday to Thursday

Please book early to ensure allocation of the type of room that you prefer

– contact the Treasurer for further information

* £610 for en-suite rooms, £

* £475 for wash-basin rooms

CAR PARKING

* £25 (Most car parking is a few minutes’ walk from the College) £

Please give your car registration: _____

NON-RESIDENTS’ LUNCHES & DINNERS

If you are not staying at St Anne’s and wish to pre-book meals:

* Lunches: Monday to Friday £87.25 (or £17.45 each) £

* Dinners: Monday to Thursday £102.00 (or £25.50 each) £

Total to be invoiced for payment in June 2014 £ _____

LANGUAGE CLASSES

Please circle one below as appropriate (Additional Fee of £25)

* New Testament Greek Beginners / Intermediate / Advanced

* Old Testament Hebrew Beginners / Intermediate / Advanced £

Language Class Fees can be paid with the invoice or after arrival in Oxford,
They will be refunded in full if you do not continue with the course after the first session.

* Arriving on _____ - departure is after lunch on Friday 1 August
(Please try to arrive for registration between 14.00 and 16.30pm on Sunday 27 July)

* I am making my own accommodation arrangements (please supply details on reverse)

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

Please indicate any special requirements - dietary, ground floor etc. (use reverse if necessary)

If you are new to Summer Biblical Study in Oxford please indicate how you heard about us:

Note: * = Delete or circle as appropriate