



The Programme of the Vacation Term for Biblical Study (VTBS)



2019 Summer Biblical Study in Cambridge, at Westminster College

President: Professor Morna D. Hooker, M.A., Ph.D., D.Lit., D.D., The Lady Margaret's Professor of Divinity Emerita, University of Cambridge

Week 1: Sunday 28th July to Friday 2nd August

Inaugural Lecture

Professor Janet Soskice, University of Cambridge

Of fathers, sons, brothers and others...

What to do with Biblical kinship language in today's churches

Old Testament (5 lectures and 3 readings)

Dr Nathan MacDonald, University of Cambridge

Understanding Old Testament Ritual

New Testament (5 lectures and 3 readings)

Professor Edward Adams, King's College London

Going to Church in the First Two Centuries

Supplementary (3 lectures)

Dr Justin Meggitt, University of Cambridge

Magic and Miracle in the New Testament and its World

Week 2: Sunday 4th to Friday 9th August

Eileen Stamper Memorial Lecture

Professor Morna Hooker, University of Cambridge

'There's glory for you!'

Old Testament (5 lectures and 3 readings)

Dr Janet Tollington, University of Cambridge

Letting texts speak for themselves:

Studies in Ruth, Jonah and Lamentations

New Testament (5 lectures and 3 readings)

Professor Helen Bond, University of Edinburgh

Imitation, Characterisation and a Fitting End:

Reading Mark's Gospel as an Ancient Biography

Supplementary (3 lectures)

Dr Simon Perry, University of Cambridge

Do We Need Any More New Commentaries?

Limited places - book early to avoid disappointment



VTBS 2019

The Vacation Term
for Biblical Study

(inaugurated 1903) runs *Summer Biblical Study in Cambridge*, an annual school for all who wish to develop their understanding of the Bible through academic study. It is known for the quality of its courses and has been addressed by many biblical scholars of national and international repute. From its earliest days, VTBS has enabled teachers, students, ministers and laity to deepen their knowledge of biblical literature and to keep abreast of current research.

Cambridge, Westminster College and Library

The programme leaves time to explore the attractions of the historic City of Cambridge and the surrounding countryside, relax in the College gardens or engage in private study. Participants also have access to the library at Westminster College for reference and study, subject to opening times.

Programme

Each week of the programme is complete in itself, so that it is possible to attend either one or both weeks of study.

Both weeks offer 19 one hour sessions. There are two main courses covering Old and New Testament topics, each consisting of four lectures and a concluding question and answer session. There is a separate supplementary series of three lectures. The lecturers are all invited apart from consideration of their particular religious standpoint.



Languages

Each main course has three related biblical language readings in which exegetical and translation issues are discussed. Optional daily language classes in biblical Greek or Hebrew are also available.

Fees

Resident

Sunday evening - Friday afternoon

£597

Full board, lectures, readings

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Friday & Saturday

£111

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Non-resident

Monday morning - Friday noon

£250

Refreshments, lectures, readings

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Lunch and dinner can be booked through the College

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Language classes £30 per week

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Save £20 per week - book by end December 2018

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Only £160 deposit for one week, £300 for two weeks - until April 2019

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£10 surcharge - from May 2019

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See booking form for full details

Contact

More information and a booking form are available from:

www.vtbs.org.uk

For other questions or a printed booking form, email or write to the VTBS Secretary:

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"I found the whole course very rewarding, intellectually, socially, and spiritually."

P. Djupvik, Norway

Bursaries & Awards

A limited number of residential bursaries and non-residential awards are available towards fees. See website for more information.

To apply for a bursary or an award, email or write to the VTBS Bursary Secretary:

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