

Assessment

How much written work each member produces depends on his or her circumstances (students who do not wish to undertake the written work may take part in the course, but full participation is encouraged). Over two years everyone builds up a file of notes, reflections and the results of personal and group study. There are also four written projects, which involve personal research, as well as two group projects.

Tutors look at students' files from time to time to give guidance and to grade work. Tutors keep a record of each student's work and progress, which can be seen at any time.

Groups will be meeting at:

Acton: Thursday evenings 7.45 – 9.45pm
All Saints Church, Bollo Bridge Road, W3 8AX

Northwood: Wednesday evenings 7.45 – 9.45pm
The chapel in the church of St Edmund the King,
Pinner Road, Northwood HA6 1QS

Commencing week beginning 24th September 2012

Cost: £150 per year

There will be an introductory day for all those joining the course on Saturday 8th September from 10am to 1pm
Emmanuel Church, Fleming Road, Southall UB1 3LP

Places on the course can be booked through
Willesden Area Office, London Diocesan House, 36 Causton Street,
London SW1P 4AU.
Tel: 020 7932 1275 email: wao@london.anglican.org

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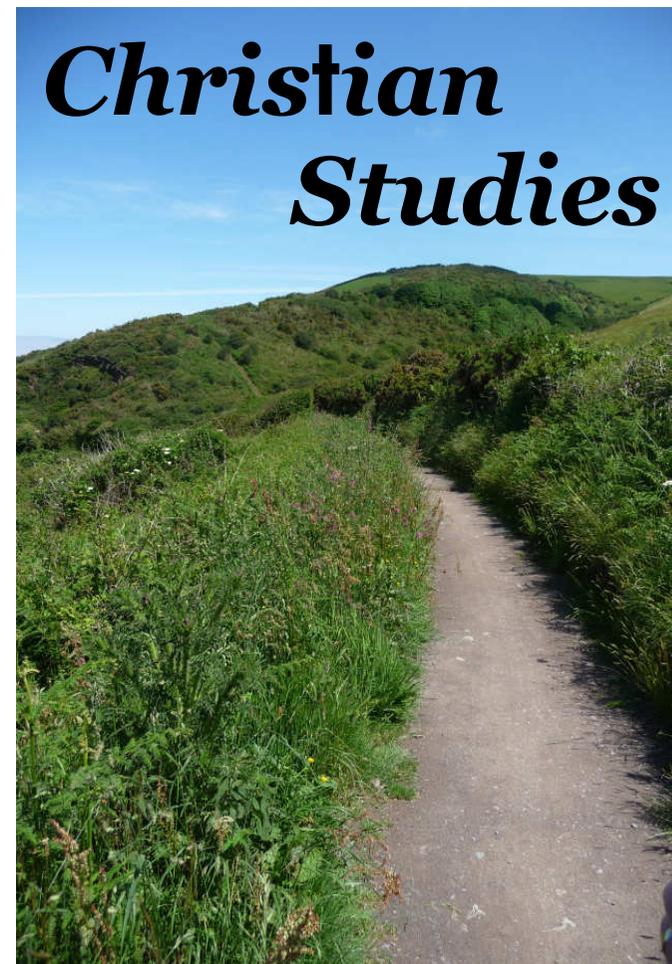
Training & Development
in
Willesden Episcopal Area



2012 - 2014

Course in

**Christian
Studies**



CCS is a course that began in the Diocese of Chelmsford in 1987 and since then over 2500 lay people have taken part in it. The first group in the Willesden Area began to meet in September 2009.

It offers an opportunity to explore Christian life and thought with others and aims to provide members with

- excitement at discovery
- knowledge of the Bible and Christian tradition
- delight in the riches of that tradition
- constructive response to the Bible, tradition and the contemporary church and world
- formation and development of groups and their individual members

CCS can stand alone, or it can provide a foundation for continuing study or vocational training. No educational qualifications are necessary, though some basic understanding of the Christian faith and the Bible will be helpful. It is not essential to belong to the Church of England or any other church. Participants need

- to be 16 or over
- to be willing to participate in a supportive group
- to be willing to contribute to the group from their own experience
- to be willing to do some thinking, reading and written work
- to be willing to engage with and explore the Christian faith

With the help of special worksheets, members do some study at home in preparation for discussion in the group the following week.

The course meets weekly in term-time. Each meeting includes time for prayer and a break for refreshments.

CCS consists of the following units (each lasting 5 weeks):

Year one

Introductory day

Unit A: Encountering God
or how not to be scared of
doing theology

Unit B: People of the Book
Exploring the place of the Bible
in Christian life

** Christmas break **

Unit C: The story so far
An overview of the story of the
Christian Church

Unit D: Living water, living bread
The sacraments of baptism
and Eucharist

** Easter break **

Unit E: Living spirituality
Exploring life with God

Unit F: Understanding the Bible I
Four Gospels, one Jesus

Quiet Day

Year two

Unit G: Understanding the Bible II
The story of Israel in the Old
Testament

Unit H: Real life choices
Introducing Christian ethics

** Christmas break **

Unit J: Matters of faith
Exploring Christian doctrine

Unit K: Optional modules I
A choice of modules in centres
across the Area, some academic,
pastoral and skills based

** Easter break **

Unit L: Optional modules II
A further choice of modules in
centres across the Area

Unit M: Understanding the Bible III
Paul the Apostle and mission today

*Celebration service and
presentation*