



BIBLE MONTH PREPARATION DAY



Saturday 9th March at Knutsford Methodist Church, 10-3pm

What is the book of Colossians all about? What are the main theological themes? How can we as ordinary folk read the text? And what is the relevance of the text for today?

This Bible month preparation day is another exciting opportunity for preachers, housegroup leaders, Youth & Children's work leaders, indeed all of us to focus on a single biblical book and get deeper engagement with particular biblical book in innovative ways.

Once again the Methodist Church has teamed up with Roots and the LWPT to produce materials to help you to engage with Bible month in 2019 this time to unpack the book of Colossians. You can order those online www.preachweb.org/biblemonth and also there is a day in this region, to prepare us for the Bible month.

Aim of this day is to help us as leaders to get some deeper learning about the book of Colossians.

The Day includes: A Bible study with **Rev Steve Wild** Steve has been the Chair of Cornwall's Methodist District for 10 years and is a former President of Conference. Steve has been a minister for 35 years. Previously he was the Methodist Church's National Director of Evangelism, based at Cliff College.

Followed by workshops led by Biblical and theological scholars. They both write books and papers for academics and their printed stuff has academic language, but they are both also excellent communicators for a wide of people, and are accessible.

Canon Rev Dr David Holgate is a South African Anglican priest, now based in the UK. He is Sub-Dean and Canon for Theology and Mission at Manchester Cathedral, where his work focuses on connecting the Christian faith with the concerns of the city, especially homelessness, health care and interfaith understanding through Scriptural Reasoning. Although he has a special interest in Luke-Acts he is going to help us generally engage with how to creatively engage with biblical interpretation. David is the co-author with Rachel Starr of the *SCM Studyguide to Biblical Hermeneutics* (2nd Ed, forthcoming, 2019). Hermeneutics is an academic word for 'how we interpret the Bible'.

"Towards a Public Theological reading of Colossians" Workshop with **Rev Dr RajBharat Patta**. Raj is an ordained Minister of the Andra Evangelical Lutheran Church in India and is currently serving as an authorized Presbyterian at the Stockport Methodist Circuit. He has just finished his PhD at the University of Manchester with a research topic on Subaltern Public Theology (how ordinary people do theology). The workshop will be helping us to take learning from Colossians and share this with wider society.

Don't miss the opportunity!

To book just for the Biblemonth element please email Rob at NWMannNetwork@gmail.com before February 28th.

This day is part of a wider event being held at Knutsford called FireFest, to find out more about that please contact Peter on peterfreeman1957@gmail.com