

Lent Discussion Course

Migration and the Bible

*Lent Discussion Course led by Trevor Lines
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Our news media regularly feature stories of people seeking a new life in a new country; perhaps seeking respite from the effects of poverty, of prejudice, of climate change, of war.

There are many challenges caused by the movement of people, both practical and ethical. It can be a very divisive issue in our society. What insights might be gained from the Bible to guide our attitudes towards people migrating around the world today?

The Lent Discussions will be held on Thursdays 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th March; 4th, 11th April at 6.30pm in Lucy Winkett's study in the Rectory building.

Places on the course are limited. To register, please sign the sheet on the table in the Prayer Corner.

St James's Piccadilly

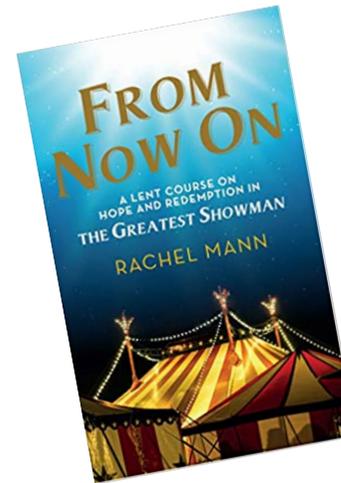
Lent 2019 Courses

From Now On

A Lent Course on Hope and Redemption inspired by the film

The Greatest Showman

This year we will be offering a Sunday Lent Course written by Rachel Mann based on the film *The Greatest Showman*



Rachel Mann is a parish priest, writer, speaker and broadcaster, with a particular interest in the relationship between popular culture and faith.

The Greatest Showman is a 2017 original American musical inspired by the imagination of P T Barnum that celebrates the birth of showbusiness and tells of a visionary who rose from nothing to create a spectacle that became a



worldwide sensation. The film is the fifth highest-grossing live-action musical of all time.

Taking the film as a starting point, the course explores ways in which themes of faith, hope and redemption run through all our lives.

To prepare for this, there will be a screening of the film in church on Sunday 3rd March from 3.15pm – 5pm. Please arrive in good time as we need to start promptly because the church is being used afterwards for the Gospel Spirit set up and Eucharist.

You don't need a copy of the book to take part, but should you wish to purchase one, you can do so through St James's for £5 each (rrp £6.99). If you wish to purchase a copy, please let Lindsay know and pay in advance by midday on Thursday 28 March to receive your copy on 3 March or by 6 March (Ash Wednesday) to receive your copy on 10 March. The film is widely available to purchase on DVD and through popular streaming channels.

The course sessions will take place on five of the six Sundays in Lent as detailed below:

Date	Time	Location	Theme
Sunday 3 March	3.15-5pm	Church	Screening of the film
Sunday 10 March	2-3.30pm	Church	A Million Dreams
Sunday 17 March	2-3.30pm	Church	Come Alive
Sunday 24 March	2-3.30pm	Church Hall	Rewrite the Stars
Sunday 31 March	2-3.30pm	Church Hall	Never Enough
Sunday 7 April	No session		
Sunday 14 April	2.30-4pm	Church	From Now On

There is no need to register, simply come along on the day. It is not essential to come to every session.

Baptism and Confirmation Preparation

Once again we will be running a course for those who wish to consider being baptised and/or confirmed at St Paul's Cathedral on Easter Eve (Saturday 20 April).

There will be 6 sessions on each of the Sundays in Lent, each running from 1-1.45pm in the Rectory:

Sunday 10 March

Sunday 17 March

Sunday 24 March

Sunday 31 March

Sunday 7 April

Sunday 14 April

These sessions are free and open to anyone who has not yet been baptised or who has been baptised but not confirmed.

To register, please sign up on the sheet on the table in the Prayer Corner or email David, the Parish Secretary at: secretary@sjp.org.uk