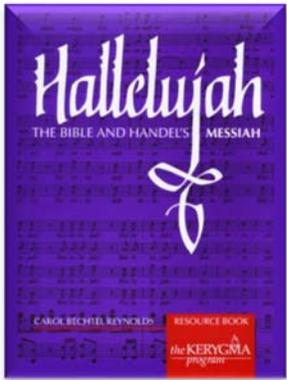


TERM FOUR

HALLELUJAH: THE BIBLE AND HANDEL'S MESSIAH

(Oct/Nov) Dates to be announced. Leaders: Bruce Jacobs and Peter Bandy



A study for both the music lover and the biblical seeker, it explores the scriptural texts of Handel's *Messiah*. This study offers careful examination of the texts and opens doors to your community in a new way.

With four sessions on the Advent texts and six sessions on the Lenten texts, it may be offered as two seasonal courses or as one ten-week course. We will cover the Advent course in 2016 and the Lenten texts in 2017.

Explore the scriptural texts of Handel's *Messiah* with Bruce Jacobs and Peter Bandy and you will never listen to it quite the same!

Advent - 2016

Comfort, Comfort My People
Who Shall Abide the Day of His Coming?
For Unto Us a Child is Born
Glory to God in the Highest

Lent - 2017

Behold the Lamb of God
He Trusted in God
Who is the King of Glory?
I Know That My Redeemer Liveth
Why Do the Nations Rage?
Hallelujah, Worthy Is the Lamb, Amen



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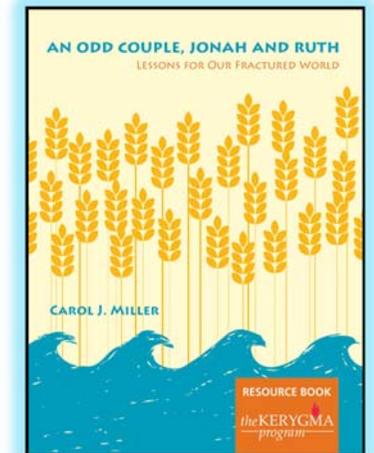


TERM ONE

AN ODD COUPLE, JONAH & RUTH: LESSONS FOR OUR FRACTURED WORLD

JONAH

Be prepared to laugh before you are brought up short by God's final question! "If God loves the outsider, shouldn't we?" Perhaps there is a little Jonah in all of us. How will we answer?



Jonah shows the original readers of the book, as well as us, what a picture of their bigotry and hatred of foreigners and enemies looks like to God.

This course, consisting of four sessions, will lead us through Lent. It will be launched at **7.30pm on Wednesday, February 10th** in the NRUC worship space, and the

remaining three sessions will run in individual groups in their own time.

TERM TWO

TRUTH AND LOVE - UNDERSTANDING ISLAM AND LIVING TOGETHER WITH MUSLIMS

7.30pm, Wednesdays, April 20 and 27

Convenor: Robert Latimer

Following the sell-out, jam-packed course *Understanding Islam* in 2015, Robert Latimer has organised a follow up course that is sure to attract wide support from people thirsting for more knowledge on this subject. Guest speakers include Rev Mark Durie, Dr Bernie Power and Ms Anoosh Mustaq. The aims of the course are:

- To understand more about the Islamic faith, what Muslims believe and what lies at the core of the diverse Muslim perspectives we see manifest in the world today.
- To discover more of our own Christian faith - what we believe - through a comparative study of the beliefs of others
- "Find common points of interest as well as understanding the points of difference about the person and work of Jesus such that dialogue can occur and we can share what matters to us."
- Model to non-Christians how we might all better relate to Muslims - our fellow Australians - by reflecting the love of Jesus, and not through knee-jerk aggressive name calling or aggression

THE ACTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

7.30pm, Wednesdays, May 11, 18, 25, June 1

Leader: Brian Edgar

The book of Acts is usually known more fully as "The Book of the Acts of the Apostles", but it probably should be known as "The Book of the Acts of the Holy Spirit" because the book itself makes it very clear that the apostles and the life of the early church were guided and empowered by the Holy Spirit. And this is the way it should be for the church in every age. In these four weeks we will look at the way the Spirit guided the church and consider how that relates to our situation today. The

course will involve guided reading of the Book of Acts, with special attention to the way the Spirit led and developed the life of the church, and discussion of the findings in relationship to our church today. Held on Wednesdays May 11, 18, 25 and June 1, 2016. Please enrol at least a week ahead so that you can be given material to look at before the first meeting.

A CLIMATE OF HOPE

7.30pm, Wednesdays, June 8, 15 and 22 Leaders: Claire Dawson and Dr Mick Pope

Climate change is one of the most pressing moral issues of our time, and at the same time one of the most divisive. Claire Dawson and Mick Pope will lead a three week course examining climate change from a Christian perspective, arguing that the science is well founded, and that Christianity is well placed to deal with the issue.

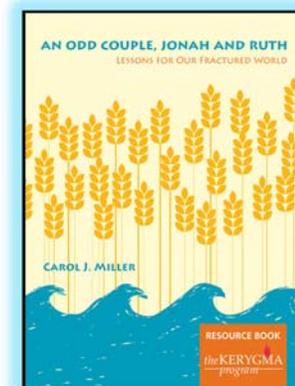
Through this course we will look at key Bible passages that point towards God's call for creation care. We will gain knowledge surrounding today's global context, the basic science, and the economic, political and religious complicity in the present crisis. We will look at stories of hope, where Christians are working out their faith in a changing climate.

The Christian perspective calls for repentance that leads to action. This repentance means not only a change of heart and mind, but presents a clear call to deepening engagement and prayerful action in all areas of life.

TERM THREE

AN ODD COUPLE, JONAH & RUTH: LESSONS FOR OUR FRACTURED WORLD

RUTH The book of Ruth reads more like a romance. It shows us what life could— and should be when all are treated with the same kind of self-giving acts of loving kindness that God showers on us!



**Ruth shows what performing deeds of *hesed*
(*loving kindness*) looks like to us and to God.**

This course, consisting of five sessions, will be launched at **7.30pm on Wednesday, July 13th** in the NRUC worship space, and the remaining four sessions will run in individual groups in their own time.