

The Parish of Esher

'Exploring the Old Testament' Week 2 – 'The Law'

Tuesday 11 October 2022
8 – 9.30pm in Christ Church



Our series of Discussion Evenings is now underway but, even if you couldn't join us for the first session, you're more than welcome to come along to the rest as and when you're able.

The Bible is often seen as contrasting an Old Testament of legalistic rules with a New Testament message of love. In our second session we'll explore:

- Whether this distinction is really true.
- How biblical ethics can help us make sense of in today's moral maze.

Our Ministry Team will provide input, and then we'll share thoughts in small groups as we enjoy refreshments.

If you'd like some background reading beforehand, have a look at these Bible passages, but don't worry if you don't have time, we won't be testing you!



- The Ten Commandments – Exodus 20:1-17.
- Some detailed rules of observance – Leviticus 4:22-26, Deuteronomy 22.
- Isaiah's focus – Isaiah 1:12-17
- Jesus's view of the Law – Matthew 5:17-22
- Paul's revolution – Romans 14:14

For full details of our programme, see the next page.

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Our programme

Although the dates set out below are firm, the topics for discussion may change as we learn from one another and sense one another's needs.

4 October: Genesis – Creation and Fall

- › Scientific and religious truth
- › Free will and its abuse
- › God's gifts – to exploit or to cherish?

11 October: Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers – the Law

- › Rules, grace, freedom and duty in a risk-averse, tick-box world

18 October: Joshua, Judges – the Promise of the Land

- › Views of the alien – immigration and culture
- › A people's identity in the land they hold
- › Today's conflicts in Europe and the Middle East

25 October: Samuel, Kings – the Role of the Ruler

- › Use and abuse of power
- › Do all leaders fail?
- › Thoughts on today's politics

1 November: Isaiah – the Prophetic Power of Poetry

- › Holy Scripture as literature
- › Literature as 'scripture'
- › The universal call of the divine

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