

Dates for *Introducing God*

May - June 2026



Holy Trinity Church, Old Hill



Introducing God dates on Monday
Evenings at 7 pm in the Church Centre
(Core 8-Session Course)

Monday 4th May 2026

Pilot/Taster Session:

“Introduction and the Unknown
God”

(Acts 17)

Session Video:

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Monday 11th May 2026

Session 1:

“God, us and the Meaning of Life”

(Genesis 1)

[Here](#)



Monday 18th May 2026

Session 2:

“Our Declaration of Autonomy”

(Genesis 3)

[Here](#)



Monday 25th May 2026

No session tonight

Monday 1st June 2026

Session 3:

“What will God do about it?”

(Psalm 2)

[Here](#)



Monday 8th June 2026

Session 4:

“God’s Competent King”

(Luke 8)

[Here](#)



Monday 15th June 2026

Session 5:

“The Death that Changes
Everything”

(Luke 23)

[Here](#)



Monday 22nd June 2026

Session 6:

“God made Jesus Lord and Christ”

(Acts 2)

[Here](#)



Monday 29th June 2026

Session 7:

“Are you Thirsty?”

(Revelation 21-22)

[Here](#)



Additional Sessions for Personal Watching online:

Session 8:

“The Difference Jesus makes”

(Luke 14)

[Here](#)



Session 9:

“The Difference Jesus makes
to relationship with God”

(Luke 15)

[Here](#)



Session 10:

“The Difference Jesus makes
to the future”

(Luke 16)

[Here](#)



Session 11:
“Now We Believe, How
Then Shall We Live?:
Sex and Christian Life”
(Selected Scriptures)



Audio recording of talk [here.](#)

Summary of Sessions from *Introducing God*



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In the Introductory Taster Session on Acts 17, we saw that we are all worshippers – we have a deep-rooted desire for meaning and contentment in our lives and that we search the whole world to find those things. We often end up placing our trust in things like money, real estate, sport, food, alcohol, fashion, clothes, partners, friends and relationships. However, we know deep down that none of those things provide true joy or fulfilment. We are all, therefore, seeking an unknown God out there, even if we don't know it. We heard that St Paul told the Ancient Greeks that Jesus Christ had made that unknown and hidden God known and revealed in the world.



In Session 1 on Genesis 1, we saw that God created the whole world from nothing at all, that everything depends directly on God for its existence, and that God made a perfect world. God effortlessly made a perfect, ordered and harmonious world by his mere spoken word. Creation is organised and structured with a poetic rhythm. We also

saw that there was perfect harmony and unity in creation between God and humans, humans and animals, and humans and other humans. Finally, we saw that God uniquely created human beings in his own image with reason, free will, and a moral conscience. As human creatures, God is our Father, our Creator and our Lover.



In Session 2 on Genesis 3, we saw that we humans proudly and defiantly declared autonomy (self-rule) against God in rebellion, shaking our fist at him and showing him ingratitude. We disobeyed his good rules for our flourishing and instead turned our backs on him, saying “Shove off God. I’m in charge. I don’t need your rules”. This then tragically led to the division, bitterness, hatred, sin, evil and suffering in the world.



In Session 3 on Psalm 2, we saw that God promised the people of Israel a king who would resolve the problem of autonomy and would ultimately restore the universe to peace and harmony. To the Israelites back then, it originally looked like that restorative king might be King David. However, he too fell when he committed adultery and had Bathsheba's husband murdered. We then read Psalm 2 in a prophetic light to see Jesus within its words. Finally, we saw the Baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan and that He is God's Son and both fully human and fully divine. Could this Jesus be God's anointed King, competent and willing to finally deal with the problem of autonomy?



In Session 4 on Luke 8, we saw that Jesus is unique and has miraculous, complete and perfect power and spiritual authority over nature, the weather, evil, demons, sickness and even death itself. We saw this through the stories of the calming of the storm, the healing of the leper, the raising of Jairus's daughter, and the exorcism. Jesus is uniquely and supremely competent, only he can ultimately resolve our problem of human autonomy and rebellion against God. The four snapshots of Jesus in Luke 8 introduced us to Jesus and helped us to understand his attributes and character.



In Session 5 on Luke 23, we saw why Jesus had to die on the Cross for us, taking our place and suffering the punishment we deserve for our rebellion of sin against

Him. We saw how important the Cross is and how it finally dealt with the problem of autonomy with both mercy and justice together. We also saw that we, like the criminal at Jesus's side, only need to fling ourselves upon God's great mercy to be saved. We need to reach out in dependent trust to Jesus and willingly choose to receive his free and gracious offer of forgiveness, salvation and eternal life. We cannot earn our salvation or works towards it, rather Jesus has paid the way for us to be saved. Being saved is like receiving a cheque from a relative you disowned and rejected. To receive the unearned and gracious gift of the money, you must choose to cash the cheque. However, the mere act of cashing the cheque (receiving Christ's free offer of salvation) does not somehow "earn" you the money but you must do this to receive it.



In Session 6 on Acts 2, we saw that God made Jesus both Lord and Christ. Jesus is not just someone who has already saved us in the past but, more than that, he's someone who

calls us to a saved life now in the present and also in the future. He calls us to follow him, walking in his light, loving him and obeying his commandments. He calls us to continually repent of our sins and strive towards greater holiness, being transformed into his image through the power of his Holy Spirit.

In Session 7 on Revelation 21-22, we saw the extraordinary rewards believers will face when the end comes and when they will finally see Jesus face-to-face. They will live in paradise for ever, without suffering, tears, pain or death. However, we also saw that there is therefore a stark choice for everyone here on earth as those who refuse to believe and accept Christ's free offer (won by him at the greatest cost) will suffer eternal punishment. This is because God is a God of perfect justice, as well as mercy, and so he rightly punishes those who refuse to repent and accept his free offer of salvation.

In Session 8 on Luke 14, we explored Jesus' parable of the great banquet in Luke 14, showing that God invites everyone to His eternal celebration, yet many people make

excuses and reject His invitation. Through this story, Jesus exposes how our excuses reveal our real priorities — possessions, relationships, and comfort can all become barriers to the kingdom. Jesus then challenges His followers to count the cost of discipleship: to take up their cross, surrender every competing loyalty, and follow Him wholeheartedly. God’s invitation is free, but it is not cheap — it calls for total allegiance. Steele reminds us that genuine faith is shown not merely in accepting the invitation but in living a radically reoriented life under Christ’s lordship now, with eyes fixed on the coming heavenly feast.

In Session 9 on Luke 15, we explored Jesus’ greatest story — the parable of the prodigal (or lost) sons — to reveal the transforming difference Jesus makes to our relationship with God. Humanity’s rebellion against the Father is pictured in both the younger son’s open defiance and the elder son’s self-righteous pride. Yet at the heart of the story is a Father whose love is extravagant, patient, and joyful. Steele highlights that true repentance is not about moral repair or earning our way home, but about returning to the Father who runs toward us with compassion. The Father’s

forgiveness restores dignity, relationship, and celebration. However, the parable ends with an invitation: will we enter the Father's joy — or, like the elder son, remain outside in resentment? Through Jesus, the Father calls us to come home, rejoice in His grace, and share His heart for the lost.

In Session 10 on Luke 16, we unpacked Jesus' teaching in Luke 16 to show that how we live now must be shaped by the reality of eternity. Through two contrasting parables — the shrewd manager and the rich man and Lazarus — Jesus warns that the future is real, irreversible, and must determine our priorities in the present. The shrewd manager acts wisely because he sees what is coming and prepares accordingly; Jesus calls His followers to live with the same foresight, investing resources for eternal purposes rather than temporary gain. In contrast, the rich man's blindness to eternity leads to regret and irreversible loss. Steele challenges us to act now in the light of the future — to use what we have, love as we can, and serve faithfully in view of heaven and hell. Those who belong to Jesus are called to live as people who truly see eternity.

In Session 11, Ben challenged us to let genuine faith shape every part of life, including sexuality. Following Jesus means surrendering control and obeying Him, not just believing in theory. Truth, he explains, is found in the person of Jesus, who embodies both grace and truth — qualities Christians must hold together when speaking about moral issues. Ben argued that sex is a spiritual matter, revealing our attitude toward God’s design. Modern culture claims fulfilment requires sex, yet Jesus and Paul lived full, celibate lives, showing that meaning comes from God, not pleasure. All are sexual sinners, equally in need of grace and repentance. God’s commands about sex are loving boundaries for our good, leading to real joy and freedom rather than restriction. Christianity values sex highly, seeing it as sacred and meant for marriage, where commitment and intimacy unite body, heart, and spirit. When detached from that covenant, sex becomes empty and harmful. True freedom, he teaches, is found in patience, purity, and obedience to God’s design. The talk ended by affirming God’s boundless mercy — through confession and repentance, He restores and renews those who follow Christ in faith and humility.

I enjoyed the starter, but what's for dessert?!

Thank you so much for joining us as we've explored the Christian worldview and way of life together, and found out what it really means to follow Jesus, pledge allegiance to him, seeing Him as Lord, Saviour and King of our lives. It's been lovely to meet you all and get to know you.

If you enjoyed the course, found it helpful and have taken that leap of faith yourself to accept Christ, amazing! We're delighted. Or, if this course was a refresher in faith for you and it's reengaged your faith, that is equally as amazing and delightful!

If you don't already come along, you'd be most welcome at any of our Church services. They are held in these places and at these times:

- **10.30 am on Sunday morning** in the *Church building* (a larger service with a contemporary feel and modern worship). If you can't make this service in person, it is live streamed here and you can also catch up afterwards:

holytrinity.tv

- **6.30 pm on Sunday evening** in the *Church Centre* (a more intimate service with a more traditional feel with hymns and a piano).
- **11.30 am on Wednesday mornings** there is a short midweek service in the *Church Centre* called "Food for the Soul" with guest preachers and a light lunch afterwards.

Discipleship (Growing in Jesus) Courses

If you've taken that leap of faith, you'd also be most welcome to join us on alternate Wednesday evenings from 7.30 pm in the Church Centre for our discipleship courses where we learn more about what it means to live as a true Christian, to follow Christ in spirit and truth, and to be a member of His bride, the Church. We have a *Foundations for Growth* discipleship programme after *Introducing God* has finished.

After the *Introducing God* course has finished on Monday 29th June 2026, if you would like to join the *Foundations for Growth* programme, please speak to Nick, the Vicar.



All the *Introducing God* course videos can be watched, watched again or caught up with if you are away online for free on this hyperlink:

<https://vimeo.com/ondemand/introducinggod>



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