

Conversations during Lent

During Lent this year, you are invited to be part of a conversation group and based around our reading of the book,:

Reading the Bible again for the first time

Taking the Bible seriously but not literally
by Marcus Borg

The groups would meet for five weeks during Lent, looking at a chapter of the book each week. While the individual sessions would build on each other, they are independent enough that it would be valuable even if you can only attend a few.

Books are available for about \$20, or \$15 for electronic version. It may also be possible to arrange to borrow a limited number of books.

Can you let us know if you would like to be part of a group?

- YES, I would like to join a group
- NO, but I would be interested another time
- NO, I would not come to such a group

Would you prefer

- Sunday after morning tea
- Weekday evening on: Mon Tues Wed Thur Fri
- Weekday afternoon on: Tues Wed Thur

(Circle days you prefer and strike out days you are not available)

If possible would you prefer to borrow a book?

- YES, if possible, I would prefer to borrow a book
- NO, I'd prefer to buy a book

NAME:

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About our conversation

This series of conversations is designed to help us engage with the Bible in a way that connects with the world and our understanding of it. It will involve reading a chapter of the book before each session (or as much as you can), watching a short video clip, thinking about our experience of the Bible (whether that be just listening to it in church or daily reading), group discussion, and engaging with readings from the Bible. This is not a study to become experts in the Bible, but rather for those who want to take their faith seriously and wonder how the Bible fits in.

About the book

One of the vital challenges facing thoughtful people today is how to read the Bible faithfully without abandoning our sense of truth and history. *Reading the Bible Again for the First Time* provides a much-needed solution to the problem of how to have a fully authentic yet contemporary understanding of the scriptures.

Author Marcus Borg reveals how it is possible to reconcile the Bible with both a scientific and critical way of thinking and our deepest spiritual needs, leading to a contemporary yet grounded experience of the sacred texts.

Please complete and return by Sunday 24 February