



God-Search:

*Explorations in
Christian Spirituality*

*Spring and Autumn 2008
St Matthew's House, Croydon*

God-Search: Spring 2008

All sessions run at St. Matthew's House, Croydon
on Monday evenings from 7pm to 9pm
[Close to East Croydon train and tram station]

What is spirituality? February 25th

Our search for God, and God's search for us

The nature of religious experience March 3rd

How, where and why do we experience God?

Mystery and mysticism March 10th

God as knowable, God as unknowable.

Letting go to God.

Prayer and action April 7th

Exploring how our opening to God in prayer,
and responding to God in life, interweave.

Man and woman before God April 14th

Gender and spirituality

Past and present April 21st

Reading spiritual writings and guidance from the past.



About this programme

These sessions aim to help you explore your own experience of God, drawing on the insights and wisdom of Christians spiritual writers and teachers across time. Spirituality is understood in different ways. It involves the search for meaning and direction in life. From a Christian perspective, spirituality has to do with the work of the Spirit within us, drawing us deeper into the life of God and leading us to act with God in the world. Many people have walked these paths in the past and left us their testimony to help us make sense of our own journey. The first set of sessions in spring 2008 introduce some key dimensions of our search for God, and God's search for us. The sessions that follow in autumn 2008 introduce the lives and writings of some spiritual teachers from the past and look at their significance for today.

God-Search: Autumn 2008

Dates have yet to be finalised.

Voices from the desert

The sayings of the Desert Fathers and Mothers

The deep and dazzling darkness

Pseudo-Dionysius and the author of *the Cloud of Unknowing*

The Franciscan way

Francis, Clare and Bonaventure

And all shall be well

Julian of Norwich and the *Revelations of Divine Love*

Choosing life

Ignatius Loyola and *the Spiritual Exercises*

Drawn by Love

Teresa of Avila and John of the Cross

The heart in pilgrimage

The poetry of George Herbert and Gerard Manley Hopkins

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