

St Paul's Bible Studies

The next series of Bible Studies will begin on Saturday 4 May and will run every Saturday until 13 July, except for Saturday 29 June which is Mairi's ordination in the Cathedral.

Two topics are on offer: one will follow Andrew Mayes' latest book, entitled *Roads of Hurt and Hope: Transformative Journeys in the Holy Land*. In it, Mayes takes five Biblical highways and contrasts their scriptural stories with the present realities on the ground. The five highways are: the route taken by Abraham and Sarah through the Central Highlands, the coastal road through Gaza to Capernaum, the road from Jerusalem down to Jericho, the Via Dolorosa and the road to Emmaus. In each case we will be looking both at the biblical significance of these roads and what we might learn from the challenges those same routes present today (the book was completed post-October 7, 2023).

This study will begin on Saturday 4 May at 10am in Church and thereafter on 18th May, 1st and 15th June, concluding on 6 July. Those who would like to participate will need to acquire a copy of the book. We have been given a small sum from the Cullercoats Educational Trust which is sufficient to buy up to nine copies, which will be available from Paul on a first-come-first-served basis: if you prefer to buy your own it is available on Kindle for £7.93 and in paperback for £11.00.

The second topic will comprise five studies on the life of King David. This course will begin on Saturday 11 May and will continue on 25 May, 8th and 22nd June, concluding on 13 July. Further details on this course will be available shortly. Meanwhile, please save the dates.