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Philippians Study Day

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Speaker Details



Dr Dorothea H. Bertschmann is originally from Switzerland, where she completed her initial theological and ministerial studies at the University of Bern and served as a pastor for some 7 years in the Swiss Reformed Church, both in urban and rural settings. For the last 10 years she has lived, studied and worked in England and has found a new spiritual home in the Anglican church. After completing her doctorate on Paul's political theology under the supervision of Prof. Barclay and Prof. Insole in Durham, she taught New Testament Studies at the Theology Department there for a few years. Since 2016 she has been the tutorial fellow of Biblical studies at the College of the Resurrection at Mirfield, where she enjoys the rhythm of worship, the communal life and too much of the good food. In her spare time she likes to read, listen to classical music, spend time with friends and explore her new surroundings in Yorkshire. Or head back to Switzerland in the summer, swim in rivers and lakes and play fun games with her nephews.

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Saturday 25th January 2020

**Dr Dorothea
Bertschmann**

10.00am-3.30pm
(including lunch & refreshments)
£23.00

About the Day

Philippians is one of Paul's most personal and affectionate letters. In the first session we will learn about Paul's special relationship with this church and in what way he appeals to the theme of friendship. Meeting meet men and women, who are part of Paul's network and trusted fellow workers. Observing Paul touching upon the thorny subject of money: How can you say "Thanks a lot" without sounding too desperate?

In the second session, the crown jewel of Philippians is the so-called Christ hymn in the middle (2:5-11). What does this ancient poem tell us about the relationship between God and Christ? And in what way is Christ the model of every Christian? Thinking about both the challenge and hope contained in this hymn and why Paul recites it at exactly this point in his letter. And we encounter the novel Christian virtue, humility.

Paul uses quite a bit of "political" vocabulary in this letter. The third session will look at the special status of Philippi as a Roman colony and wonder whether Paul plays on this notion. What does it mean that Christ Jesus is the Lord of all? Where does this leave the emperor? We will reflect on what it means for the church to live as "citizens of heaven" in an often hostile environment.

Programme

- 9.45am Refreshments and Arrivals
- 10.00am Session 1: How I long for all of you - Philippians as a letter of friendship
- 11.00am Refreshment break
- 11.15am Session 2: He was in the form of God - Christ's self giving as ground and pattern.
- 12.10am Eucharist with the Community of the Resurrection *(optional)*
- 1.00pm Lunch
- 1.45pm Session 3: "Our citizenship is in heaven"- The church as an alternative community
- 2.30pm Session 4: "Rejoice in the Lord"- Living in hope
- 3.30pm Day ends

Philippians is well known as the letter of joy. But this is just one of many diverse emotions. We see Paul worrying, pining, grieving alongside this firm note of joy. The final session will explore how Paul deals with his sufferings and the prospect of death. Does Paul feel suicidal at times? We will see that Paul's eager expectation of the "day of Christ" offers both comfort and prompts him onto service.

Booking Form

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