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Dear Colleague,

I enclose a leaflet to do with the Saturday Part-Time Courses at Edinburgh Theological Seminary, and would be grateful if you could intimate the following:

SATURDAY PART-TIME COURSES 2020-2021

The new session of the Saturday Part-time Courses at ETS begins on Saturday 12 September, 2020 (albeit online only till social distancing allows us to resume face to face teaching).

We hope that as many as possible will sign up for this new set of lectures, details of which can be found in the accompanying page and on the ETS Website - www.ets.ac.uk. A PDF is attached for you to share with your congregation.

The **Online Registration Form** is available on the ETS website - www.ets.ac.uk.

Lectures for 2020-21:

- Studies in 1 Kings: King, Temple, Prophet and People in the Story of God (Hamish Sneddon)
- Why You'll Never Walk Alone: Exploring Church Membership (John A. MacLeod)
- One of the Boys or One of a Kind? Why the God of the Bible is Nothing Like Us (Nick Mackison)

Thank you again for your willingness to encourage your congregation to learn with us.

Yours in Christ

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The Saturday Lectures 2020-2021

Lecture Details

Biblical Studies

Lecturer: Hamish Sneddon: Studies in 1 Kings: King, Temple, Prophet and People in the Story of God

Time: 10.00 am to 11.15 am

The books of the Kings can, like much of the narrative parts of the Old Testament, be tragically closed books to us today as believers. We know about Solomon, Elijah and Elisha, but can struggle to see the significance of large chunks of God's Word as it applies to the church and the world today. Why is so much made of the Temple? Why does the person and work of the King of Israel have significance to 21st Century Scotland? What exactly is a prophet? As we work together through the book of 1 Kings, we will see that the answers to these questions find their full expression in the context of God's unfolding story of redemptive love for His world, and are wonderfully enriching for our understanding and following of God's true King, Jesus Christ.

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| 12 September 2020 | Getting our Bearings in 1 Kings |
| 10 October 2020 | God's Pattern and Promise: Solomon and Partial Fulfilment |
| 7 November 2020 | God's King and Wisdom |
| 12 December 2020 | God's King and the Temple |
| 16 January 2021 | God's Judgement on His King: The Splitting of the Nation |
| 13 February 2021 | God's Spokesmen: The Prophets |
| 20 March 2021 | God's Man: Elijah |
| 17 April 2021 | God's Son: Jesus Christ as Prophet, Priest and King |

Practical Theology

Lecturer John Angus MacLeod: Why You'll Never Walk Alone: Exploring Church Membership

Time: 11.45 am to 1.00pm

Becoming a Christian is the beginning of an amazing adventure. A huge part of that new journey is coming to find your place in the Church of Jesus Christ. You will never walk alone... This series of lectures explores just what it means to become a Christian, to share your faith with other Christians. We will open up some of the great things that you can expect from your church, and what the church expects from you as you take up the God-given opportunity to shape the lives of your fellow Christians and together you reach out to a world ready for the gospel.

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| 12 September 2020 | The Christian and the church: Why and how should a Christian profess their faith in Jesus Christ? |
| 10 October 2020 | I ask the church: Provide me with Organised Worship and Edifying Teaching |
| 7 November 2020 | I ask the church: Support me with Personal Mentoring and Pastoral Care |
| 12 December 2020 | I ask the church: Furnish me with Serving Opportunities and Evangelistic Possibilities |
| 16 January 2021 | The church asks you for: Vital Engagement and Spiritual Growth |
| 13 February 2021 | The church asks you for: Personal Discipleship and Dedicated Prayer |
| 20 March 2021 | The church asks you for: Spiritual Service and Gospel Priority |
| 17 April 2021 | The church asks you for: Cheerful Giving and Costly Love |

Christian Doctrine

Lecturer: Nick Mackison: One of the Boys or One of a Kind? Why the God of the Bible is Nothing Like Us

Time: 2.00 pm to 3.15 pm

Experimentation in worship forms is, in large part, an answer to the question 'How can we make worship less boring?' Yet, how we worship is of little consequence if we cannot accurately define the 'what' or, indeed, the 'whom' to which our worship is directed. All too often, modern evangelical statements on the nature and character of God have deviated wildly from those assumed by past generations of believers. If you find theology and worship boring, maybe it's because you worship a boring God. This set of lectures (part of the Theology in Thimbles series) will present the case for recapturing the attributes of God as an antidote to stale, lifeless worship that misses the wood for the teakwood guitar!

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| 12 September 2020 | Unknowable yet Knowable (Incomprehensibility) |
| 10 October 2020 | Perfect yet Relatable (Infinity) |
| 7 November 2020 | Independent yet Dependable (Aseity) |
| 12 December 2020 | Simple but not Simplistic (Simplicity) |
| 16 January 2021 | Changeless yet Dynamic (Immutability) |
| 13 February 2021 | Impassible yet Passionate (Impassibility) |
| 20 March 2021 | Eternal yet Contemporary (Eternity) |
| 17 April 2021 | All the Omni's (Presence, Potency, Knowledge) |