

A STUDY COURSE ON THE BEATITUDES



ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS
PARK ROAD, ABINGDON

11.00 – 12.30

- 27 January 2018: The Revd Professor John Barton
- 10 February 2018: The Revd Dr Paul Sheppy
- 24 February 2018: The Revd Dr Phillip Tovey
- 10 March 2018: The Revd Canon Dr Emma Percy

Blessed are the poor in spirit
Blessed are those who mourn
Blessed are the meek
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness
Blessed are the merciful
Blessed are the pure in heart
Blessed are the peacemakers
Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake

These words are taken from Matthew's Gospel and the Sermon on the Mount. They are central to Jesus' teaching on discipleship. Yet neither Mark nor John records them, and in Luke's Gospel they look quite different. What's going on?

What does it mean to be blessed? Do other biblical texts help us?

And when we have understood what Jesus is saying, what are we to do about it? How are we to live?

Join us as we study these words and use them in an ancient form of Christian practice called "divine reading".

Bishop Steven has asked us all to attend to the beatitudes in order to deepen our formation as Christ's people. This Lent, we will listen for the Lord to speak to us again and as we hear his voice, we will seek to obey and find the conversion of our life.