

Registration Form

VENUE: Canaan Christian College

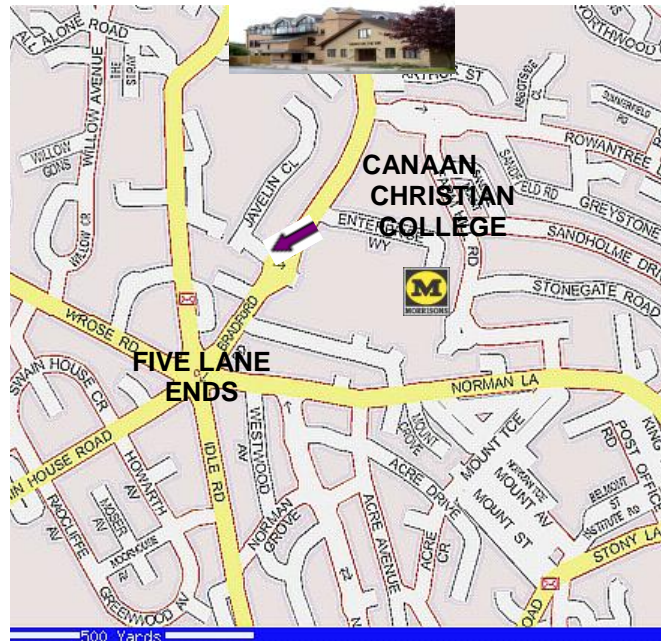
DURATION: 10 weeks

DATES: Begins Thursday 24th September 2009
Every Thursday 7 - 9pm
(No Lectures on 29th October and 5th November)
The course will end on Thursday 10th December

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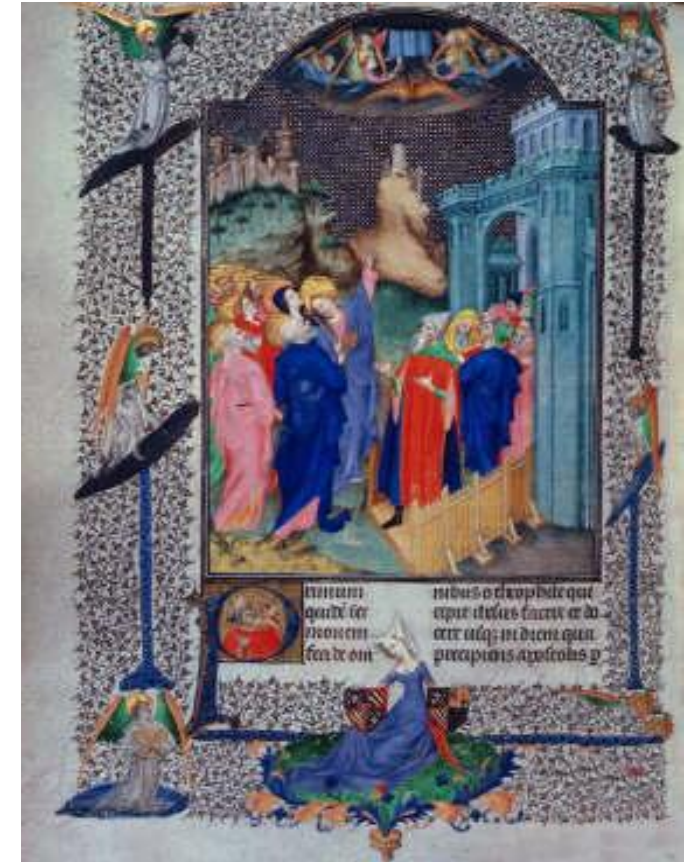
Course Aim:

To equip students with a historical framework with which to understand the Middle Ages, which themselves are the foundation of modern Britain. An emphasis is placed on uncovering the link between so called 'secular' history (Kings, origin of law, democracy, education, social behaviour etc.) and the 'sacred' belief system of the people.



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The Development of Christian Britain through the Middle Ages



Who is the course for?

Any person wanting to know more about Christian Britain through the Middle Ages

Course Outline

- Week 1** **Introduction:** The western world in the 5th Century. The fall of the Western Christian Roman Empire to Germanic tribes (Goths, Franks, Huns etc)
- Week 2** **400-650** **Anglo Saxon Britain:** Mythical King Arthur, the seven Anglo-Saxon kingdoms, St. Patrick and Ireland, Celtic Mission from Iona to Scots (St Columba) and English (St Aiden)
- Week 3** **650-800** **The Christian Tribes of England:** Rise of the Franks. British Celtic Christians convert Holland (St Willibord), Germany (St Boniface). Repelling of the Muslim Moors in central France and the Frankish (Carolingian Renaissance). The beginning of Feudalism.
- Week 4** **850-1066** **The Viking Assault:** -Rise of the English Nation under Christian King Alfred and his implementation of Christian ethics as the basis of 'English Common Law'. Edward the Confessor and a Christian administration.
- Week 5** **1066-1200** **William the Conqueror:** a Norman aristocracy, Henry II's English-French Empire, Chivalry, Feudalism and the Crusades. Relics, Shrines, Pilgrimages.
- Week 6** **1200-1300** **King John and Magna Carta:** Simon de Montfort and a first Parliament. Christian Revivalist monks, (Franciscan & Dominicans) spread faith and education. Edward I brings Wales into union with England, English language survives Norman Conquest. The Albigensians.
- Week 7** **1300-1400** **The 100 years War:** Edward III. Age of Chivalry and Heraldry, Black Death, Christian revival teaching; Wycliffe & Continental Hussites.
- Week 8** **1400-1490** **A Divided England:** The Wars of the Roses, the printing press, the Bible in English (Tyndale). The Renaissance and fall of Constantinople. Erasmus.
- Week 9** **1490-1540** **The Reformation:** Henry VIII breaks with Catholic Southern Europe. Edward VI and founding of Protestant England, monasteries dissolved, new grammar schools built
- Week 10** **Summary**

ABOUT THE TUTOR:



Chris Nicholson originates from a Farming background in the West Country from where he went on to study Geology at University to Master's level. Chris has worked as a Geologist in the Oil and Gas business for 17 years in the North Sea, London, Pakistan and Libya. In 2003 he completed a degree in Theology and went on to complete a part-time Masters degree focussing on British History. He is in the process of writing a book on the subject aimed to be published in 2009. For the last 5 years Chris has worked full time variously with Teen Challenge drug re-hab program, Asylum seeker support and is currently working with Social services as a Children's contact officer. Chris is married to his wife, Ruhamah, whom he met in Pakistan. They have 3 delightful children.

Course approach:

The course will be an exciting journey that covers the Middle Ages history of Britain from the 5th Century withdrawal of the Romans to the early 16th Century Reformation. This history records the incursion of the violent Anglo-Saxon Germanic tribes and their transformation into English people, the first 'nation' to possess a proto-parliament defended by written laws and rights. We look at the 'movers and shakers'; Key people and movements that actually brought about these changes. Whilst looking at people like Alfred the great and William the Conqueror, there is an emphasis on continental input from the likes of Charlemagne of the Franks, to revivalist movements such as the Celtic Monks of Ireland and the later Franciscans and Dominicans.