



January



BIC Category: Christian ministry & pastoral activity
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Messy Vintage

52 sessions to share Christ-centred fun and fellowship with the older generation

Katie Norman, Jill Phipps

Inclusive, creative and Christ-centred worship for older people

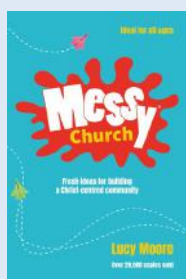
Key benefits

- Offers creative activities and short acts of worship in a community based setting for older people
- Meets the spiritual needs of older people and fosters a sense of community
- Provides an introduction to Messy Vintage
- Contains practical advice on running a Messy Vintage session
- Includes 52 short, user-friendly session outlines – enough for one a week through the year!

Target readership

- Messy Vintage session leaders
- Messy Church leaders
- Anyone leading worship services in care homes

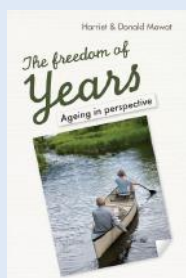
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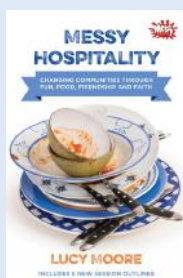
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Summary

Being 'church' with older people in care homes, congregations and the community

Messy Vintage is Christ-centred and creative, full of celebration and hospitality and open to all, aspiring to include people of all ages while specifically reaching out to older people. A typical session involves hands-on creative activities to explore a Bible story, a short celebration with story, song and prayer, and refreshments.

Whether you're just getting started with Messy Vintage or looking for new session material, this book offers practical advice and resources to help you reach out to the older people in your community.

'The Messy Vintage team always make me feel welcome – they are worth their weight in gold.' Messy Vintage participant

'We love Messy Vintage. It's like a breath of fresh air!' Care home social activities coordinator

About the authors

Katie Norman is the pioneer of Messy Vintage in Jersey, taking the approach into churches and care homes, as well as hospital units for people living with advanced dementia.

Jill Phipps is BRF's National Coordinator for Messy Vintage.

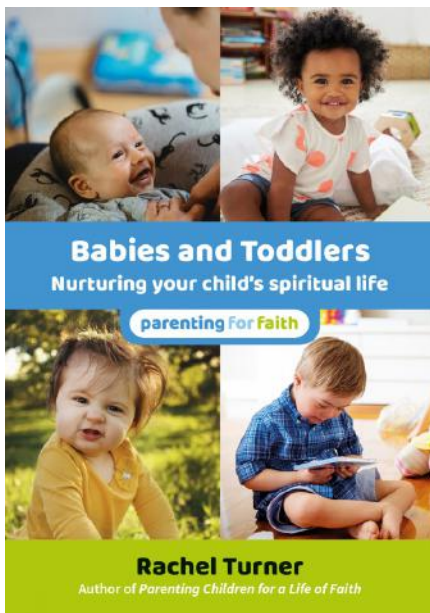
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Babies and Toddlers

Nurturing your child's spiritual life

Rachel Turner

User-friendly book and videos to help new parents share faith with their baby or toddler

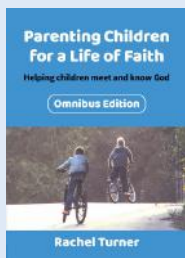
Key benefits

- An introductory guide to starting a conversation about faith with young, pre-verbal children
- Models the key principles of Parenting for Faith and leads naturally into other resources such as the Parenting Children for a Life of Faith Omnibus
- Slimline book and accompanying short videos are perfect for new parents who are short on time and energy
- Ideal gift for baptisms, christenings and through baby and toddler groups

Target readership

- Parents of under 2s
- Churches looking for resources for this age group

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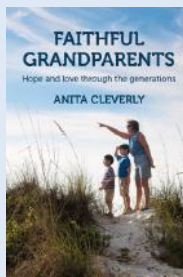
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Summary

Our children's early years are incredibly significant in shaping their mental, emotional and spiritual lives for the future, but how do we sow seeds of faith when they are so tiny?

In this book Rachel Turner suggests simple, everyday approaches to help our children connect with the God who knows them. Wherever you are on your faith journey, you can help your child meet and know God, and however young your child is, God loves them and has promises for them.

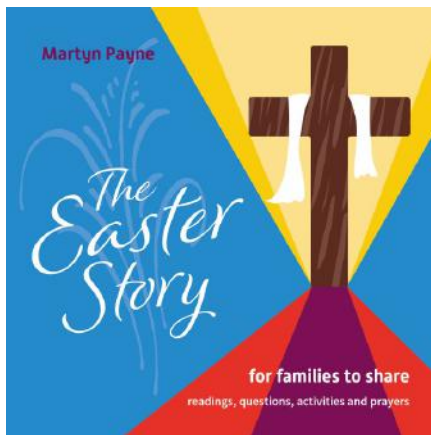
About the author

Rachel Turner is an author, speaker and the Parenting for Faith Pioneer for The Bible Reading Fellowship. She presents the Parenting for Faith course, a video-based resource for church groups and individuals.

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The Easter Story

for families to share

Martyn Payne

A special Easter book for families to share

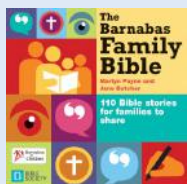
Key benefits

- Helps parents share the Easter story with their children
- Interactive and all-age approach encourages Bible reading together as a family
- An attractive, affordable gift for friends and family or within a church setting
- Discounts available for bulk purchase

Target readership

- Christian families
- Children's and family workers
- Church leaders giving baptism or confirmation gifts

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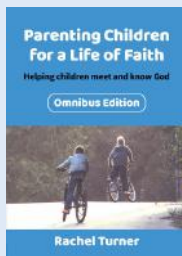


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Parenting Children for a Life
of Faith omnibus
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Summary

Explore the story of the first Easter together as a family!

The Easter Story is written for parents, grandparents and carers to share with their children through an interactive family Bible and prayer time.

Each section provides a brief comment on the passage, questions to discuss, a visual aid to encourage engagement with the story, an activity idea, a prayer idea, a key verse and an Old or New Testament story link.

About the author

Formerly part of BRF's Messy Church team, Martyn Payne is a gifted storyteller whose previous books *The Big Story* (2011) and *Creative Ways to Tell a Bible Story* (2012) demonstrate the variety of approaches he uses to bring the Bible alive for children and adults alike. He is passionate about the blessing that comes when generations explore faith together.

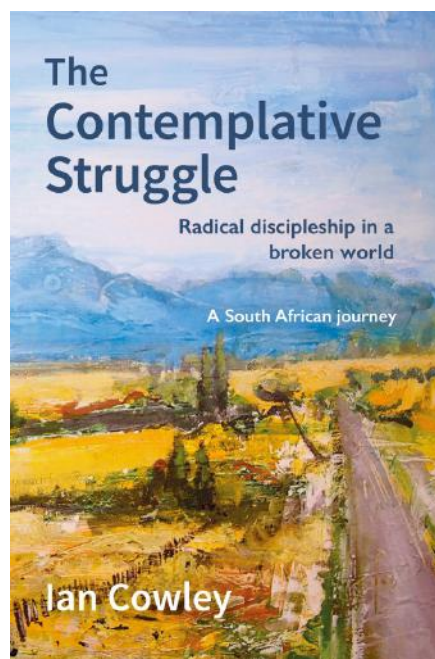
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The Contemplative Struggle

Radical discipleship in a broken world

Ian Cowley

Redefines contemplative spirituality for an activist culture

Key benefits

- Written from the experience of the author's involvement in the struggle against apartheid in South Africa
- Brings together growing awareness and interest in contemplative prayer and the urgent need for Christians to be active in bringing transformation to a suffering world
- Redefines contemplation as outward as well as inward discipline
- Casts a vision, rooted in John's gospel, for how 'being' and 'doing' can be reconciled in our lives

Target readership

- Those interested in the contemplative life and prayer
- Those committed to social justice and transformation
- Readers of Richard Rohr and Henri Nouwen
- Those specifically interested in the history of apartheid

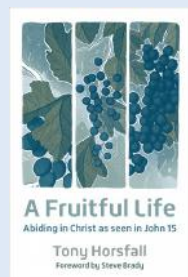
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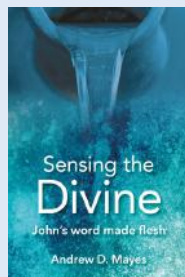
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Summary

How do we embrace and work out our call to be disciples in a broken world? In *The Contemplative Struggle* Ian Cowley sets the central themes of the gospel of John alongside each other – abiding in Christ, conflict, light and darkness, obedience, loving one another – and explores how these can be reconciled in daily life. Drawing on his experience of living in his native South Africa during the apartheid era and challenging understandings of contemplative prayer and spirituality as essentially inward discipline, he highlights the urgent need for Christians to be active in bringing transformation to a suffering world and paints a compelling picture of radical discipleship for today.

‘Just as we are all meant to be contemplatives and to hear the voice of God in our lives, we are all meant to answer God’s call to be his partners in transfiguring the world. This calling, this encounter with God, is always to send us into the midst of human suffering.’

Archbishop Desmond Tutu

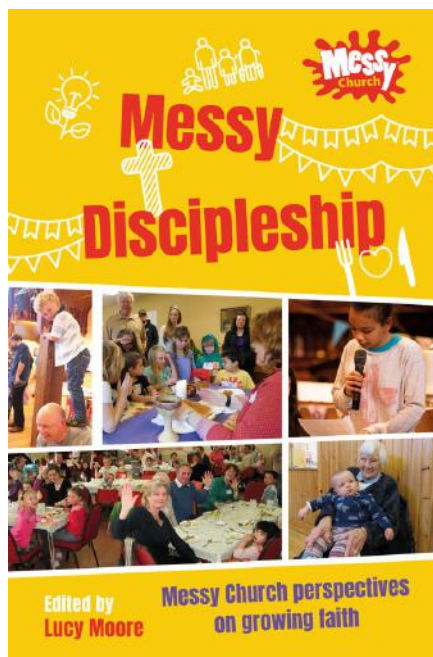
About the author

Ian Cowley is an Anglican priest who has served in parish ministry in South Africa, Sheffield, Cambridge and Peterborough. From 2008 to 2016 he was Coordinator of Spirituality and Vocations in the Diocese of Salisbury, where he set up and developed the Contemplative Minister programme. He is the author of five books on spirituality, discipleship and the local church.

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Messy Discipleship

Messy Church perspectives on growing faith

Lucy Moore

An in-depth exploration of how Messy Church is addressing the discipleship question

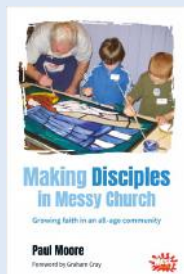
Key benefits

- Addresses the hot topic of discipleship within today's church
- Captures the latest thinking and learning about discipleship from the Messy Church context
- Helps Messy Churches around the world consider and refine their strategy for discipleship
- Examines each of the core Messy Church values and how these work in practice to promote discipleship
- Multi-contributor collection representing a variety of church backgrounds

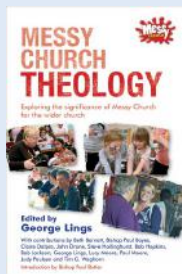
Target readership

- Church leaders seeking to create long-term communities of faith through Messy Church
- Church leaders seeking wisdom in the area of discipleship
- Messy Church leadership teams
- Senior church and denominational leaders responsible for church growth, mission and discipleship
- Those interested in or researching the area of discipleship and church growth
- Theological colleges
- Children's and family ministry leaders

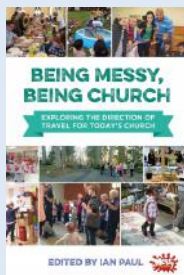
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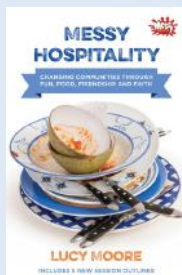
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Summary

Described as being 'deeply serious about discipleship', Messy Church has much to share, as well as much still to learn.

As the fastest-growing fresh expression of church in the UK, Messy Church has learnt a thing or two about discipleship since its beginnings in 2004. This collection of perspectives, edited by Messy Church founder Lucy Moore, brings academic analysis and practitioner wisdom to bear on a key question for today's church, capturing the latest thinking and learning from the Messy Church context. Individual chapters examine each of the core Messy Church values and how these work in practice to promote discipleship.

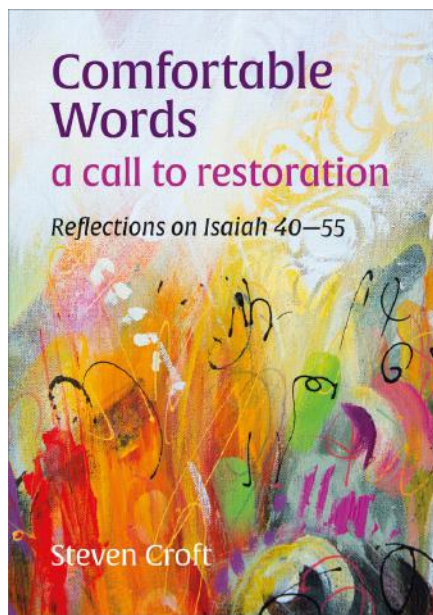
About the author

Lucy Moore is the founder of Messy Church. She promotes Messy Church nationally and internationally through training and speaking events, and is the author of a number of books for BRF.

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Comfortable Words: a call to restoration

Reflections on Isaiah 40–55

Steven Croft

Nine reflections on Isaiah to bring hope in challenging times

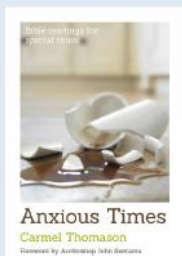
Key benefits

- Biblical reflections from popular author Steven Croft
- Published to coincide with the anniversary of going into the first lockdown and in time for Easter (4 April 2021)
- Joint publishing project with the Diocese of Oxford
- Motivates and encourages through sustained reflection on the ‘comfortable words’ of Isaiah 40–55
- Includes words of wisdom for all those in leadership

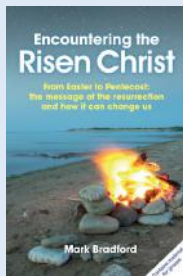
Target readership

- All those reflecting on the past year since lockdown began
- Those needing strength and re-envisioning in a season of recovery and rebuilding
- All those seeking comfort and hope
- Those who enjoy Steven Croft’s writing and podcasts
- Those in positions of leadership, secular or in Christian ministry
- Church leaders seeking reflective material for Easter

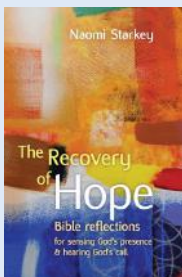
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Summary

‘Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God...’

Through nine reflections, Steven Croft examines what these ‘comfortable words’ have to say to us. Each reflection begins from a passage of scripture taken from Isaiah 40–55: the song of an unnamed prophet who sings at the end of the exile to call God’s people home.

The prophet sings of love and forgiveness, of new hope and strength in God, to rekindle courage in the hearts of God’s people. The prophet sings of a new kind of leadership, based on humility and gentleness. The prophet sings to tell us not to be afraid even in the face of death. These are comfortable words the whole world needs to hear afresh in this season.

About the author

The Rt Revd Dr Steven Croft is the Bishop of Oxford. He has a passion for mission and evangelism and for finding creative ways of sharing the gospel, and is the co-author of the Emmaus and Pilgrim courses, both of which seek to help people engage with the Christian faith.

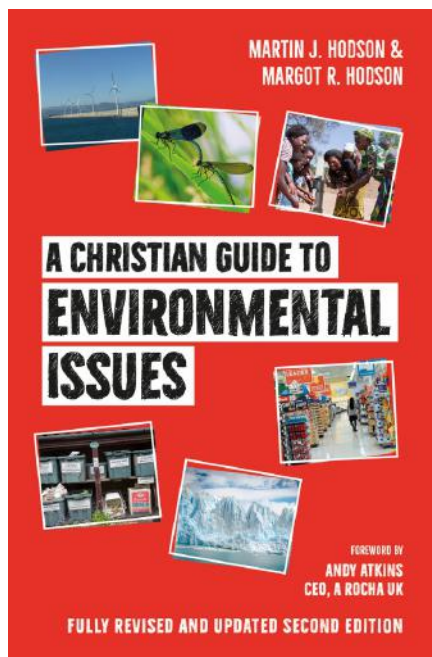
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April



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A Christian Guide to Environmental Issues

Martin Hodson, Margot Hodson

Why and how Christian faith and concern for the environment should go together

Key benefits

- Fully revised and updated to reflect changes in science, political context and church response since original publication in 2015
- Addresses increasingly urgent issue among Christians of all denominations and in wider society
- Timely and informed response to increased awareness and profile of environmental problems, especially climate change
- Includes ethical reflections, Bible studies focusing on a different biblical doctrine for each chapter, and eco-tips to enable practical response

Target readership

- Christians with a love of nature and a concern for the environment, and organisations such as: A Rocha; The John Ray Initiative; Green Christian; and Operation Noah
- Church leaders wanting further information on environmental issues, and Christian response to them
- Christians with a concern for development issues and mission, and organisations such as: CMS; Tearfund and Interserve
- Home group leaders looking for Bible studies on environmental issues
- People who don't have a religious faith interested in faith responses to the environment, with organisations such as: Transition, Friends of the Earth; and WWF

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Bible Reflections for Older People
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Guidelines
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Holy Habits Bible Reflections: Sharing Resources
9780857468352 £3.99

Summary

Environmental sustainability is a major issue for us all. In this extensively updated edition, Martin and Margot Hodson consider eight of the key current environmental problems, giving the biblical basis for looking after the environment and helping to integrate environmental thinking into the reader's understanding of Christian faith. This accessible guide includes ethical reflections, Bible studies focusing on a different biblical doctrine for each chapter, and eco-tips to enable practical response. Among the issues covered are climate change, food, biodiversity, and population, together with the relationship between environmental problems and issues relating to world development.

Praise for A Christian Guide to Environmental Issues:

Martin and Margot Hodson's deep commitment to the critical issues that their timely book addresses shines through each chapter. Peter Harris, Founder of A Rocha
This book looks straight in the eye of the most serious set of environmental challenges humanity faces. Drawing together in accessible ways scientific evidence, biblical reflection and practical ideas, it will provoke you to better think, act and pray for the renewal of creation. Rt Revd Graham Usher, Bishop of Norwich

About the authors

Dr Martin J. Hodson is a plant scientist and environmental biologist, and Operations Director for the John Ray Initiative (JRI).

Revd Margot R. Hodson is JRI's Director of Theology and Education and a vicar in Oxfordshire. She is on the boards of A Rocha UK and Grove Ethics Editorial Group.

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Green Reflections

Biblical inspiration for sustainable living

Martin Hodson, Margot Hodson

Biblical reflections on the environment and our relationship with it

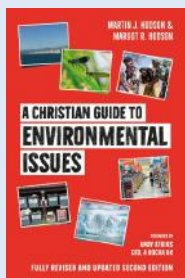
Key benefits

- Encourages a reflective approach to crucial and emotive environmental issues
- Contains 62 reflections on themes including trees, landscapes, weather, biodiversity and sharing resources, with original colour artwork throughout
- Draws on contributions from Bible Reflections for Older People, Guidelines and Holy Habits Bible Reflections
- Moves through gentle reflection to a call to action
- Devotional companion to A Christian Guide to Environmental Issues
- Colour paintings throughout by artist Martin Beek

Target readership

- Christians or those interested in Christianity with a love of nature and a concern for the environment
- Those looking for a thoughtful gift for environmentally conscious friends and family
- Bible notes subscribers and those who enjoy devotional reading more occasionally

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Summary

How should we look after the world we inhabit?

Martin and Margot Hodson bring together scientific and theological wisdom to offer 62 reflections inspired by passages from the Bible in a thoughtful exploration that encourages both reflection and response. Themes include The Wisdom of Trees, Landscapes of Promise and Sharing Resources.

About the authors

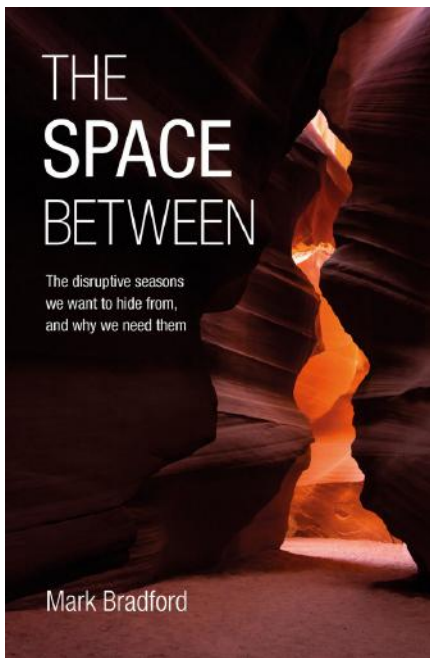
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The Space Between

The disruptive seasons we want to hide from, and why we need them

Mark Bradford

God uses transition times for our good

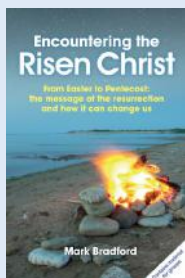
Key benefits

- Frames transitional times in a way which provides coherence while at the same time leaving room for doubt and confusion
- Helps readers to reflect on times of change, especially in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic
- Provides assurance that God is at work, even when he most appears to be absent
- Structured around key metaphors of exile, wilderness, storm and pit
- Well-researched and referenced to provide a rich exploration of a complex subject

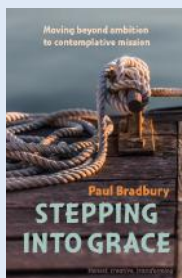
Target readership

- Church leaders and those helping people through difficult times
- Those who enjoy a fresh angle on biblical themes
- Those dealing with or reflecting on periods of change or disruption
- Intentionally seeks to appeal to a broad readership in terms of church tradition

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Summary

The 'liminal seasons of life' – those transition times in which we have left one season of stability but not yet arrived at the next – can be times of great disorientation. Yet, for good or for ill, they are also the most transformative. In *The Space Between*, Mark Bradford provides the reader with a biblical and theological understanding of such seasons of life, connects them with the resources to live faithfully through them, and offers strength and hope for the journey.

Praise for *Encountering the Risen Christ*:

'Personal, perceptive, profound, provocative, well-resourced and well-written; Mark Bradford offers us an imaginative and encouraging exploration of encounter as the key and critical mode of Christian experience and discipleship.'

James Bell, former Bishop of Ripon

About the author

Mark Bradford is the vicar of St Cuthbert's, Fulwood. Previously he taught history and politics and has worked for the Oasis Trust in Leeds training and discipling 18–25-year-olds. He is married with three young children.

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