

Footsteps

A close-up photograph of several footprints in golden sand, receding into the distance under a bright sky.

Footsteps is a series of presentations by invited speakers who can help us as we journey in our Christian faith.

All are welcome to come to each informal, friendly occasion to listen, chat, reflect on and drink in whatever spiritual and actual refreshment is on offer each night.

We provide a café-style setting in our large parish centre, serving light refreshments and nibbles along with a good sprinkling of humour. There's no charge, plenty free parking and good wheelchair access.

For the rest of 2019

Come and follow in the footsteps of these special people

Tuesday 14 May at 7.30pm

Mary Hardiman presents "Finding God in unexpected places"

Tuesday 18 June at 7.30pm

Fr John Boles reflects on "The God of liberation: Christian perspectives from Latin America"

Thursday 26 September at 7.30pm

David O'Neill explores the Christian tradition of learned ignorance about God as he considers "...not knowing God"

Thursday 31 October at 7.30pm

Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal from Leeds talk about "For love alone"

Be inspired, relax, be spiritually nudged!

You'll be very welcome. Come and follow our Footsteps.

St Peter's Parish Centre, Green Lane, Hazel Grove SK7 4EA

A note about our speakers

Each one of our speakers has great spiritual insight, deep conviction – and a sense of humour. They have wide experience in many different walks of life and are inspiring presenters. Here's a little of their individual backgrounds.

Mary Hardiman a former high school teacher, is a person-centred counsellor and Head of Wellbeing at a Pupil Health Referral Unit in Salford for teenagers with mental health problems. She has written many articles and is in demand as a speaker at parish, diocesan and professional events. Mary has a great gift for unwrapping the Scriptures and presenting them in ways that are inspiring, practical and thought provoking.

Fr John Boles was born in Stockport in 1953; he started work as a Town Planning Officer. Aged 30 he served as a Lay Missionary in Nicaragua for four years then joined the Columban Fathers in 1989 to work in Latin America for the next 25 years. He's currently home from Peru and will explain about his work and experiences, referencing Christian thought and practice – and the gospels.

David O'Neill studied theology and has taught religion, theology and philosophy to all ages from primary school to adults. He is now retired and lives in Stockport.

The Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal are sending two Sisters from their base in Leeds to talk about their calling, their ministry and their simple life working with the poor and homeless as well as their evangelisation work. This order of Sisters was formed just over 30 years ago and they have enjoyed real growth, in contrast to other religious communities. The maximum age for becoming a Sister is 35. They have been described as Sisters who are “joyful, engaging, funny and fit the description of the New Evangelisation to a T.”

On a practical note

Footsteps began in 2018 and has been very well attended since the first event and so we are encouraged to offer this second series. We have tried to offer both Tuesday and Thursday evenings – in case on one particular night you already have a regular commitment.

Keep your eye on our parish newsletter which is always available in the NEWS section of our website: www.stpeterscatholic.church

We hope to see you soon. Come and follow our Footsteps.