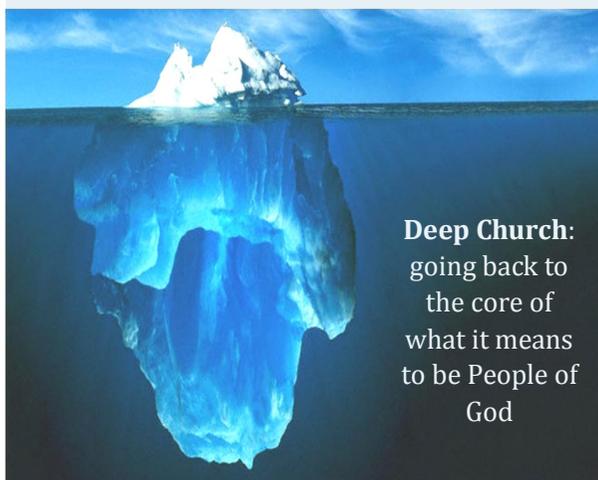


**Deep Church** reminds us that our human story is also God's story (HIS-Story). God's plan is to reconcile all things to himself (Col.1:20). This plan was pre-ordained from the beginning through his creative Word, was revealed in Christ's redemptive ministry on earth, is lived out in our present time and place, and will be eternally consummated when Christ returns in the future .

**Deep Church** is a means of re-imagining and re-telling our human story in the light of God's saving activity in Christ throughout history. It's a 'reboot' of our spiritual hard drive— a means of going back to the deep core of what it truly means to be the People of God.



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### Talk Programme

*All meetings 7.30 –9.15 pm  
at Christ Church, Nailsea*

- Wk.1 Jan 13th — 'Back to the Future' Pt 1:  
historical and spiritual amnesia
- Wk. 2. Jan 20th — 'The Genuine Article': how  
do we tell truth from error ?
- Wk. 3. Jan 27th — 'Once upon a Time':  
understanding our Christian story
- Wk. 4. Feb 3rd — 'Matter matters': the  
sacramental life and holy mysteries
- Feb 10th — Ash Wednesday (no meeting)  
Holy Communion 7.30 pm at  
Tickenham church
- Wk. 5. Feb 17th — 'The Rock and the River':  
Spirit and Tradition— friends or  
foes?
- Wk. 6. Feb 24th — 'Back to the Future' Pt 2:  
Where do we go from here?  
Moulding a new Christian counter-  
culture

### LENT TALKS

- Mar 2nd — George Westhaver (Principal of  
Pusey House, Oxford) on  
'Sacramental Reading'
- Mar 9th — David Mitchell (lead pastor of the  
Woodland Group of Churches,  
Bristol) on 'Spiritual Warfare'
- Mar 16th — Geoffrey Rowell (former Bishop of  
Europe) on 'The Whole of Church  
History in just One Hour!'

*Refreshments provided*

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## What is Deep Church?

**Deep Church** seeks to challenge the historical and spiritual *amnesia* of church and society in our modern era. We have forgotten who God is, who we are, and what our goal is — life in all its fullness in Christ.

**Deep Church** is about ‘AN-*amnesia*’ — the opposite of, and reversal of, *amnesia*. It’s a way of bringing our Christian past into the present so we can better understand our current place and our ultimate purpose in the ‘Big Picture’ — God’s timeless vision of past, present and future.

**Deep Church** helps us rediscover the vital relationship between on the one hand the historical traditions of the past, through which we have received our Scriptures, doctrines, liturgy and creeds, and on the other, the charismatic, Spirit-filled, Christ-lived reality of the present.

**Deep Church** reminds us that without the teachings of Jesus and the Apostolic tradition our faith has no firm foundation so that we lose our sense of trajectory and purpose. Equally, without the present in-dwelling of the Holy Spirit in our daily lives this historical tradition remains just a dry and dusty museum piece. The continuing collaboration of Spirit and Tradition are the foundation-stones of Deep Church.

## Some of the topics covered in the course:

*A Lost God in a Lost World: ‘re-enchantment’ in a secular society*

*Spiritual Amnesia: the DIS-EASE of the present age*

*The Rock and the River: the Spirit working through Tradition*

*Radical Continuity: the past holds the answer to the future*

*The Genuine Article: truth & error; orthodoxy & heresy*

*What has the Early Church done for us? Only doctrines, creeds, councils...*

*The Democracy of the Dead: Augustine & co. still get a voice*

*History as HIS-STORY: telling God’s story His way*

*“Only Connect”*: the sacrament of the present moment

*In the World but not Of the World: moulding a Christian counter-culture*

*“Matter matters”*: a sacramental worldview

*Revolution by Tradition: a radically new way forward older than time*

*A Truly Inclusive Church: traditional and charismatic — friends not foes*