

SPIR 510: SEASONS OF RENEWAL

Malcolm Guite and Steve Bell

May 30 – June 3; 8:30 – 11:30 am

1 or 2 graduate credit hours; or 1 audit hour

In-person, live online & Recorded

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Journey into the riches and mystery of the liturgical year with Steve Bell and Malcolm Guite. Using their original poetry and music as well as other biblical and theological resources, they will open out the riches and the meaning of the great seasons of the church's year from Advent through Epiphany, Lent, and Easter, on to Pentecost and the feast of Christ the King.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Upon the successful completion of this course, students should have a clearer understanding of:

1. Understand the origin, history and purpose of the 'Christian Year'
2. Be familiar with a range of artistic and spiritual resources to help them 'keep' the year
3. Think creatively about the Christian festivals and begin to make resources of their own

COURSE OUTLINE

Day 1 May 30 What is the Christian Year and how did it develop?

Day 2 May 31 'Keening for the Dawn' Re-discovering Advent.

Day 3 June 1 Little Epiphanies

Day 4 June 2 Lent and Holy Week; The Pilgrim Journey

Day 5 June 3 Death and Resurrection: The Heart of the Faith

REQUIRED TEXTS

Bell, Steve. *The Pilgrim Year: Advent, The Pilgrim Year: Christmas, The Pilgrim Year: Epiphany, The Pilgrim Year: Lent, The Pilgrim Year: Holy Week, and The Pilgrim Year: Easter*. These booklets are published as a box set by Novalis and are also available from Steve Bell's website: <https://stevebell.com/pilgrim-year-book-series/>

Chittister, Joan. *The Liturgical Year: The Spiraling Adventure of the Spiritual Life - The Ancient Practices Series*, Thomas Nelson, 2010. ISBN: 9780849901195.

Guite, Malcolm. *Sounding the Seasons: Seventy Sonnets for the Christian Year*. Canterbury Press 2012. ISBN: 9781848252745.

Guite, Malcolm. *The Word in the Wilderness: a Poem a day for Lent, Holy Week and Easter*, Canterbury Press, 2014. ISBN: 9781848256781.

Guite, Malcolm. *Waiting on the Word: A Poem a Day for Advent, Christmas and Epiphany*, Canterbury Press 2015. ISBN 978-1848258006

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