

WHAT IS ALPHA?

The Alpha course is an opportunity for anyone to explore the Christian faith. It's relaxed, non-threatening, low key, friendly and fun. There is a meal together at the beginning of each session which gives the opportunity to get to know each other.

Listen, learn, discuss and discover. And ask anything. Alpha is a place where no question is too simple or too hostile. And it's supported by all the main Christian denominations. There is no charge for the Alpha course. Alpha is for everyone, especially: Those wanting to investigate Christianity; New Christians; Newcomers to the church and those who want to brush up on the basics.

Press quotes...

What distinguishes Alpha from other initiatives is the easy-going, relaxed feel of the proceedings - that, and its astonishing success.

The Times, London

Alpha makes Christianity relevant to modern life.

The Express, London

Many claim Alpha has changed their lives and appear genuinely happier for the experience."

Time Magazine

View more Press cuttings at <http://uk.alpha.org/press>

FIND A COURSE

Alpha is running in tens of thousands of churches of all denominations across the world.

If the timing of our course is not convenient to you then let us help you find a course that suits you better,

Contact Rev Iain Stephenson on 01794 500517 or email iain.stephenson@ntlworld.com

or go online at <http://uk.alpha.org/findacourse>

LOOKING FOR A CHURCH?

If you would like to come and join us one Sunday our Services are 10.30 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. every Sunday. We have Creche facilities for the very young and toddlers and Godzone for school age children.

Other activities include weekly Housegroups with times to suit most and a thriving youth work including a Thursday and Friday Youth Club for teens, "Vision" for church teenagers after the Sunday evening service, a midweek bible based Youth Group plus midweek activities including Girls Brigade and Duke of Edinburgh.

We also have contacts with the Boys Brigade at the Methodist Church and help with "The Hub" (a monthly music and activities evening) with New Life Church. As well as our Ministers we have a Pastoral Worker and there are also Men's and Women's fellowship groups and even a bi-weekly Men's football activity.

More information about these and other church activities can be found at: <http://www.romsey-baptist.org.uk/>



Alpha at RBC

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Alpha is an opportunity for anyone to explore the Christian faith in a relaxed setting over ten thought-provoking weekly sessions, with a day or weekend away.
Alpha.org

What Alpha offers, and what is attracting thousands of people, is permission, rare in secular culture, to discuss the big questions - life and death and their meaning.
The Guardian, London

If you want a no-holes-barred, open and honest discussion, you can bring all the questions and things that annoy you about anything to do with Christianity or religion to Alpha. You ask it, listen to what has got to be said and then make a decision. If you never ask the questions you'll never get any answers, and if you never give it a go you'll never know whether it was right or wrong, good or bad.

"A Previous Guest" - Alpha.org

September 2009

Quote from a past Guest...

I do not come from a Christian background, I didn't even know anyone who was a Christian, so when a work colleague invited me to an Alpha supper I had to think about it for several weeks, because part of me was interested in why people go to Church but part of me was very wary.

When I walked in on that first night, I thought the hall was going to be full of people who all had grey hair and looked like they were sucking on half a lemon. I couldn't believe it when I found the hall full of people of all ages and all backgrounds, I remember thinking I don't know why I was so worried about coming.

I found the group discussion about the various Alpha talks each week a really good chance to learn. One of the bits that I personally liked was the fact that I could ask any questions and everyone was interested in them.

When I came on the course I thought they might try and get me on some sort of Religious treadmill, but the Alpha course taught me that I could have a personal relationship with God, and that God was but a prayer away.

I went on the Alpha course with an open mind expecting nothing. I still find it hard to take on board the positive difference it's made to my life, marriage and family. The Alpha course helped to look at myself as I really am, and helped me to love and respect other people, even those I considered not my type. Considering how reluctant I was to go, I actually found myself looking forward to the Alpha course each week.

What have other people said?

Watch video clips of previous guest at <http://uk.alpha.org/past-guests>

See how people have responded to the question 'If God did exist what would you ask?' on YouTube (search on 'askgodone')

Want to come to Alpha?

Alpha 2009

Our next Alpha Course will run in the church hall at Romsey Baptist Church at 7.15 for 7.30 each week, from Thursday 24th September to Thursday 3rd December. We'd love to see you there, call Iain or email to let us know you're coming. Please do consider coming to the invitation meal on 10th Sept (details below) or just turn up! on Sept 24th.

Thinking about Alpha?

Alpha Invitation Meal

If you are considering coming to the Alpha Course, or thinking about asking a friend, and you or they want to know more about the Alpha Course first, there is a "no obligation" introduction to the Alpha Course at 7.15 for 7.30pm on Thursday 10th September 2009 at Florence's Restaurant in the Cornmarket, Romsey.

The introductory evening is a one off event consisting of a meal and talk followed by a discussion on "The Relevance of Christianity Today". The event is completely free but numbers are unfortunately limited to the size of the venue. So if you are thinking of coming along, or would like more information, please call Iain on 01794 500517 or email iain.stephenson@ntlworld.com

Thinking about coming back to Church?

Back to Church Sunday B2CS (10.30 Sun 13th Sept)

B2CS is an inter-denominational initiative based on research showing that 3 million people (six per cent of the adult population) would come back to church if they received a personal invitation.

This year's theme is 'Come as you are' and we are hoping that as many people as possible will invite a friend to come with them to church on this Sunday.

Alpha 2009

If you are thinking of joining us for our next Alpha Course please let us know by filling in the form below.

If you're not sure yet then don't worry, just turn up on the night, we have very flexible arrangements and plenty of food!

If you'd rather not leave your contact details that's fine, we won't add you to any mailing lists, it's just so we can let you know of any last minute changes to the published details.

If you have any special requirements e.g. Diet, Communication or Access then either let us know on the form or, if you'd prefer, come and talk to any member of the team.

Name:	
Phone:	
Any special requirements?	
How did you hear about this course?	

Please come and join us, we'd love to meet you!