John Robinson and Jack Spong kept alive the willingness of people of faith to feel the pull of the future. And yet both were avid students of an ancient text — the Bible. This combination resisted the fossilisation of sacred scripture and ensured that there was a creative and lively engagement between past word and present life so that a vibrant hope for the future might emerge. This course seeks to honour their work by engaging with new developments in the study of the New Testament.

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Programme

Thursday, 8th November
6pm Welcome and introductions
6.45pm Dinner
7.45pm Lecture 1: For What We Have Received — Sometimes We Need to Know the Genealogy (or Who Called the Samaritan “good”?)

Friday, 9th November
8am Eucharist (optional)
8.30am Breakfast
10am Lecture 2: Rainbow-coloured Jesus Que(e)rying the Text (or A Courtesan and a Soldier Confront a Messiah)
11am Coffee
11.30am Lecture 3: Listening for a Woman’s Voice (or Paul Speaks Like a Girl, when Phoebe Reads Romans)
12.30pm Lunch
4:30pm Lecture 4: You Can’t Keep A Good Man Down (or What Can We Do With the Resurrection?)
5:30pm Question and Answer
6:45pm Dinner
7:45pm Poems and Wine

Saturday, 10th November
8am Breakfast
10am Eucharist: Can these Bones Live Again?
10:30am Coffee
11:15am Lecture 5: Digging in the Dirt — the Challenge of Material Culture to Metaphysical Readings of the Bible (or Where Can a Nuclear Family be Found?)
12:30pm Lunch and depart