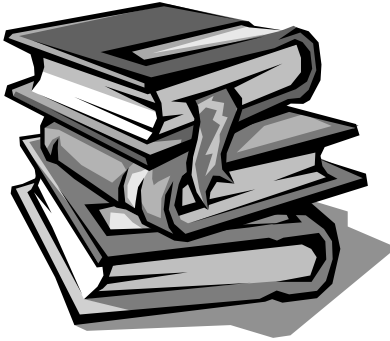


Book Reviews

Here is a selection of books for you to consider:



Silence and Honey Cakes The Wisdom of the Desert
by Rowan Williams ISBN: 0745951384 £9.99

Rowan Williams goes back to the 4th century Desert Fathers and Mothers for inspiration and insight. He discovers that the spirituality of the desert resonates strongly with aspects of the modern spiritual search. Themes include: life, death, relationships, silence, staying and leaving. This book, the first published by Rowan Williams since his enthronement as Archbishop of Canterbury, is ideal for meditation and would make excellent reading during Lent.

Angels by Billy Graham
ISBN: 0340630310 £6.99

Today's interest in the supernatural often seems to put the emphasis on the occult and evil powers. But what about the forces of good? While many doubt the existence of angels, they are mentioned nearly three hundred times in the Bible. Billy Graham writes that this has been "one of the most fascinating studies of my life", and in it he looks at what angels are and the roles that they can play. "In a materialistic world which nevertheless is riddled with evil and suffering," he writes, "we need to discover afresh the Bible's teaching about angels. . . I believe the subject is more relevant today than perhaps at any time in history."

Lessons from a Sheepdog by Phillip Keller
ISBN: 0340347066 £5.99

What does it mean to follow Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd? For Phillip Keller, disciples are not sheep but co-workers with God. Through the captivating story of his life with Lass, his beloved border collie, he shows that only as Christians submit trustingly to the Shepherd's loving discipline do they become responsive to his love and discover purpose and fulfilment. As Keller explains, "When we truly come to know his touch upon our lives, and sense the sweetness of his Spirit at work in our souls, we are aware of being liberated into joyous experiences and adventurous undertakings of enormous enthusiasm."

C of E by Monica Furlong
ISBN: 0340746351 £8.99

An informative, comprehensive and controversial exploration of the nation's most established institution, the Church of England, now available in paperback. Other contemporary studies of the Church of England have tended to reflect the particular spiritual allegiance of the writer, resulting in a narrow picture which misses the one essential characteristic of Anglicanism: its extraordinary ability to encompass the widest range of religious tastes. But Monica Furlong had painstakingly researched the Church in all its manifestations from high Church to broad Church, from Charismatic to Evangelical, and also the fringe movements like the post-Evangelicals and the Sea of Faith. What are the C of E's glories and achievements? Its origins and structures, its organisations? Who uses it and why? Should it be changed or abolished? Issues like disestablishment, money, management, belief, morals, media and ritual and all discussed with intelligence, authority and humour.

Messy Spirituality by Mike Yaconelli**ISBN: 0340756357 £6.99**

"Spirituality' may be possible for a single, old, financially stable contemplative who has nothing to do but pray," says Michael Yaconelli, "But for people like you and me, with kids and mortgages and jobs and car payments, probably not." There are many obstacles to the kind of spirituality we feel we ought to have: not enough time, feelings of inadequacy, lethargy, over-expectation, fear ... But we will be surprised to discover that spirituality - true, Godly spirituality - is not quite as inaccessible as we once thought. Michael Yaconelli writes from the heart, with humour and humanity, and bears favourable comparison with Philip Yancey and Richard Foster

**Don't give up on yourself.
Even Moses was once a basket case.**

Recycle your old mobile for charity

If you've got a new mobile phone, why not spread a little happiness by donating your old handset to Spurgeon's Child Care? They are asking people to send in their phones to raise money for work with children, young people and families, in the UK and overseas. The charity receives on average £5 for each recyclable mobile phone, which will be renovated for re-use or recycled for parts. Funds raised will help to provide services such as support for families in crisis, after school clubs, and programmes for vulnerable young people.

Andy Jaeger, Head of Fundraising and Marketing, says: "The mobile phone recycling scheme is a great way to raise funds for a worthwhile cause. Lots of people just throw their old one away, but it can so easily be put to good use. It's free to send your phone to us and by taking the time to pop your unwanted handset into an envelope, you'll make a huge difference to children and families."

If you have an unwanted mobile phone, please post it in a strong envelope to: Spurgeon's £5 Phones, The Recycling Centre, FREEPOST NAT5224, Peterborough, PE2 6BR

For more information: 01933 412412, e-mail scc@spurgeons.org or visit

www.spurgeonschildcare.org.

Spurgeon's Child Care is a Christian-based charity that helps children, young people and families in over 100 projects across the UK and overseas, and works in partnership with churches, local authorities and other groups. Spurgeon's recycling scheme is run in partnership with Office Green, the largest collector of used inkjet and toner cartridges in the UK. More info at www.officegreen.co.uk

**Thank God for what you have,
TRUST GOD for what you need.**