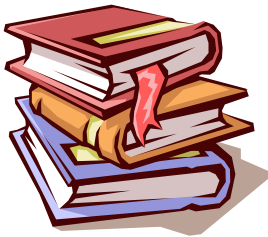


Book Reviews

Here is a selection of books for you to consider:



The Lindisfarne Icon - St Cuthbert and the 21st century Christian

By Helen Julian SSF, £6.99, ISBN 1841013226

Even today, 1300 years after his death, people come in pilgrimage to the tomb of St Cuthbert at Durham Cathedral. This book explores how a relatively obscure seventh-century monk and bishop, who left nothing in writing and sought solitude on the edge of the Christian world, became one of England's most popular and influential saints for centuries afterwards.

His story is told in the context of the conflicts between Celtic and Anglo-Saxon traditions in the English Church, yet at the same time we learn how the life and example of this 'home grown' saint can speak to us still. Cuthbert's gifts of prophecy, healing, evangelism and wise counsel, and his deep commitment to a life of prayer, are of enduring importance for the continued spiritual growth and health of Christians of all times and places.

Helen Julian CSF is an Anglican Franciscan sister, a member of the Community of St Francis and presently serving the community as Minister Provincial.

A Heart to Listen

By Michael Mitton, £7.99, ISBN 1841012696

Listening has become a lost art in a world that is growing ever noisier, more superficial and more stressed. Too many of us have forgotten not only about listening to others but also about listening to God, to our own hearts, to our wider communities—and even to our planet. Without listening, how can we hope to gain wisdom, to build deep and truly caring relationships with all kinds of people, to share our faith?

This accessible book shows how, with God's help, we can relearn the art of listening and in doing so become a source of help and healing for others and for ourselves. Biblical reflection is interwoven with insights from the author's wide experience of listening ministry in the UK and abroad. Between each chapter are episodes of an intriguing story, which explores the book's themes through vividly imagined characters in a cross-cultural setting.

The Rev Michael Mitton is Project Officer for Renewing Ministry in the Derby Diocese. He was previously Deputy Director of the Acorn Christian Foundation, heading up Acorn's Christian Listeners, and was Director of Anglican Renewal Ministries (ARM) 1989–97.

Light Force

By Brother Andrew with Al Janssen, £9.99, ISBN 0340862718

When the phenomenal success of God's Smuggler made it too dangerous for his contacts in the underground church, Brother Andrew decided he could not return to Eastern Europe. He quietly turned his attention the Middle East, and for the last thirty-five years he has been serving the Christian Church there as well as witnessing to Jews and Muslims. His impassioned message is that there is a radical Christian approach to the stalemate of Middle East conflict. Only the gospel of love has the answer, and Christians are called to allow God to use them to demonstrate the example of Jesus. Light Force brings Brother Andrew's story right up to date. It is every bit as exciting as God's Smuggler, as Andrew has put his life on