

Are you looking for answers?

Apart from people who attend church regularly Sunday by Sunday the work of the church extends to many people, through baptisms, weddings and funerals, and through the strong links we have with many schools. Christians everywhere seek to offer support to people in any kind of need – the poor, the lonely, the sick and the elderly. But have you ever wondered what Christians actually believe? Do you know why so many people declare their faith in Jesus Christ? Is Christianity based on truth? Is it relevant in the 21st century?

Here at the Church in the Woottons we seek to offer answers to these and many other questions through the Alpha Courses that we run regularly. The Alpha Course has quite a long history now. It originated in the 1970s as a course for members of Holy Trinity Church in West London. By the 1990s Nicky Gumbel who was now running the course there realised it had a lot to offer people who didn't go to church and knew little about the Christian faith. Nicky began offering the course to be used by churches all over the country and it soon spread overseas as well. To date something like 27 million people have attended an Alpha Course in 169 countries and it is currently available in 112 different languages.

A typical evening of an Alpha Course run in the Church in the Woottons goes like this: We arrive at 7.30pm or soon after and enjoy getting to know one another over tea, coffee and cake. At 8.00pm we watch a teaching video about an aspect of the Christian Faith – for example “Who is Jesus?”; “Why did Jesus die?” or “How do I pray?”. After the video there is plenty of time for discussion around the subject of the evening, or any aspect of Christianity - and you can ask any questions you want to. We aim to make the sessions as relaxed and enjoyable as possible and often new friendships are formed during the course.

Would you like to try the Alpha Course? Our next course begins on Monday 18th April. If you are interested and would like to find out more please contact me, James Nash, on 01553 671381 or email jamesnash8@talktalk.net

Alpha has been a very popular course in the Woottons for some time now and many people have had life-changing experiences through taking part in it. Please feel free to get in touch to find out more.

James