



Christchurch Deanery “Let us Dream” Course

June 12th, 19th & 26th 10am
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From time to time, a book is published that resets the agenda for the Church. One recent example is ‘Let Us Dream, written by Pope Francis, in conversation with Austen Ivereigh, and published last December.

Months before politicians on both sides of the Atlantic began talking about “build back better”, Pope Francis was already considering how we might emerge better from the pandemic. And while politicians and pundits focus mainly on questions of ‘when?’ and ‘how?’ – e.g. when will restrictions be eased, travel be possible, social distancing lifted; - how may this be most safely achieved? – in ‘Let Us Dream’ Francis poses a different set of questions: “What now? What next?”.

In the worst of a crisis, these important questions are easily overlooked. Written from the heart of the pandemic, ‘Let Us Dream’ helps us to consider “What now?” and “What next?”, while offering also an inspiring, practicable vision for how we may emerge from the Covid crises and build a better world, looking always to Jesus and unafraid to follow his example.

These three sessions, written and hosted by Canon Charles Stewart, are offered to Christchurch Deanery via Zoom, on three Saturday mornings, 12, 19 and 26 June, from 10.00am to 12 noon.

Study material will be provided to help us engage with the key themes of this prophetic book. There will also be opportunities for discussion together; the intention is that these studies will help shape our September Saturday Synod. (As we shall be able to address only some of the ideas in ‘Let Us Dream’, you may wish to buy the book; but the material provided will enable you to engage fully with these three sessions).