## ST PETER'S, EALING CONFIRMATION PREPARATION 2017



## A PROGRAMME

Confirmation preparation is an opportunity to explore further the faith into which you were baptised; or exploring the faith into which you wish to be baptised if you have not already been so\*. Often candidates were baptised in infancy; this is why we refer to confirmation, we are confirming our acceptance of the faith into which we were baptised. To do that we must first explore what that faith means, in the context of the faith itself, in our own lives and in the world we live in. Do we believe the faith statements of this community? Do we take Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour? What does it mean to talk about God's love for us?

This nine week course aims to explore these and many other questions helping each participant to explore for themselves what it means to be a Christian in the Twenty First Century and what that means for us, our relationship with God and our desire to follow Jesus of Nazareth.

The course is divided into three terms of three weeks each. The aim is to offer bite size pieces of learning that will stimulate our understanding and give us time to reflect on what we have learnt asking the question 'what does this mean for me?'

Because these sections are short it will be the expectation that participants will make the classes a priority. The quality of the class will depend on the quality of the participation. There will be unforeseen occasions when attendance will not be possible, we simply ask this be given a priority.

The aim for this year is to present candidates for confirmation in the autumn of 2017. At the time of writing it is unsure whether this will be at St Peter's or the Cathedral. A decision will be made by the summer.

It would be great if you decide to join us on this journey. If you would like to know more or would be interested in joining the group please speak to Fr David or complete this form and hand it to him.

<sup>\*</sup>sometimes candidates come to confirmation not having been baptised for a number of reasons. This is absolutely fine. We would prepare you as usual and plan either to baptise you as part of the confirmation service or at a separate service before hand.

## The Programme:

Term 1: I believe...

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June

in God the Father in his Son Jesus Christ in the Holy Spirit

Term 2: The way of faith

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July

Prayer Bible

Tuesday 18th July

Belonging

Term 3: Living belief

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October living as a Christian loving as a Christian serving as a Christian

