



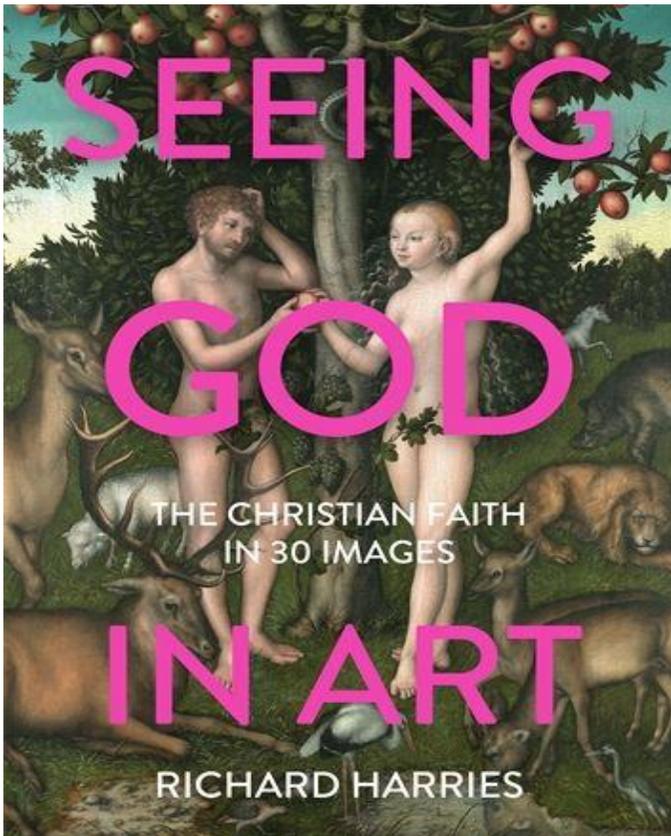
St HELEN'S CHURCH
ABINGDON-ON-THAMES

DESIRING LIFE

Autumn and Early Winter 2021

Tuesdays at 2.30 pm

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SEEING GOD IN ART – *Facilitated by the Revd. Dr Charles Miller*

In the 'Introduction' to his recent book (2020), Bishop Richard Harries, a former Bishop of Oxford, writes: 'Sometimes when looking at a favourite painting I have thought to myself, "If I could choose only a limited number of images to convey the essence of Christian faith, that is one I would include'. This attractive and readable book of 138 pages is the result. After years of reflection and a well-practiced aim to convey the richness of Christian believing in a concise yet robust way, Bishop Richard weds his interest in visual art with his work as an apologist for the faith. It's refreshing that in conveying 'the *essence*' of Christian faith Bishop Richard doesn't reduce the faith to the lowest common denominator. As a result, readers will find themselves taken into the rich terrain of Christian belief through the book's 30 images, some well-known, others by lesser-known modern or contemporary artists.

Each of the coloured images is accompanied by a short comment in which the bishop links the image with a key theme or experience in Christian believing. The result of progressing from start to finish is to gain an informative and inspiring 'take' on the "mystery of faith".

Even better, this book is one that a person can dip in and out of for daily or occasional inspiration and return to again and again as it moves heart and enlightens understanding.

SEEING GOD IN ART is published by SPCK (London 2020), ISBN 9-780281-083824 (paperback) and is also available as an e-book. List price, £14.99 paper and Kindle. Amazon price, £10.49 paper and £9.97 Kindle.

The group meets every other week on the following dates: **September 14th, September 28th, October 12th, October 26th, November 9th and December 7th.**