



**Thursday December 10  
Personal Christmas Choices**

Introduce to others what best speaks to you of Christmas

**St George the Martyr  
Shirley**

**BOOK READING GROUP  
2020**



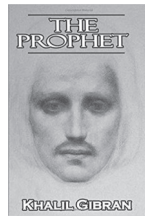
**The Group normally meets on the second Thursday in the month  
at 31 Woodmere Avenue  
7 45 p.m. Refreshments for 8 p.m. - 9 30 p.m.**

**If you want to share a book with us,  
without being physically present,  
You can Email comments to [dunaigh2@btinternet.com](mailto:dunaigh2@btinternet.com)**

**You are welcome to come, or Email, just for one book**

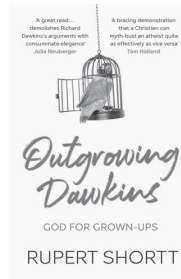


***If you would like a book obtained for you, please ask.  
Extracts or summaries are free.***



**Thursday January 9  
Kahlil Gibran: "The Prophet"**

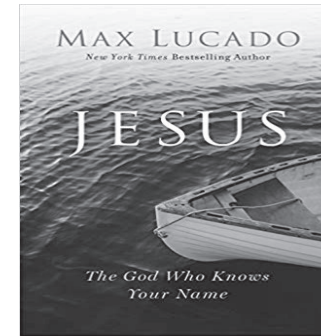
A fascinating (weird in some ways but also wise) book. One of those books that more people have heard about than have read. The language is deliberately old-fashioned, and the story line is imaginative to the point of improbability. However, the advice given is well worth listening to and thinking about, even if, on reflection, you decide not to heed it. Some of the best advice (advice for teachers, for parents, for people praying, for house-builder, etc) is initially counter-intuitive... But if you think hard about it, you might well learn something useful.



**Thursday February 15th**

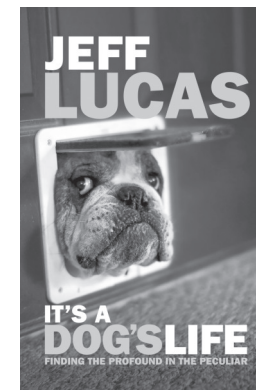
**Rupert Shortt: Outgrowing Dawkins—God for Grown Ups**

Christians sometimes tend to back off from the anti-God debate for the questionable reason that they might find themselves stranded outside their comfort zone; sometimes for the understandable reason that people shouting at each other isn't much fun. This good-natured, but no-hold-barred, book is fairly easy to read and very helpful to read. Give it a go.



**Max Lucado: Jesus - The God who knows you by name**

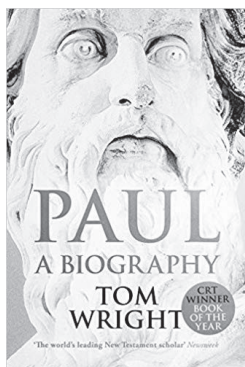
Christianity has always demanded a balancing act between "Jesus is my best mate" (which is true), and "Jesus is the Beginning and the End of the Universe" (which is also true). Our Jewish God-parents left us with God closer to us than our own breathing, and God Immortal, Invisible, Source of all life. Max Lucado helps us when everything seems rather overwhelmingly big, and therefore impersonal, to work the Incarnate God back into our thinking.. Without being presumptuous.



**Thursday November 12th**

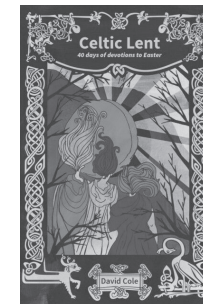
**Jeff Lucas: It's a Dog's Life: Finding the profound in the peculiar**

Not just dog lovers will enjoy this light-hearted exploration of the serious issues of Christian living, in ordinary, every day, life/



**Thursday September 10**  
**Tom Wright: Paul, A Biography**

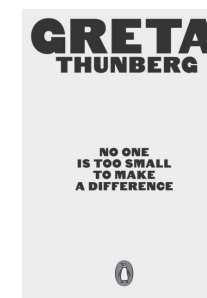
It helps 21st Century Christians to understand their 21st Century faith if they have a better understanding of both St Paul and the world in which he lived and wrote.. As you would expect, Tom Wright gives a balanced and rounded and well-balanced account of the man who contributed so much not only to the Early Church but to the universal Church for all time. Too many less well-informed writers have caricatured Paul on the basis of one or two bits of his writings - for example as man determined to keep women in their (inferior) place. A big book, but a very worthwhile book.



**Thursday March 12**

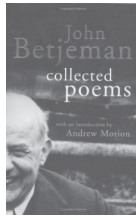
**Celtic Lent: 40 days of devotions to Easter**

If you read “Celtic Advent”, you won’t need any encouragement to sign up to this Lent book. The word “inspiring” is over-done, but this book is, at least, stimulating. It makes you think. It encourages you to act. It prompts you to change. The re-entry of Celtic Church ways of looking at things is not a fad. It has solid value. Come and try... Or just try: you can read the book during Lent without coming near the Book Reading Group.



**Thursday April 16**  
**Greta Thunberg Speeches**

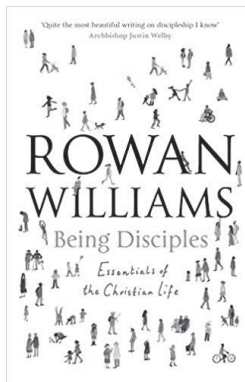
This remarkable young lady is variously seem as an inspiration, a problem and a threat. If you haven’t actually read what she has to say, give her a hearing/ reading. Maybe a bit samey, but then the climate threat is a bit samey....and hugely important.



**Thursday May 14**

**John Betjeman (Christian) Poems**

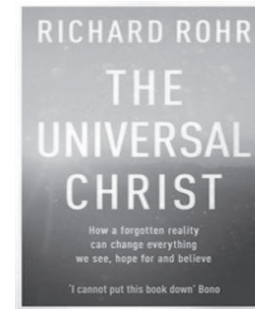
John Betjeman's poems can be loosely categorised as social/political, personal/sexual, and faith-based/religious. We shall be looking at poems in this last category



**Thursday June 11**

**Rowan Williams: Being a Christian \_ Baptism, Bible, Eucharist, Prayer**

A short book, and a punchy book; and, you will be pleased to know, one of those Rowan Williams books which speaks eloquently to the many of us who don't have the former Archbishop's hugely scholarly learning. The "Church Times" described it as "eighty pages of gold dust". P D James describes the book as "elegant and lucid" and "interesting and helpful to those are seekers after rather than finders of religious faith".!

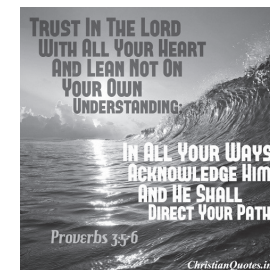


**Thursday July 16**

**Richard Rohr: The Universal Christ**

Richard Rohr is not everybody's favourite; and this book won't appeal to those who want to sell Jesus as a good guy wit some great ideas, who reaches out to folk who don't go much on God but are keen to promote the best in humanity. Nor indeed will the book be hugely attractive to those who want to keep Jesus in his Church Box: the institutional head and founder of a significant religious movement to which we owe our allegiance.

Barry has recommended this book.



**No meeting in August**

You might be tempted by the easy reading option of dipping into the Bible Book of Proverbs - perhaps in one of the more recent translations such as The Message Version.

*Generous hands are blessed hands*

*Don't hang out with angry people*

*Don't talk with your mouth full*