

Book Reading Group 2024: The programme is flexible in terms of both content and activity; and I am not proposing resumption of physical meetings this year – for various reasons. Including the fact that people we know are still going down with Covid. But I hope you find the offerings useful, and will continue to respond when so moved. Whether anyone “outside the group” is informed by our reading list, I have no idea.

I have ordered a couple more BRF books which look interesting, and will pass them on when I get them. For the other slots, I shall circulate the appropriate short extracts in the near future if the church printer co-operates.

January: Kahlil Gibran: Jesus the Son of Man (You have this)

February: Jean- Dominique Bauby: The Diving Bell and The Butterfly (You have this)

March: Loving My Neighbour: Olivia Warburton. This is the BRF Lent Book, but it presents a challenge/opportunity at any time, and you can ignore the suggested reading dates. You can explore further on the BRF website if you want to explore further now. I see “loving my neighbour” as more a state of action helping to create a state of mind, than a state of mind creating a state of action. You can choose to disagree.

April: G Studdert Kennedy: The Unutterable Beauty

May: T.S. Eliot: Choruses from the Rock

June: Amy Boucher Pye and Leo Boucher: Holding Onto Hope. This is the other BRF book; and again you can take a peep in advance via the BRF website.

July: Pam Ayres: Puppy Problems

August: David Constantine: Lazarus to Christ and Christ to Lazarus

September: R S Thomas: Near and Far

October: Autumn Poems

November: C S Lewis: The Last Battle (extracts)

December: Christmas Choices