



## CHRIST CHURCH, DARTMOUTH

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*"Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new."*  
Albert Einstein

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Lord has Risen! Alleluia!

I write to you today to share with you a wonderful Christian education opportunity that our parish is offering during this pandemic. The program that I am refereeing to is called Alpha. You may have heard about this Christian group/community study before. Founded in 1977 by Nicky Gumbel, an Anglican priest serving in London, England, the program seeks to offer a safe space to introduce and discuss the basics of the Christian faith through a series of videos, talks, and discussion. In many ways, it is an opportunity to "explore the meaning of life."



A typical Alpha course is generally hosted in person, where there is a time for hospitality as a meal is shared and then a time of study together. However, in light of our current situation, we are moving to an online platform via Zoom.

The series begins on May 19<sup>th</sup> and runs to June 30<sup>th</sup>. We gather online at 7:00pm, and we end at about 8:00pm.

The discussion topics include:

May 19	<i>Is There More to Life Than This?</i>
May 26	<i>Who is Jesus?</i>
June 2	<i>Why did Jesus Die?</i>
June 9	<i>How Can I Have Faith?</i>
June 16	<i>Why and How Do I Pray?</i>
June 23	<i>Why and How Do I Read the Bible?</i>
June 30	<i>How Does God Guide Us?</i>

Alpha is a program that has a history at Christ Church and has been offered in the past. At this time, we have several parishioners who have been asking for this program to be delivered. I feel the Alpha programme is a great way to create community, explore the tough questions we want to ask in a safe environment, and it develops leadership skills. It also is a way that we can continue to connect in this time of physical isolation.

If you have any questions regarding Alpha, please do not hesitate to contact the parish office.

I encourage you to consider Alpha!

With Easter blessings, faithfully yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kyle Wagner".

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