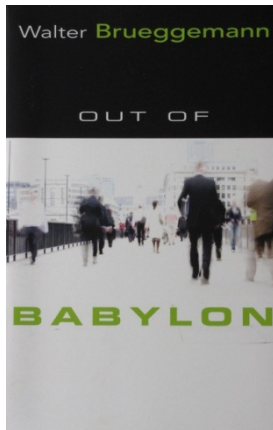


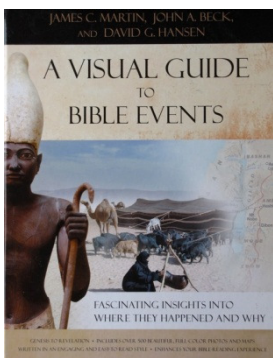
New in St Andrew's Church Library – February to April 2012



Sunday, February 12

Out of Babylon by Walter Brueggemann.

Trusted guide, Walter Brueggemann reiterates the Old Testament's prophetic cry against materialism, consumerism, violence and oppression. Surveying most of the Old Testament prophets, looking at characters like Daniel and Esther and examining the life of God's people exiled in the Babylonian and Persian Empires, Brueggemann makes incisive comments on the relationship of the contemporary church to today's economic empires.



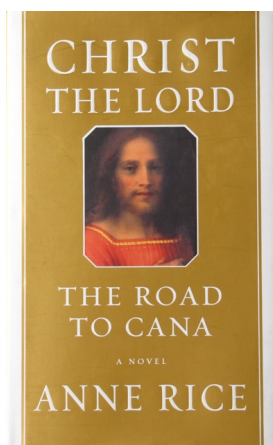
Sunday, February 19

A Visual Guide to Bible Events by James C Martin et al. Why did Jesus pick Samaria as the place to announce his messianic identity? Why did God lead Moses and the Israelites to Mt Horeb after they fled from Egypt? Why did the apostle John receive God's revelation on the island of Patmos? This book reveals the fascinating connections between Bible events and locations. More than 500 photos and maps bring the world of the Bible to life.



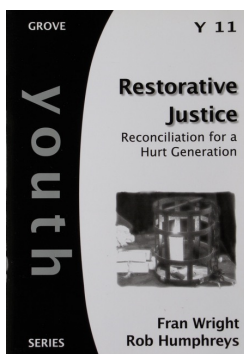
Sunday, February 26

Messy Church by Lucy Moore. "Messy Church" is bursting with easy-to-do ideas to draw people of all ages together and help them to experience Christian community. It aims to create the opportunity for parents, carers and children to enjoy expressing their creativity, sit down together to eat a meal, experience worship and have fun within a church context.



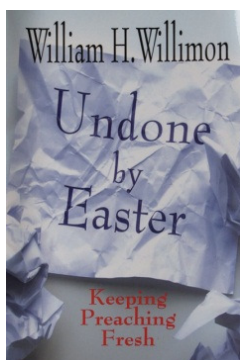
Sunday, March 4

Christ the Lord: the Road to Cana by Anne Rice. Rice's second novel of the life Christ begins during the last winter before his baptism in the Jordan and ends with the miracle at Cana. We see Jesus (Yeshua bar Joseph) during a winter of no rain, endless dust and talk of trouble in Judea. The narrative is based on the Gospels and respected New Testament scholarship.



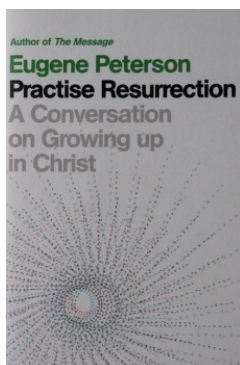
Sunday, March 11

Restorative Justice: reconciliation for a Hurt Generation by Fran Wright and Rob Humphreys. Restorative justice was developed as a more satisfactory alternative to the punitive approach of Western models of justice and punishment. This study shows a way of being faithful to God's concern for the restoration of relationships in justice, outlines its benefits and offers practical guidelines to implementation, especially in the context of youth work.



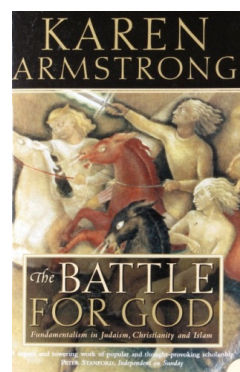
Sunday, March 18

Undone by Easter by William H Willimon. This book is targeted at those who have the opportunity to preach and teach. It looks at how to keep the message fresh as lectionary readings are recycled. Willimon writes of having had to preach the death and resurrection of Christ at least 135 times. He asks whether perhaps preaching is not about cleverness, but about God's decision to turn our lives upside down by coming among us.



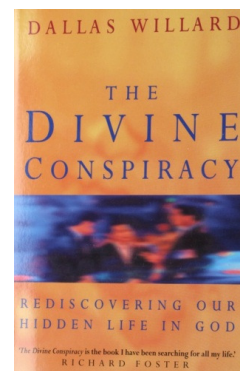
Sunday, March 25

Practise Resurrection by Eugene Peterson. For Peterson, Paul's letter to the Ephesians is a manual for growing up in Christ, and became a foundation stone for his identity as a pastor. "Practise Resurrection" is the fruit of many years meditation and teaching on the book, and presents a compelling picture of what it means to mature in the resurrection life.



Sunday, April 1

The Battle for God: Fundamentalism in Judaism, Christianity and Islam by Karen Armstrong. The late twentieth century has witnessed the emergence in every religious tradition of a strain of threatening and militant fundamentalism, yet fundamentalists remain beyond the comprehension of the rest of the world. In this book Armstrong explains brilliantly and perceptively how and why their understanding of religion and society differs so starkly from that of their contemporaries.



Sunday April 8

The Divine Conspiracy: Rediscovering our Hidden Life in God by Dallas Willard. In his foreword, Richard Foster writes "*The Divine Conspiracy* is the book I have been searching for all my life. Like Michelangelo's Sistine ceiling, it is a masterpiece and a wonder. And like those famous frescoes, it presents God as real and present and ever reaching out to all humanity." Willard challenges us to step aside from the politics and pieties of contemporary Christian practice and to discover a rich and unshakeable life full of the reality of God's love.