

## **Abraham, Yesterday and Today**

Today as never before our world is confronted by the reality of religious and cultural pluralism. Many of us have had the luxury of living in a society where there was little necessary contact with those of other faith communities, but the world grows increasingly smaller. It is absolutely essential that we all begin to seek a fuller understanding of each other and begin to look at the spiritual health of the whole world. Such a search deepens our own faith even as it increases our understanding of others. The course will include inter-faith encounters, face to face meetings in the other traditions.

### **Aims of the Course**

To study the call and mission of Abraham  
To consider the relevant Hebrew, Christian, and Muslim texts  
To search for our commonalities with, and differences from, other faiths  
To encourage interfaith dialogue  
To relate our experience to our life and ministry at home

#### **Day 1**

Lectures at College

#### **Day 2**

Hebron, Beer Sheva, Abraham's Well, overnight at Bedouin Center near Arad

#### **Day 3**

Dead Sea, Qumran, float at Dead Sea, Desert walk, Jericho

#### **Day 4**

Bethlehem, Basilica of the Nativity

#### **Day 5**

Galilee, Safed Centre for Jewish Spirituality

#### **Day 6**

Dome of the Rock, Western Wall, Yad Vashem

#### **Day 7**

Nablus

#### **Day 8**

Old City of Jerusalem, Way of the Cross, free afternoon

#### **Day 9**

Abu Gosh

#### **Day 10**

Free day on Sunday, worship at St. George's Cathedral