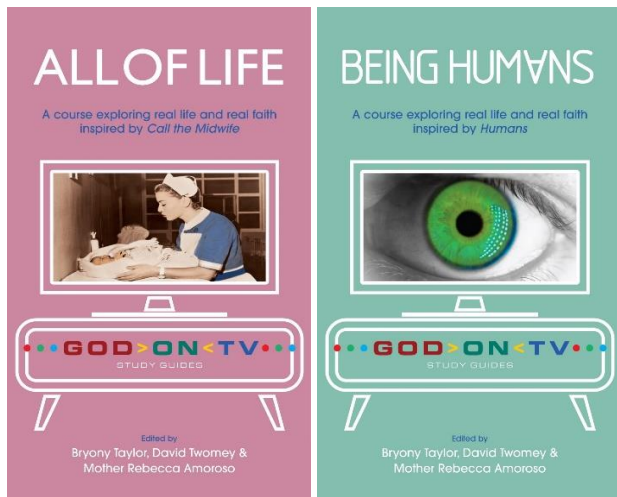


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God on TV series

All of Life / Being Humans

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A new series of small-group courses to help churches engage people in Bible study and theological reflection on moral and ethical themes, through discussing popular TV shows

'Something that connects people regardless of their educational ability and social background is television: it's something all people can engage with easily and have something to share about. The God on TV book series offers the opportunity for people to explore their faith and theology through reflection on TV programmes. Television is a mirror of our society, fictional dramas enable us to put ourselves in other people's shoes, they enable us to see new perspectives.... It is often difficult to engage people in small group bible study and also difficult to help people to talk about big issues that Christians face today. Television gives us an opportunity to explore the world through others' eyes and gives us a way in to open up about things that are challenging. We put together this book as a resource for helping church leaders to explore contemporary life and faith with their church communities.' Rev'd Bryony Taylor

God on TV is a new series of small-group courses to help churches engage people in Bible study and theological reflection on moral and ethical themes. Each book uses some of the themes raised by a popular television series as a springboard for group discussion, prayer and Lectio Divina Bible reading. Written by Rev'd Bryony Taylor (author of **More TV Vicar?**), Mother Rebecca Amoroso and Fr David Twomey – with contributions from Chine McDonald, Rachel Mann, Bex Lewis, Frances Wilson, Katie Tupling, Gemma Sampson, Juliet Stephenson, Claire Jones and George Guiver among others – the books are suitable for personal or group use (and could be used as part of a discussion via Zoom or another video conferencing method during lockdown).

All of Life explores themes of Liturgy and Prayer, Disability, Attitudes to and Experiences of Black and Minority Ethnic People, Attitudes to and Experiences of LGBTQ People, Vocation and Calling, and Celebrations and Community. Each week will begin with a description of a key scene from popular book adaptation *Call the Midwife*, consideration of a discussion on the theme by an appropriate Christian writer, then a Bible study including prayer, reflection and Bible study. Contributors include George Guiver (priest and member of the Community of the Resurrection at Mirfield), Katie Tupling (priest and campaigner for full inclusion of disabled people in the church), Chine McDonald (PR lead for Christian Aid, *Thought for the Day* broadcaster), Claire Jones (deacon in the Church of England) and Frances Wilson (former nun who was Director of Ordinands in Lichfield Diocese and now works as a priest in the Diocese of Llandaff).

Being Humans explores themes of Slavery, Othering, How we Grieve and Life After Death, Identity, Technology: Friend or Foe?, and Activism. Each week begins with a description of a key scene from the sci-fi drama series *Humans*, consideration of a discussion on the theme by an appropriate Christian writer, then a Bible study including prayer, reflection and Bible study. Contributors include Gemma Sampson (priest and activist in the fight against modern slavery with the Clewer Initiative and Hope for Justice), Chine McDonald (PR lead for Christian Aid, *Thought for the Day* broadcaster), Juliet Stephenson (priest and Director of the Good Funeral Company), Rachel Mann (priest and author of *From Now On* and *Fierce Imaginings*), Bex Lewis (writer and commentator on technology and its interface with faith and life) and Chris Howson (priest, campaigner and author of *A Just Church*).

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