



**EDINBURGH**  
THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

## **Saturday Courses**

**Certificate in Theology**

**Diploma in Christian Studies**

**Course Information**

2022-2023

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## Certificate in Theology/Diploma in Christian Studies: 2022/23

### COURSE INFORMATION

**Certificate in Theology** A 2-year part-time course in Biblical Studies, Practical Theology and Christian Doctrine  
**Diploma in Christian Studies** A further 2-year course for those who have already gained their Certificate in Theology

**Venues:**

- Edinburgh Theological Seminary, Edinburgh: contact – Ruth Smith, ETS Administration Assistant, [offices@ets.ac.uk](mailto:offices@ets.ac.uk)
- Free Church, Stornoway (by video-conferencing): contact - Mary Ferguson, [mary31n@gmail.com](mailto:mary31n@gmail.com)
- Knockbain Free Church: contact - Iain Gray, [iaingray89@hotmail.com](mailto:iaingray89@hotmail.com)
- Anywhere in the world - on the internet!

**Programme:**

Classes normally meet in Edinburgh and Stornoway one Saturday a month from 10 am to 3.15 pm on the following dates:

2022: 17 September, 8 October, 12 November, 10 December  
2023: 14 January, 11 February, 18 March, 22 April

**KNOCKBAIN DATES VARY  
PLEASE SEE INSERT  
SHEET FOR DATES**

Classes at venues other than Edinburgh and Stornoway will make their own arrangements for meeting.

**Courses 2022-23**

- Cory Brock: Creation and New Creation: How Grace Restores Everything
- Andy Hunter: A foundation for understanding the Biblical background, purpose, and practices involved in Christian Pastoral Care
- Alex J MacDonald: People Jesus Helped

**Enrolment:**

Online at <https://ets.ac.uk/saturday-courses-application>

**Fees:**

All fees may be paid in instalments, if required.

Standard	£268
Concessions (e.g., senior citizens)	£78
Veterans (four or more years' faithful attendance)	£44
Full-time students	£39
Auditors (not doing the essay assignments)	£44
18 and under	Free!

**Information:**

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### Lecture Details

#### **Practical Theology**

**Lecturer:** Andy Hunter: A foundation for understanding the Biblical background, purpose, and practices involved in Christian Pastoral Care

**Time:** 10.00 am to 11.15 am

*Pastoral care in Christian ministry can be needed in many different situations and contexts. In these series of lectures, we learn that the goal of Pastoral Care is not simply to provide academic and theoretical knowledge, although learning of that kind is a necessary foundation. Rather, it is to explore how to approach this subject and its real-life examples with a Biblically balanced and compassionate understanding of the challenges and complexities in this area. We also look at some Biblical tools for the application of pastoral care in the context of Christian ministry.*

17 September 2022	The Shepherd & the Sheep
8 October 2022	How Change Works
12 November 2022	Church Pastoral Care Structures
10 December 2022	Anxiety & Depression
14 January 2023	Addictions
11 February 2023	Marriage Counselling
18 March 2023	Illness & Bereavement
22 April 2023	Safeguarding & Discipline in Pastoral Care

#### **Biblical Studies**

**Lecturer:** Alex J. MacDonald: People Jesus Helped

**Time:** 11.45 am to 1.00pm

*The series will consist of studies of Jesus' personal, pastoral and evangelistic interactions in the Gospels*

17 September 2022	His Mother
8 October 2022	A Respectable Religious Man
12 November 2022	A Feisty Disreputable Woman
10 December 2022	A Volatile Disciple
14 January 2023	A Wild Man
11 February 2023	A Desperate Man
18 March 2023	A Broken Man
22 April 2023	A Sensitive Woman

#### **Christian Doctrine**

**Lecturer:** Cory Brock: Creation and New Creation: How Grace Restores Everything

**Time:** 2.00 pm to 3.15 pm

*To understand the power of Christ's cross, one must first see the problem the cross addresses. That problem is both personal and cosmic, that creation is fallen. The apostle John famously says, "For God so loved the world that he sent his only Son." He invites us there to understand Christ's salvation in the light of God's love for the world, for people and for everything else. The apostle's creed reminds us: God almighty is the maker of heaven and earth. Therefore, God loves that which he has made and will not leave it to die. In this course we will explore the doctrines of creation, the fall, and re-creation or how the grace of Christ restores nature. The work of Christ is the work of restoration and so Christ came to be our great physician.*

17 September 2022	The God of Creation
8 October 2022	The "How", "What", and "Why" of Creation
12 November 2022	The Pinnacle of Creation
10 December 2022	The Creation Covenant
14 January 2023	The Covenant Broken
11 February 2023	Creation Regained
18 March 2023	The Hope of New Creation
22 April 2023	The "What" of New Creation

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### Essays

Those who wish to qualify for either the *Certificate in Theology* or the *Diploma in Christian Studies* will be required to submit one essay in each department each year. Essay titles will be announced early in the course and students will receive guidance on the art of preparing and submitting written assignments.

Students who obtain Distinctions in at least 4 out of the 6 essays will receive a *Certificate in Theology with Distinction*. Similarly, students who obtain Distinctions in at least 8 out of the 12 essays will receive a *Diploma in Christian Studies with Distinction*.

The due dates for essays are mentioned below. You must submit the essay on time. However, if, for exceptional reasons, you require an extension, please contact the Secretary.

All essays are to be submitted by email or via the Saturday Course website. Essays submitted by email should be sent to Ruth Smith ([offices@ets.ac.uk](mailto:offices@ets.ac.uk))

*Students who wish merely to attend without submitting the essays are, of course, welcome (and pay a much lower fee!). However, essays are more than a means of assessment. They are an important educational tool, stimulating students to think through important issues and to express themselves clearly. Everyone is encouraged to rise to the challenge; and every effort will be made to ensure that essay-marks are confidential.*

### Essays: Due Dates

Biblical Studies: 10 December 2022

Christian Doctrine: 14 January 2023

Practical Theology: 11 February 2023

### GENERAL INFORMATION

#### Food and drink

In normal circumstances, for Edinburgh students, coffee/tea will be available in the ETS Dining Room from 11.15 to 11.45 every morning of the Course. The lunch-break will be from 1.00 to 2.00 pm, and again the Dining Room will be available, and coffee/tea will be provided. Students can either bring their own packed lunches or patronise the many sandwich bars in the neighbourhood. Other venues will have their own local arrangements.

#### Security

Every effort will be made to maintain as high a level of security as possible, but ETS is a public building and it is impossible to screen all those who enter or to maintain total vigilance. Students are urged to take no risks with valuables (including coats, briefcases and handbags).

ETS cannot accept responsibility for lost or stolen items.

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## **Facilities for the disabled**

The ETS forecourt has limited car-parking, particularly mindful for the needs of the disabled. There is also a ramp for wheel-chair entry at the ETS entrance. This ramp, fitted with a handrail and low steps, is also suitable for those who have difficulty with normal steps. There is a lift to all floors and all rooms have wheel-chair access.

## **Graduation ceremony**

Arrangements for graduation will be made towards the end of the session.