

## Why Study Genesis?

### **The Anglican Centre in Rome**

Friday 16 November - Sunday 18 / Wednesday 21  
November 2007

#### **Aims**

- ◆ To explore the contemporary relevance of Genesis
- ◆ To consider key stories and assess their relevance in contemporary debate
- ◆ To use the arts as a way of exploring interpretations of the Genesis stories

#### **Objectives**

By the end of the course we will be able to:-

- Suggest strategies and teaching schemes to encourage the reading of Genesis
- Outline significant stories and assess their place in preaching and discussion on creationism, environmental issues, contemporary society
- Consider the latest Roman Catholic thinking on Genesis and appreciate links with Anglican study
- Review the ancient stories of other middle-eastern religions and relate them to contemporary understandings of society
- Use alternative approaches to Genesis and assess their value to study groups

**Preliminary Reading** *additional reading will be sent on registration*

Genesis            Gerald West brf ISBN 9781841013145  
The Red Tent        Anita Diamant

**Outline Programme** (*subject to alteration and amendment*)

**Friday 16 November 2007**

Arrival and Welcome      Expectations

**Session 1**    The relevance of Genesis in the 21<sup>st</sup> century

Supper

**Saturday 17 November 2007**

**Session 2**    How a study of Genesis can illuminate the New Testament

**Sessions 3 and 4**

Key stories in Genesis: relevance to current debates on Creationism

Environmental Issues

Patriarchal society; issues and relevance for contemporary multi-cultural and multi-faith society

Fundamentalism

**Sunday 18 November 2007**

Eucharist

**Sessions 5,6 & 7**

Approaches to the key stories in Genesis

Preaching Genesis

Dinner

**Monday 19 November 2007**

**Session 8**

Genesis in Pictures

A guided visit to the Galleria Doria Pamphilj

Bus tour of Rome with English commentary

**Tuesday 20 November 2007**

**Session 9**    Visit to Vatican Biblical Institute

**Session 10**   Evaluation

Final Course Dinner

**Wednesday 21 November 2007**

Depart

*It is recommended that course participants who wish to attend the regular Papal Audience on Wednesday morning depart on Wednesday afternoon. Please notify the Director of your intention and to facilitate the necessary ordering of tickets*

**Cost**

£200 ((full course) ; £100 (short course) to include all transport during the course, and 3/2 meals.

The cost does not include accommodation, most meals or flights to and from Rome. If you would like the Centre to book your accommodation please let us know.

Please use the web site [www.anglicancentreinrome.org](http://www.anglicancentreinrome.org) for course participant information

If you wish to participate in this course please e-mail

[Administrator.acr@flashnet.it](mailto:Administrator.acr@flashnet.it)

Or write to

The Director

Anglican Centre in Rome

Palazzo Doria Pamphilj

Piazza del Collegio Romano 2

00186 Roma

Italy