

## DEPARTMENT FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION

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### READING LIST

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Course Title: Soul Sisters 1: Women in the Bible  
Location: Ewert House, Oxford  
Term Dates: 20 Jan 2026 to 17 Feb 2026  
Tutor: Susan Griffith

The reading list below was supplied by the course tutor.

If you have enrolled on a course starting in the autumn, you can become a borrowing member of the Rewley House library from 1st September. If you are enrolled on a course starting in other terms, you can become a borrowing member once the previous term has ended. For example, students starting in January can join the Library in early December and those starting in April can join in early March.

If you are planning to purchase any books, please keep in mind that courses with insufficient students enrolled will be cancelled. The Department accepts no responsibility for books bought in anticipation of a course running.

### Preparatory Reading List

*The items on this list are to give you some background to the materials and ideas that we will be covering on the course.*

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| -              | <i>Holy Bible (Try to familiarise yourself with key texts relating to women in both Old and New Testaments in a relatively recent translation, e.g. NRSV. )</i>  |
| Cohick, Lynn H | <i>Women in the World of the Earliest Christians: Illuminating Ancient Ways of Life (Students should try to read at least a few sections of the book before the start of the course as illuminating background reading.)</i> |

### Course Reading List

*The items on this list are to support your learning while you are taking the course.*

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| Cooper, Kate | <i>Band of Angels: The Forgotten World of Early Christian Women (London: Atlantic Books, 2013)</i> |
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- Esler, Philip F. (ed.) *The Early Christian World, 2nd Edition* (London: Routledge, 2017)
- Gafney, Wilda C. *Daughters of Miriam: Women Prophets in Ancient Israel* (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2008)
- Gooder, Paula *Phoebe: A Story - Pauline Christianity in Narrative Form* (London: Hodder & Stoughton, 2018)
- Heine, Susanne *Women and Early Christianity: Are the feminist scholars right?*
- Kee, Howard Clark 'The Changing Role of Women in the Early Christian World' (in *Theology Today*, 49:2 (1992), 225-238)
- Kraemer, Ross *Women and Christian Origins*
- Shepherd and D'Angelo, Mary Rose (edd.)
- Meyers, Carol (ed.) *Women in scripture: A dictionary of named and unnamed women in the Hebrew Bible, the Apocryphal/Deuterocanonical books, and the New Testament* (Like an encyclopedia. Some students choose to purchase this as a reference. )
- Sawyer, Deborah *Women and Religion in the First Christian Centuries*
- Storkey, Elaine. *Women in a Patriarchal World: Twenty-five Empowering Stories from the Bible*
- Torjesen, Karen Jo *When Women Were Priests* (New York: HarperCollins, 1993)
- Witherington III, Ben *Women in the Earliest Churches* (1988 or 1991)