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Dear friends and parishioners,

Do you believe in angels? Lots of people do, and it seems you don't even have to call yourself religious. Sometimes people say they feel moments where there's a special connection with something beyond their immediate to-do list, or perhaps with someone they have lost and need to remember – perhaps for advice or reassurance. Perhaps they see a feather floating on the breeze, or just get that particular feeling of something beyond the ordinary. Or it may be art, or poetry, or simply religious stories and tradition which make the idea of a messenger from God seem possible.

Are you one of those people? Or are you someone who shies away from anything that doesn't seem rational or scientific?

What are the answers here? One thing we can say is that the belief in angels has a long and varied history, across faiths, across cultures, across periods of time. So then – do the different religions agree or disagree? Do their different beliefs in angels support each other, or cancel each other out? Have people always thought of angels in the way we do (or refuse to do) now? Has the idea of angels made people behave better, or worse? Are there any rational grounds for this idea anyway?

We're going to have the opportunity to hear what one expert on all this has to say, based on knowledge of how these ideas have grown and developed over the centuries, and to drill down deeper into what it all means and whether it makes any sense in a short, informal study course led by the Revd. Dr Stephen Burge. It's on Tuesday evenings from 20th February to 19th March at 7.30pm, in Kensworth Church Hall (behind the Vicarage at the corner of Clayhall Road and Lynch Hill). You don't need any particular beliefs or knowledge – just interest or curiosity!

Come along and listen, learn, or even disagree!

With my love and prayers, this month and always,

Nicola