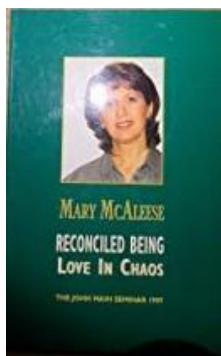


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### RECONCILED BEING – LOVE IN CHAOS by Mary McAleese



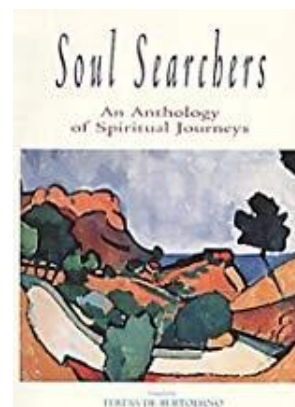
Emma, aged 5, asked her Mummy if she could talk to God too, when she learnt why her Mummy went into the study. Her Mummy had explained that she talked to God when she did her meditation. After some time, she asked her Mummy if God was Talking to her and her Mummy replied, "Yes". Emma's response was, "Will you tell Him that when he's finished talking to you will you tell Him that I am waiting".

This story is part of the introduction to Mary McAleese's book. Mary was invited to lead the John Main Seminar in 1977. She followed in many well-known footsteps such as Jean Varnier, Bede Griffiths, John Todd and the Dalai Lama.

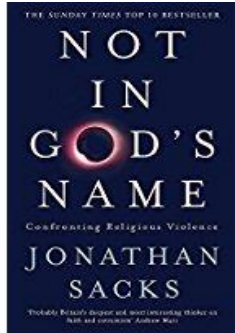
This book, now in the Church Library, gives the details of that Seminar and Mary McAleese who has been actively involved in the search for peace in Northern Ireland.

### "SOUL SEARCHERS" compiled by Teresa De Bertodano

What do Nelson Mandela, Sheila Cassidy, Abraham and Sarah, Charles Colson, Sally Trench and Maura Clark have in common? They have all been on spiritual journeys. I guarantee that if you pick this book up and start to read any of the individual stories you will want to continue to read another story. This is a book where you can pick and choose where you start. You do not have to start on page one. Enjoy!



**Not in God's Name**  
by Jonathan Sacks



This book, published in 2015 in hardback, won the Templeton Prize. Jonathan Sacks is no stranger to us. I would go so far as to say he is the most well-known of Chief Rabbis, having served in that post for twenty-two years. He has spoken out very strongly on religious issues over the years.

This book confronts the issue of how much violence is done in God's name. His first line in chapter one is "When religion turns men into murderers, God weeps".

This book is not an easy read and certainly not one that one can "skip" through, but it has many challenging statements and thoughts. Jonathan Sacks explores the roots of violence and its relationship to religion, focusing on the three Abrahamic faiths —Judaism, Christianity and Islam.

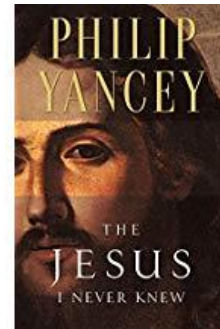
Philip Yancey is quite well-known to us as an author and speaker, in fact we have used him at St. Andrew's for House Group Study over the years.

We already have two books by this author in our Church Library - , "What's so amazing about Grace?" and "Prayer".

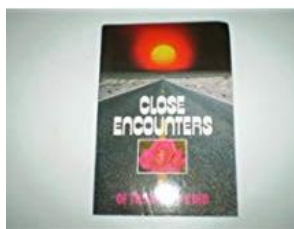
Philip introduces this book by going back to Sunday School days and recounts how he, like many of us, thought he knew Jesus. You will see and know there is far more to Jesus than that. In sections headed "Who He was", "Why He came" and "What He left behind", the story unfolds - and it is a story.

I have put these two books in the Study section of the Library, but they could quite easily be included in other sections.

**"The Jesus I Never Knew"**  
by Philip Yancey



**"Close Encounters of the Loving Kind"**  
by Anita Marshall



This fascinating book tells the story of twelve people who were there at a particular time or at a particular event. The story of Theo, the Temple boy, tells how he went off to see Jesus because he'd heard about him and wanted to find out for himself. Another story is from Davina, who is the daughter of the woman who met Jesus at the well. Read for yourself what happens there. This book can be found in the Stories Section.