**‘PEARLS OF GREAT PRICE’: WISDOM, TIME, SCRIPTURE**

**A DEANERY LENT COURSE 2014**

**Lent is a time for renewal. The days lengthen and there are intimations of new life. Traditionally it is also seen as a ‘springtime for the soul’ – an opportunity to reflect more deeply on the scriptures and the time that makes up our lives. This course will offer guided prayer, thoughts and reflections on the passage of time, what it is for, how we use it, and how we might use it better by viewing it in new and more creative ways. It will consider what wisdom might mean in a culture short on patience and shaped by instant answers and quick solutions. Time will be spent with the haunting book of Ecclesiastes, the gospel of John and key passages from the letters of St. Paul. Our guide will be the Diocesan Theologian Canon Dr. Rod Garner whose latest book *How To Believe*** **addresses the above themes.**

**Here are the details:**

**March 11th Making Sense of it All**

**March 18th Time and the book of Ecclesiastes**

**March 25th Wisdom and the gospel of St. John**

**April 1st St. Paul: who is Christ for us Today?**

**Each evening begins at 7.30 p.m. with refreshments available from 7 p.m. The venue in each case will be: Liverpool Hope University Chapel, Hope Park, Taggart Ave, Liverpool L16 9JD**

**There is no charge but a retiring collection will be taken to cover expenses. A bookstall will also be available with a range of affordable paperbacks. The Course is for everyone – Clergy, Readers, anyone in the Deanery prepared to set some time aside each week in Lent to learn and pray with others.**