

## Booking

This course is administered by Sherborne Abbey. To book a place or to find out more contact:

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[www.insight.sherborneabbey.com](http://www.insight.sherborneabbey.com)

**Venue:** The Friary, Hilfield, Nr. Dorchester, Dorset, DT2 7BE.  
**Dates:** 28th-23rd August 2015  
**Fees:** £380 (residential) £220 (non-residential).  
**Deposit:** (non-refundable) £50.

Cheques should be made payable to 'Sherborne Abbey' and sent to the Parish Office at the address above and marked Hilfield Greek in a Week.

### Pre-requisites:

- to have a copy of *Learn New Testament Greek* by John Dobson (3rd ed.).
- to have learnt the Greek alphabet before the course begins.

### Accommodation:

Accommodation is at the Friary in the Guest House and Juniper House in single rooms with shared bath / shower / WC facilities. Meals are taken with the community in the refectory.

Anyone with particular dietary needs or access concerns should contact the Friary bookings administrator on 01300 341741, or by e-mail: [hilfieldssf@franciscans.org.uk](mailto:hilfieldssf@franciscans.org.uk) before booking a place.



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# New Testament Greek in a Week



Hilfield Friary

18th Aug 2015 - 23rd Aug 2015

## Learning New Testament Greek

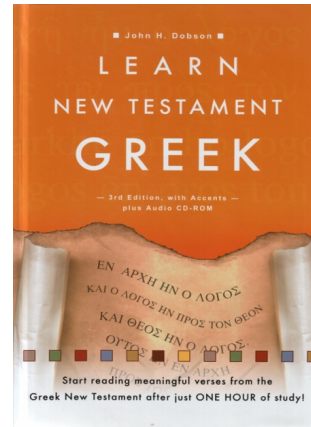
To read the New Testament in the language of the Apostles is to discover the text afresh, unencumbered by the expectations of translation.

The Greek of the New Testament is distant from today's English both linguistically and culturally. The poetry and prose of the original texts speak of long vanished empires, the abuse of power and the plight of the poor and disadvantaged. To encounter the text in its original language is to step into a world of priests and kings, wandering rabbis and provincial governors. A time when the rich and powerful held sway and an itinerant preacher and his disciples turned the world upside down.

If you have ever wondered what lies behind the text of an English Bible, why different Bibles translate the text in different ways or wanted a better understanding of the Greek terms theologians love to toss about this course could be for you. No prior knowledge of Greek, Latin or any other language is needed. The emphasis throughout is upon reading the New Testament with fragments of the NT being translated in the very first session until, by the end of the week, students are tackling extended narratives from gospels and letters.

The course is based upon the tutor *Learn New Testament Greek* by John Dobson (3rd ed.). You will need to bring a copy with you. All other materials are provided, including NT texts used as translation exercises during the course.

The course delivers 34 hours of tuition over 6 days, it is intensive but fun and an excellent way to kick-start learning.



- **the original language of the NT**
- **spoken by the Apostles**
- **the gospel 'in the raw'**
- **the message that 'turned the world upside down'.**
- **encounter 'theological' terms in their original everyday context**
- **discover how carefully the NT writers crafted their texts.**

## Course Tutor - Jon Riding MPhil

Your tutor for New Testament Greek and Biblical Hebrew studies. Jon holds degrees in music, classics, theology and computer science.

Now semi-retired after 23 years service at the Bible Society where he led a team which delivered ground-breaking research in computational linguistics, Jon has taught NT Greek and Biblical Hebrew both in the UK and overseas.

He has spent many fascinating hours working with Bible translation teams all over the world and brings a wealth of knowledge and translation experience to the course.

Jon worked closely with John Dobson on the 2nd edition of *Learn New Testament Greek* and the initial preparation of its companion *Learn Biblical Hebrew* and was privileged to watch John in action teaching his courses both in the UK and Africa.

He teaches Greek, Hebrew and Biblical Studies for various institutions in the UK including the Dioceses of Bath & Wells and Salisbury, the Southern Theological Education Training Scheme (STETS) – (where he is an associate lecturer) and Sarum College.



Jon's research interests include the development of the NT text and the writings of the early Church Fathers and he continues to contribute to global Bible translation as Research Director for 7000+.

**Hilfield**  
**FRIARY**



Set in the heart of the Dorset countryside midway between Sherborne and Dorchester, Hilfield is a tranquil place. The course shares meals with the community and there is ample opportunity during the week to explore the beautiful countryside.

