

# Moses on Mount Sinai and the Life of Prayer

**7.30 pm Monday evenings, Old Church, Smethwick**

Ann Conway-Jones will present a short series on the ways in which Moses' experiences on Mount Sinai inspired early Christian mystics. There will be time for discussion and reflection.

## **20<sup>th</sup> June: Darkness (Exodus 20.18-21)**

For in this is the true knowledge of what is sought, and in this is the seeing which consists in not seeing, that what is sought transcends all knowledge, cut off on all sides by incomprehensibility, as by a kind of darkness. (Gregory of Nyssa)

## **27<sup>th</sup> June: The Divine Blue (Exodus 24.9-11)**

When the mind has put off the old self and shall put on the one born of grace, then it will see its own state in the time of prayer resembling sapphire or the colour of heaven; this state scripture calls the place of God that was seen by the elders on Mount Sinai. (Evagrius of Pontus)

## **4<sup>th</sup> July: Transformation (Exodus 34:29-35)**

For blessed Moses provided us with a certain type through the glory of the Spirit which covered his countenance upon which no one could look with steadfast gaze. This type anticipates how in the resurrection of the just the bodies of the saints will be glorified with a glory which even now the souls of the saintly and faithful people are deemed worthy to possess within, in the indwelling of the inner person. (Pseudo-Macarius)