

The Morning Star

Wycliffe College Community Newsletter



3 women who said the church was wrong: *Women should NOT be silent*

By Marion Taylor

Paul's words to the Corinthians—that women should keep silent in the churches—have traditionally been understood as prohibiting women from preaching, speaking, and teaching in church. But this interpretation of 1 Corinthians 14:34 has been challenged throughout history by women who struggled to understand how Paul could command women's silence in Corinth, when both the Old and New Testaments—and even 1 Corinthians itself—provided many examples of women proclaiming God's word, preaching, teaching, leading, and prophesying.

Unfortunately, women's published arguments against the silencing of women in church were also silenced and forgotten. Thus, each generation of women since has had to do the hard work of interpreting this and other difficult texts in light of the strong witness of clearer biblical passages.

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Domenica Narducci da Paradiso (1473-1533) was born in the suburb of Florence called Paradise. The well-educated Narducci became a renowned preacher and leader in her community. Many of her writings, which were preserved in the convent she founded in Florence, have been recovered. They include letters, sermons, a number of spiritual essays, and more. In 1507, Narducci stood up to those who thought women should not be preaching, by preaching on Paul's instruction that women should be silent in church (1 Corinthians 14:34).

First she explained that she had had a divine revelation: Paul's teaching in the first chapter of 1 Corinthians—about God's foolishness being wiser than human wisdom and God's weakness being stronger than human strength (1 Corinthians 1:25-29)—justified women's preaching and prophesying because women

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were both simple and weak. **Next, she presented a contextual reading of 1 Corinthians 14:34.** She explained that Paul's restrictions were exceptional and necessary because the Corinthian women were too noisy in church. It was for the sake of order then, that Paul silenced the Corinthian women—and the Corinthian women only—from speaking.

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To read the complete article, visit the Wycliffe blog, “*Vestigia Dei—Traces of God*” at www.wycliffecollege.ca/blog

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Guest Lecture


WHAT: “Hermeneutics of the Feminine: Recovering the Value of Women’s Religious Writings in the Long Reformation”

WHEN: Tuesday, March 19, 2019 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

WHERE: Sheraton Hall

WHO: Carme Font, Lecturer of English Literature at Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain, and Research Associate at the UCLA Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies. She is also Principal Investigator of the EU-funded project WINK: Women’s Invisible Ink: Trans-genre Writing and the Gendering of Intellectual Value in Early Modernity. A specialist in 17th Century literature, her latest book is *Women’s Prophetic Writings in 17th Century Britain* (Routledge).


Upcoming Events



Lecture by The Rev'd Dr Gary Thorne

LEARNING TO PRAY IN THE EGYPTIAN DESERT

Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at 3 p.m.
Leonard Hall, Wycliffe College
5 Hoskin Ave, Toronto



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St. Basil Scholarship

Come to this week's **Wednesday Event**, at 3:00 p.m. in Leonard Hall to learn about the Scholarship of St. Basil the Great. The late Bishop Henry Gordon Hill established this scholarship in 1991 with the encouragement of the Archbishop of Canterbury, to facilitate an exchange between members of the Anglican Church of Canada and members of the Oriental Orthodox Churches and the Assyrian Church of the East. The Rev. Dr. Gary Thorne, a previous scholarship recipient, will deliver a lecture titled, "Learning to Pray in the Egyptian Desert." See: <https://www.wycliffecollege.ca/stbasil2019>

For MDiv students!

This Thursday March 14th from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., Wycliffe will host an evening bringing together church planters, interested bishops, and students in our MDiv program.

This event will have the following goals:

1. To **allow** Anglican bishops who are interested in church planting to hear from church planters at various stages of planting.
2. To **encourage** students to discern whether God is calling them into church planting, church rebooting, and other forms of innovative ministry.

Lenten Reflections

Each year, the Wycliffe College community reflects together during the Lenten season through a series of written devotionals. If you haven't yet, sign up to receive these devotionals written by Wycliffe students on <https://www.wycliffecollege.ca/newsletter>

TGSA 2019 Conference

WHEN: Thursday, March 21 beginning at 9:00 a.m. to Friday, March 22 at 5:00 p.m.

THEME: The Role of the Bible In Theological Studies.

WHERE: Toronto School of Theology

Featured Summer Course:

Boundaries and Bridges Part 2 taught by Wanda Malcom will be offered beginning this May and will include a **120-hr field placement at St. John's Rehabilitation Hospital**. Priority for Anglican students in the ordination process. Prerequisite: Boundaries and Bridges Part 1. Entrance interview required. The course will meet every Thursday from May 2 to June 27. Please see schedule notes on the website course listing for details about the course and placement schedule.

From the Registrar

It's Tax Time – If you've received a bursary from Wycliffe, a T4A tax form will be automatically mailed to the mailing address listed on ROSI. **Please ensure that the address on ROSI is your current Toronto mailing address!** Conjoint students may download the form from ACORN.

Summer Courses – Registration for summer courses opens **April 1, 2019**. All courses in the summer session are now available on the website. Learn more at: www.wycliffecollege.ca/summer.

Want to plan your courses ahead of time? See our course offerings at www.wycliffecollege.ca/programs-courses/courses/course-search

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Chapel Services

Morning Prayer
Mon-Fri, 8:30 a.m.

Wine Before Breakfast
Tues, 7:22 a.m.

Taize Evening Prayer
Mon, 5:30 p.m.

Sung Evensong
Tues, 5:30 p.m.

Community Eucharist
Wed, 4:45 p.m.

Prayer & Praise
Thu, 5:00 p.m.

Informal Evening Prayer
Fri, 5:30 p.m.

Poetry for the Journey

A conversation with Malcolm Guite



Exploring the value of the imagination for the faith journey

April 1, 2019

7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.,

Leonard Hall.