

EVENTS RUN BY MANY CENTRES AND ORGANISATIONS ACROSS THE UK

January – March 2017

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JANUARY 2017

- 11 January – What is Green Spirituality?** Talk by **Ian Mowll** of Greenspirit (www.greenspirit.org.uk) at the Institute for Theological Partnerships at the University of Winchester. 6.30 for 7pm. Email Joanna.Wilson@Winchester.ac.uk for further details.
- 11 January – Dancing our Prayers: Using the language of movement to express our prayer.** 2.30-4pm. First session of fortnightly series. Durham. www.stantonypriory.co.uk
- 12 January – Spirituality in everyday music therapy contexts.** Winchester. 2-4 pm. Organised by the Centre for the Arts as Wellbeing at the University of Winchester in association with the Nordoff Robbins Plus Series.
www.winchester.ac.uk/spiritualityandmusictherapy
- 16 January – Listening to the Wisdom of the Body.** A meditative flow of wellness practices for our journey to wholeness. 2pm and 7 pm. Start of weekly series. Durham.
www.stantonypriory.co.uk
- 21 January – Contemplative Ageing** with **Margaret Philpot** at Mount St Jesuit Centre London W1. www.pathwaystogod.org
- 21 January** Film Showing: **Of Gods and Men.** 2-4pm.
22 January Film Showing: **Gospel of John.** 11am-4pm.
Both in London NW6. To book contact jennifer.sandler109@gmail.com or phone 020 7328 6718.

23-26 January – The Nature of Contemporary Spirituality. Wilts. An introduction to the study of spirituality through theological, philosophical, psychological, political and aesthetic methodologies. www.sarum.ac.uk

27-29 January – Praying with Art. Kent. Exploring creative ways of praying. No artistic talent required. www.emmauscentre.org.uk

31 January-28 March –Spirituality and Power Seminars. 4-5.30pm. Belfast, Northern Ireland. A series of seminars run by the Corrymeela Community, usually on the last Tuesday of each month, featuring a speaker reflecting on an aspect of the topic of *Power and Spirituality*. www.corrymeela.org/events/85/spirituality-and-power-seminars-corrymeela

FEBRUARY 2017

1-3 February – Pioneer Retreat: The risk of creative living with Ric Stott. Leicestershire. www.laundeabbey.org.uk

1-3 February – The Kingdom of God. With Janet Scott. Birmingham. The ministry of Jesus was a proclamation of the Kingdom of God, in parables and other teaching, and in action. What did he mean by it? Is it present or future? We look at these questions and also at how Quakers have interpreted it. What might it mean for us today? www.woodbrooke.org.uk

3-5 February – Storytelling and Healing. Northern conference of the Guild of Health and St Raphael. N. Yorks. www.holyroodhouse.org.uk

4 February – Quenching Thirst in the Sacred Waters of the Deep Masculine. With Nik Williams. Near Bath. A day's retreat uniquely designed for men seeking deeper awakening. www.ammerdown.org

3-9 February – Quiet week with Angela Steele. Dorset. Not silence but a depth of tranquillity, with sea views, log fires, an accepting community and daily led reflections. www.othonawestdorset.org.uk

7 February – The Holy Spirit in Feminist Theology. Wilts. www.sarum.ac.uk

Fri 10 February – The Language of the Soul: Metaphor and Spiritual Direction with Dr Andrew Mayes. 11am – 4pm. London EC3. How can we describe to others what is happening to us on our spiritual journey? How can we depict the spiritual road that we are taking-experiences of prayer, transitions that we travel through, impediments that we face – and externalize into words the interior experiences? Based on his latest book *Learning the*

Language of the Soul, Andrew will help us to explore creative and inspirational metaphors for use in spiritual direction. www.spiritualitycentre.org/index.php/what-s-on

10-12 February – Reinhabiting the Earth. Spring conference. County Antrim, Northern Ireland. www.drumalis.co.uk

13 February – Re-enchanting the Activist. With **Keith Hebden**, Director of the Urban Theology Unit. 7.30-9pm. Manchester www.lutherkinghouse.org.uk

18 February – Life Before Death: the Psychology of Flourishing with **Roger Dawson SJ**. Cheshire. www.retreathousechester.co.uk

20-23 February – Relocating Religion: Cultural and spiritual realignments. Wilts. www.sarum.ac.uk

Do modern people no longer require the ‘sacred canopy’ of religion to feel at home in the world? Has the idea and practice of religion become so tarnished with notions of religious fundamentalism and extremism or institutional irrelevance and corruption that by and large, in Europe at least, most people leave it to a small minority of others to be religious on their behalf?

Or is it the case that spirituality and religion have simply re-located elsewhere? Has popular culture become a more convenient and comfortable location for religion than our institutional churches? Do secular people now find religion in aesthetic experiences or in consumerism? Is it the new technologies of robotics, cybernetics and artificial intelligence where people locate religious motifs and future hopes? Or is secularism itself a by-product of Christian freedom and responsibility in the world?

In this new module we will examine these and a range of other questions as we seek to examine the equivocation and uncertainty that now surrounds the modern experience and practice of religion in the 21st century. Those not on the MA programme are very welcome to book on this module as an auditor.

Contact Rosemary Nicklen for all booking enquiries at rnicklen@sarum.ac.uk.

24-26 February – God the Gardener with **Gabriel Wilson OSB**. Berks. www.douaiabbey.org.uk

28 February – Living with A Celtic Monastic Heart. With **Esther de Waal**. Powys, Wales. www.llangasty.com

MARCH 2017

2 March – Being Human, Becoming Holy. With **Graham Pigott**. Notts. Exploring personally how being human and becoming holy are twin callings.

www.sacristaprebend.wordpress.com

3-5 March – Stepping Stones into Silence. South East London. A beginner's silent retreat with personal accompaniment. www.sisters-of-st-andrew.com/index1.html

7 March – A Sabbath for the Soul. With **Sue Cash**. Sussex. Slow down and heal from the hurry with simple Lenten practices. www.penhurst.org.uk

10-12 March – Seeking the Unforced Rhythms of Grace: Coming closer to God. Cornwall. www.thehouseofdoves.co.uk

10-12 March – Easter Stories with **Mark Russ**. Oxon. The Easter season contains many meanings and associations, from the sight of boxing hares to the smell of hot cross buns. Through discussion, small group study and worship we will share what Easter means for us personally, reflect on a selection of seasonal stories and wrestle with challenging aspects of the Jesus narrative. www.charneymanor.com

11 March – Spiritual Accompaniment and Healing. N.Yorks. A Retreat Association Training Day. www.holyroodhouse.org.uk

20-24 March – Going Deeper with the Trinity with **Ian Mobsby**. Devon. www.sheldon.uk.com

20-24 March – Discovering Divine Intimacy: Christian mindfulness and contemplation for everyone. With **David Cole**. Open Gate Retreat House, Holy Isle, Northumberland. www.aidanandhilda.org.uk

23 March – Travelling with Goddesses: Theology and a Posthuman World with **Dr Ruth Mantin**. University of Winchester Institute of Theological Partnerships. 6.30 for 7pm. Email Joanna.Wilson@winchester.ac.uk for details. Book at www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/travelling-with-goddesses-theology-and-a-post-human-world-tickets-30441217501.

This is the start of a series on **Exploring Aspects of the Feminine Divine:**

“The story of a shift from Goddess spirituality to God consciousness is a complex one which encompasses many social and psychological changes as well as religious and theological ones. The main change was a move from relationality and the web of all living things to a

dualistic view of the world and the exclusions that follow from such a view. We would like to take this opportunity to bring some of these issues to your attention and to advocate a reconnection with what has been lost. Contemporary theologians suggest that when Goddess spirituality is embraced there is not only a protest against the exclusions of women, nature and other marginalised 'others' but a different way of thinking and acting is embodied that lends itself to the flourishing of all life."

ITP is delighted to welcome three of the most exciting thinkers in this field for a mini-series addressing just some of the issues raised by this fundamentally different way of being.

The other speakers are: Carol P Christ on *Goddess and God in the World: Why Feminist Theology Matters* (26 April) and Anne Baring on *The Great Challenge of Our Time: Defining a New Story* (10 May).

ADVANCE NOTICE

2-7 April – Northern Saints Pilgrimage. Northumberland. www.shepherdsdene.co.uk

13-17 April – Easter Reclaimed. With **Mary Jo Radcliffe.** Kent.

Would you like to experience a shared Cosmic Easter? You are invited to join us in spending Holy Week together, exploring the meaning of the Gospel story and how we understand it today in the context of the Universe story, and in the light of the visions of Teilhard de Chardin, Matthew Fox, Thomas Berry and Brian Swimme.

We endeavour to celebrate each day in ritual, music and words, in a creative group experience in which all contributions are welcome. We meet in the Emmaus Centre, West Wickham situated in lovely surroundings, easily accessible from East Croydon, Hayes and Bromley.

Those interested should book through Jo Radcliffe by the end of the first week in March. For further details, contact Mary Jo Radcliffe at maryjoradcliffe@icloud.com. Tel: 020 7223 2917.

May 2-7, 2017 – Awakening the Creative Spirit with **Christine Valters Paintner PhD REACE** and **Betsey Beckman MM.** The Bield at Blackruthven – Perth, Scotland.

www.abbeyofthearts.com/programs/live-classes-and-retreats/awakening-the-creative-spirit

This programme integrates the arts and imagination into spiritual direction and other healing ministries. Only one place is left (17.2.17) so early application is advised.

Our encounters with the holy are rooted in symbol and image and speak the language of dreams. Spiritual direction tends to these encounters and can be deeply enhanced by tools

that invite listening to and engaging the inner symbolic life. The focus of this program is on developing the skills of working with the arts and imagination to deepen the work of spiritual direction.

Together we will explore how the healing power of such tools as guided imagery, body awareness, dream work, ritual, poetry, journal writing, visual art, movement, song, and storytelling enrich our own spiritual lives and our work in spiritual direction by giving us access to another language with which to encounter the divine presence within.

Participants will develop comfort and skills in using these tools. The program consists of didactic input and time for discussion and reflection on how we see using the arts concretely in our work as spiritual directors.

Anyone working in the field of soul care (spiritual direction, chaplaincy, pastor, educator, counseling, etc.) may register. If you are not working in any of these areas, either paid or as a volunteer, please contact us to discuss whether this might be the right program for you. We do sometimes accept folks who are discerning a call to these ministries. Absolutely no previous art experience necessary — only a willingness to awaken the creative spirit within!