



**Living Spirituality Connections**  
Resources for the spiritual journey

## EVENTS RUN BY MANY CENTRES AND ORGANISATIONS ACROSS THE UK

**January – March 2018**

**Compiled by Living Spirituality Connections**

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### January

**8 January 2pm & 7pm** then fortnightly. **Listening to the wisdom of our bodies.** Flowing movement, meditation and energy work to bring stillness, balance and healing. Durham.  
[www.stantonypriory.co.uk](http://www.stantonypriory.co.uk)

**10 January 2.15** then fortnightly. **Dancing our Prayers.** Dance as the language that unites body, mind and spirit with **Judy Turner**. Beginners welcome. Durham.  
[www.stantonypriory.co.uk](http://www.stantonypriory.co.uk)

**15-19 January Heritage as Reconciliation: A winter school exploring heritage practice in contested societies.** Corrymeela Centre, Northern Ireland.  
<https://www.corrymeela.org/events>

**17 January 6.30 for 7. Religion-ful or religion-less? Spirituality in a post secular age with particular reference to music.** Speaker **June Boyce-Tillman**, Professor of Applied Music, University of Winchester. At the Institute of Theological Partnerships, University of Winchester. Free. To book email [Joanna.Wilson@winchester.ac.uk](mailto:Joanna.Wilson@winchester.ac.uk)

**20 January 10.30-3.30. Attending closely: growing a cosmology worthy of 13.9** (billion years)

An Institute for Theological Partnerships Study Day with Revd Dr **Terry Biddington**, Dean of Spiritual Life, University of Winchester. This day will examine the roots of the contemporary violence towards the natural world (contained in the highly influential creation stories of Genesis) and explore the healing responses of Christian theologians such as Anne Primavesi ("theology of gift"), Elizabeth Johnson ("learning from the animals"), Larry Rasmussen ("earth community"), Catherine Keller ("tehomoc theology") and others, as well as cultural ecologist David Abram ("dwelling in fields of experience") to create a new practical ecological spirituality for earthlings of a Cosmos almost 13.9 billion years old and counting. Free. At the University of Winchester.

Booking essential. Email [Joanna.Wilson@winchester.ac.uk](mailto:Joanna.Wilson@winchester.ac.uk)

**26-28 January In Search of the Unknowable.** Centering Prayer and the Alexander Technique. Transforming your meditative practice. With **Jacqueline Evans**. Somerset. [www.ammerdown.org](http://www.ammerdown.org)

**26-29 January. January Darkness Retreat with Rev Cathy Bird.** Turning the tables on the light imagery of so much religion. Exploring together the Divine Heart of Darkness. Dorset. [www.othonawestdorset.org.uk](http://www.othonawestdorset.org.uk)

**27 January 11-4 The Contemplative Life. A Force for Radical Change.** With Sacred Activist, Benedictine nun, theologian and Harvard-trained physician **Teresa Forcades**. Dublin. <https://newmonasticismsireland.com> "What we plant in the soil of contemplation, we shall reap in the harvest of action." Meister Eckhart.

**27 January 11-4. Living in the milieu divin.** A workshop on the science, theology and spirituality of Pierre Teilhard de Chardin SJ. We will aim to understand Teilhard's insight into the presence of Christ in creation, and how it affects the way we live our lives. London W1. [www.pathwaystogod.org/org/mount-street-jesuit-centre](http://www.pathwaystogod.org/org/mount-street-jesuit-centre)

## February

**2-8 February Quiet Week in Dorset.** Not a silent retreat, but a depth of tranquillity with sea views, log fires, an accepting community and daily led reflections. [www.othonawestdorset.org.uk](http://www.othonawestdorset.org.uk)

**3 February My yoke is easy.** A day of quiet reflection to listen to God and ourselves to discover what makes our hearts sing and our burden light with **Phillippa Winston**. Sussex. [www.penhurst.org.uk](http://www.penhurst.org.uk)

**5-8 February Biblical Study break: Creation, Christian faith and a precious world with Dr Hilary Marlow** of the Faraday Institute for Science and Religion. Exploring creation and our place within it from biblical, theological and scientific perspectives, tackling some of the challenges to faith posed by science and considering our responsibility for God's world and what it means to live sustainably. Salisbury. [www.sarum.ac.uk/](http://www.sarum.ac.uk/)

**9 February Embodying Forgiveness.** The practice of reconciliation in worship. Salisbury. [www.sarum.ac.uk/](http://www.sarum.ac.uk/)

**9-11 February Finding Fulfilment. In search of the unknowable** with **Jill and Antonio Benet** and **Jacqueline Evans**. Surrey. [www.christian-retreat.org](http://www.christian-retreat.org)

**19-22 February The Bible: Cultural Critique and Transformation** Salisbury. [www.sarum.ac.uk/](http://www.sarum.ac.uk/)

This module will explore how various groups, including the biblical writers themselves, have employed the biblical text as a language of liberation, reconciliation and social transformation. The cases that will be explored will include: justice for the earth; poverty and economic justice; justice for immigrants; health; gender and sexual justice as well as postcolonial and postmodern critical interrogation of the biblical text. The modalities used to examine and interpret the text will also include art, film, literature and music.

**23-25 February Re-inhabiting the earth annual spring conference.** One family, one common home. Northern Ireland. [www.drumalis.co.uk](http://www.drumalis.co.uk)

**24 February. Another look at why Jesus died.** At-one-ment. With **David Cherry**. London W1. [www.pathwaystogod.org/org/mount-street-jesuit-centre](http://www.pathwaystogod.org/org/mount-street-jesuit-centre)

**24-25 February Creative Journeying** Taster Weekend for those who want to express their creative side in a full and free way. For beginners and those more experienced. Introduction to the Creative Journeying Course - 4 weekends in 2018-2019. With **Melitta Bosworth, Fran Marquis & Sheila Hamilton**. Near Dundee. [www.bielsatblackruthven.org.uk](http://www.bielsatblackruthven.org.uk)

**28 February - 2 March Enneagram part 1 Through personality to spirit** with **Karen Webb**. Devon. [www.sheldon.uk.com](http://www.sheldon.uk.com)

## March

**2-4 March Gaze, consider, contemplate. A creative retreat on St Clare of Assisi** with the Community of Hopeweavers. ([www.hopeweavers.co.uk](http://www.hopeweavers.co.uk)) Dorset. [www.hilfieldfriary.org.uk](http://www.hilfieldfriary.org.uk)

**5-9 March Black sheep retreat with Dave Tomlinson.** Devon [www.sheldon.uk.com](http://www.sheldon.uk.com)  
See also talks on 15-20 March.

**5-9 March Looking for a larger Christ** with **John Bell**. N. Yorks. [www.scargillmovement.org](http://www.scargillmovement.org)

**7 March. Swords into ploughshares** lecture by **Jolyon Mitchell**. Promoting peace through the arts. Salisbury. [www.sarum.ac.uk](http://www.sarum.ac.uk)

**7 March Journey into Healing**. The purpose of the workshop is to be open to ourselves, to each other and to God for growth and healing. Led by **Robin Anker-Petersen, Lesley-Anne Pratchett & Sharon Stinson**. Near Dundee. [www.bieldatblackruthven.org.uk](http://www.bieldatblackruthven.org.uk)

**10 March Love and suffering** County Durham. [www.minsteracres.org](http://www.minsteracres.org)  
Theological reflection, conversation, prayer and quiet reflection.

**12-16 March Discovering Divine Intimacy**. Christian mindfulness and contemplation for everyone. With **David Cole**. Lindisfarne, Northumberland.  
[www.aidanandhilda.org.uk](http://www.aidanandhilda.org.uk)

**Black Sheep and Prodigals. An antidote to black and white religion** with **Dave Tomlinson**. Progressive Christianity Network <https://www.pcnbritain.org.uk/events>:

**15 March**. Truro, Cornwall

**16 March** Abingdon

**20 March** Newcastle.

See also 5-9 March retreat.

**16-17 March Blue Sky God: The Evolution of Science and Christianity** with **Don MacGregor**. Joining up current scientific views of reality with Christian theology, this course looks at some of the big questions around how we think about God and Jesus. Consider quantum consciousness, the power of the intentional mind, morphic resonance and other new scientific theories. North East Wales. [www.gladstoneslibrary.org](http://www.gladstoneslibrary.org)

**17 March. Spirituality of children, especially sick children**. N. Yorks.  
[www.holyroodhouse.org.uk](http://www.holyroodhouse.org.uk)

**21 March 6.30 pm. Rev Dr Rowan Williams** in conversation with **Professor Mona Siddiqui** Edinburgh International Centre for Spirituality and Peace. <http://eicsp.org/events/event-details/524-an-evening-with-dr-rowan-williams-21-march-2018>

**24 March. Science and religion**. Ugly sisters in a suffering world? Study day on the strengths and weaknesses of religion and science. Salisbury. [www.sarum.ac.uk](http://www.sarum.ac.uk)

**27 March - 1 April Sharing the Paschal Mystery**. Journeying through Holy Week to Easter, experiencing together its depth of loss, mourning and joy with the Hilfield Community. Dorset. [www.hilfieldfriary.org.uk](http://www.hilfieldfriary.org.uk)

**28 March - 3 April Holy Week and Easter creative retreat.** Following 'The Journey' through the arts. Includes painting exhibition. N. Yorks. [www.holyroodhouse.org.uk](http://www.holyroodhouse.org.uk)

**29 March Holy Week Retreat.** Join the community of Minsteracres as they journey towards Easter. County Durham. [www.minsteracres.org](http://www.minsteracres.org)

**29 March - 1 April Easter Reclaimed. A shared cosmic Easter with Mary Jo Radcliffe.** Sussex. Contact [maryjoradcliffe@icloud.com](mailto:maryjoradcliffe@icloud.com) or phone 0207 223 2917.

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.

**29 March - 2 April Easter house party and retreat .** Cumbria. [www.rydalhall.org](http://www.rydalhall.org)  
Opportunities for reflection and rejoicing with **Joy Mellows and Mark Baker.**

## ADVANCE NOTICES

**9-15 April. Oxford Three Faiths Week: Beyond the Headlines - Jewish, Christian and Muslim traditions. Learning and Encounter. At St John's College, University of Oxford.**

Most of us are likely to have neighbours who are part of different faith communities. Too often, our image of how they live is conditioned by media reports, and we do not know what really makes them tick, how their faith and culture shape their lives, and what internal concerns of their community are.

The week is open to all ages and faiths and it is intended for all who are interested in the theme especially:

- \* Students with an interest in other faiths and cultures
- \* Workers in faith communities
- \* Teachers, social workers, police officers, prison officers or anyone who works with faith communities.

Includes the opportunity to participate in authentic workshops from the traditions.

See <http://spiritofpeace.co.uk/downloads/three-faiths-1804.pdf> and for bookings and enquiries email [info@spiritofpeace.co.uk](mailto:info@spiritofpeace.co.uk)

**30 April - 4 May Pilgrim Places of Pen Llŷn, North Wales.** [www.journeying.co.uk/journeys-2018](http://www.journeying.co.uk/journeys-2018)

This is holy ground. For centuries people of faith have journeyed along the peninsula towards the farthest point west and the setting sun, in hope of reaching the sacred island of Bardsey (Enlli in Welsh) 'the island of resurrection'. A 'thin place' between heaven and earth. In more recent times regarded as a place of restoration, renewal and recovery. All being well with a fair wind and tides in our favour, we will visit during this holiday. The ancient pilgrim churches and wells that we will visit are built of stones infused with the prayers of the past, still standing to offer sanctuary, peace and healing to the world-weary traveller.

## Living Spirituality Connections Event

**Saturday 19 May Working with Emergence.** The second event in our series in partnership with *The Institute for Theological Partnerships* at Winchester University and *Spirit of Peace* will explore the theme of working with emergent process and address the question '**What is the quality of intelligence that is necessary to move things in the direction of a greater flourishing for all?**'.

The emergence of interiority as part of the process of cosmic evolution/awakening will be explored, as well as seeing religion as something that is unfinished and evolving, much as the universe is.

The full event details are available here, including how to book. The event leaflet can be downloaded here: – [www.livingspirit.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/working\\_with\\_emergence.pdf](http://www.livingspirit.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/working_with_emergence.pdf).

Cost: £25, payable on booking. Advanced booking is essential.

To register your interest email: [joanna.wilson@winchester.org.uk](mailto:joanna.wilson@winchester.org.uk)

Speakers: **Professor Chris Mowles** of the Hertfordshire University Complexity and Management Centre and **Rev Dr Terry Biddington**, Dean of Spiritual Life and Lecturer in Practical and Eco Theology at the University of Winchester & soul traveller and adventurer.

## 29 June - 1 July A Conference on the Universe Story

A GreenSpirit event in association with the Institute of Theological Partnerships of the University of Winchester. Keynote speakers: **Brian Swimme** – (by video) and Professor **Ursula King**.

Details including activities and group discussions as they become available from: <https://www.greenspirit.org.uk/>