

EVENTS LISTING MID APRIL- JULY 2014

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Second half of APRIL

17th - 20th Would You Like to Experience Easter Afresh? Mary-Jo Radcliffe in the meditative tranquillity of **Ammerdown, near Bath**. Exploring the meaning of the Gospel story and how we understand it today in the context of the Universe story. We endeavour to celebrate each day in ritual, music and words, in a creative group experience in which all contributions are welcome. Contact: maryjoradcliffe@icloud.com telephone: 0207 223 2917.

25th - 27th Dancing the Circle of Life with Janette Blakemore at Minsteracres near Hexham www.minsteracres.org/what-we-offer.htm

In many different traditions dance is considered a way to communicate with the Divine, a part of life's journey, celebrating the seasons and rhythms of the year and the rhythm of our lives. Beginners and experienced dancers welcome.

25th - 27th The Vulnerable Heart. A day/weekend for women with **Mary Ashton & Jane Willcox. Llansor Mill, Gwent**. Exploring through secular research and gospel wisdom, the beautiful vulnerability at the heart of everything. www.llansor.org

28th 7pm Matthew Fox talks about his new book **Occupy Spirituality** at Alternatives at St James's Piccadilly, London www.alternatives.org.uk Exploring the need for a new spirituality that no longer hides our contemplative in monasteries and recognises that we are called to be mystics and prophets at once.

MAY 2014

1st and 14th 5.30 – 7 pm. Westminster Faith Debates – In our increasingly globalised world, religion is changing fast. Policy needs to keep pace. Leading experts and public figures come together in the 2014 series of WFDs to analyse the major trends and discuss their implications. Organised by Charles Clarke and Linda Woodhead.

To book go to: <http://faithdebates.org.uk/category/debates/2014-debates/global-religious-trends/>

1st Do the benefits of engaging religion for development outweigh the dangers? Rt Hon Douglas Alexander MP, Robert Calderisi, Dr Elena Fiddian-Qasmiyeh, Loretta Minghella.

MAY 2014 (cont.)

14th How has religion become an agent in peace-building in conflict areas of the world? Prof John Brewer, Dr Keith Kahn-Harris, Jonathan Powell, Prof Ian Reader.

2nd - 4th May Meister Eckhart - The road to inner freedom with Kim Nataraja, www.ammerdown.org, near Bath

Eckhart shows that detachment is an indispensable attitude on the spiritual path. We need to focus on and be guided by the spiritual centre of our being, where Love dwells.

17th Seeing Jesus again with new eyes with Mark Townsend Birmingham. PCN Britain conference and AGM. www.pcnbritain.org.uk/events

Mark Townsend is author of **Jesus Outside the Box** and **The Gospel of Falling Down**. The conference focus is on the spiritual dimensions of faith. To see with new eyes is to discover insights from each other and from other faith traditions, to allow ourselves to seek Jesus outside the box. We will consider feelings, emotions, self-examination and silence. This is an opportunity to re-envision our faith and to ask how progressive Christianity can impact our everyday lives.

17th - 18th The Wisdom of the Enneagram Saltwell Park, Gateshead. Info from: www.sacredlife.co.uk/events-workshops

The first of a series of Enneagram Institute-approved workshops which provide profound and practical support for the personal and spiritual journey. They are suitable both for beginners and those experienced in the Enneagram.

18th The Tree of Life workshop with John Harley at Chelsea Physic Garden, London www.artandspirituality.net

We will be exploring the many creative possibilities and artistic challenges that come from being in this place of sanctuary and learning.

19th, 6.30 – 8pm, Diarmuid O’Murchu on his new book, The Meaning and Purpose of Faith. London Centre for Spirituality. Bookings: www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/the-london-spirituality-centre-3655596295

“For those with more interest in being and doing the truth than in reciting doctrinal statements about the truth, the ideas outlined in this book will support and encourage adults in their on-going exploration of God and ‘the things of God’ in the journey of faith and life.”

MAY 2014 (cont.)

24th John Philip Newell Oxford workshop with www.thestillpoint.org.uk (mid-April – their website is currently being recovered after being hacked). See also www.eventbrite.com/e/john-philip-newell-a-new-harmony-the-spirit-the-earth-the-human-soul-tickets-10367871583 and www.heartbeatjourney.org.

In a world that seems increasingly fragmented, John Philip Newell calls us to a vision of life's essential oneness. He invites us to be part of a new harmony. John Philip explores the ancient harmony that is deep in the matter of the universe, the essential interconnectedness of all things. See the review of his book A New Harmony - www.livingspirit.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013-jan-newsletter.pdf.

31st Spirituality and Trauma – An Embodied Approach. Trainer: Rev Elizabeth Baxter MPhil. Trauma Training Series at www.holyroodhouse.org.uk

31st Christian Mindfulness: Our way back home. With David Mahon at Tabor, near Preston. www.tumbletrust.org.uk A day of action, fun and contemplation.

JUNE 2014

4th-18th June Ilia Delio - The Emergent Christ

“Christ today is not just Jesus of Nazareth risen from the dead, but rather a huge, continually evolving being as big as the universe. ...” Ilia Delio, OSF is a Franciscan Sister of Washington D.C. and Director of Catholic Studies at Georgetown University, where she is Visiting Professor. She is currently involved in research projects on evolution, ecology and education. As well as exploring the theology of Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, she is part of Richard Rohr's 'Living School'.

“Jesus is the Christ, but the Christ is more than Jesus.” This idea underpins much of the fascinating work that Ilia Delio has been doing on the relationship between the Cosmic Christ and evolution. Over three books Ilia has developed the idea that evolution is in fact all about the evolution of consciousness, and that the next stage of evolution is the emergence of 'Christ Consciousness' as the guiding wisdom that leads to unification with God, traditionally understood as the second coming.

Ilia Delio's UK schedule:

4th evening talk at **Silence in the City, Westminster, London.** www.silenceinthecity.org.uk

Fri 6th – Sat 7th Norwich www.norwichmeditation.co.uk

Wed 11th – Thurs 12th Manchester www.northreddish.org.uk

Sat 14th Perth (Scotland) www.biieldatblackruthven.org.uk

Tues 17th Monasterevin (Ireland) www.presentationsistersunion.org

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5th - 6th Christians Aware Ecology and Spirituality workshop at Launde Abbey, Leicestershire, with artist-theologian **Jyoti Sahi**. www.christiansaware.co.uk

Tel: 0116 254 0770 Email: Barbarabutler@christiansaware.co.uk

6th - 7th Touching the Earth. A weeknd for men. Llansor Mill Gwent, www.llansor.org

Eco-therapist Dave Bingham offers a growth encounter with Nature. Dave is founder of Wild Earth, and counts among his mentors Soulcraft author Bill Plotkin. Wild Earth exists to reconnect people with their natural environment in order to restore their well-being, their health and their capacity for wisdom.

13th - 15th Non-Dualism. Llansor Mill, Gwent, www.llansor.org

What is it exactly, and why is it so vitally important both to understand it, and to live it? With the Llansor team.

20th – 22nd Holy Wells & Sacred Sights of North Yorkshire. Thirsk, N. Yorks
www.holyroodhouse.org.uk

27th – 29th Wisdom from the Monastery. Monos Conference at Abbey Grange & Mount Saint Bernard's Abbey, Leicestershire

Focusing on listening to the wisdom from within the monastic tradition, historically and contemporarily, helping us connect the spiritual wisdom of the past with present day Christian living. The conference is for anyone who has an interest in engaging with Christian monasticism as a spiritual discipline or anyone who has an interest in understanding the current explosion of all things monastic within the Church. All are very welcome.

Details: phone 01509 600137 email: ant@monos.org.uk www.monos.org.uk Monos "through education and community seeks to foster a Monastic Spirit within the Christian Church and Society."

28th SPIRIT IN ACTION. Moving forward with a new One Spirit Alliance.

London. Spiritually minded people and organisations coming together.

"Extraordinary times require an extra ordinary response."

Speakers include **Anthony Russell**, Evolving the Spirit. Ten steps to change the world. **Serge Beddington-Behrens**, Awakening the Heart and Serving the World: teaching a way of integrating spiritual practices with psychological inquiry towards a fundamental transformation of our lives.

Info: Telephone or text Claire McDonald on 07771 701031.

JUNE 2014 (cont.)

Sun 29th Jesus Christ: a marriage of Wisdom and Prophetic Traditions with Brother John Martin Sahajananda at Jenny Sandler's flat in West Hampstead. jenny.sandlerQ008@firenet.co.uk or phone 020 7328 6718. Booking essential.

Brother Martin is a member of the Shantivanam ashram in South India, where he studied with Bede Griffiths. He is regularly invited to Europe, where he speaks on a unique form of spirituality that goes beyond religion and brings together the wisdom of the Indian sages and the revolutionary message of Christ.

JULY 2014

4th-7th 'Living Theology' looks at the question 'Who is Jesus?'

www.ammerdown.org, near Bath. Lecturers include Jesuit scholars Gerard J Hughes SJ and Nicholas King SJ. Valerie Quinlivan MA will explore the same question through visual arts and poetry. Revd Vanessa Herrick MA, Rector of Wimborne Minster, will explore 'Jesus and Attitudes to Women' in her plenary lecture. www.livingtheology.org.uk

4th-8th Caldey Island Retreat, West Wales, www.journeying.co.uk "Finding God in Creation" Caldey is a unique holy island and home to a present-day community of Cistercian monks. Dramatic clifftop walks, beautiful sandy beaches, and teems with wildlife from seals to fulmars and oystercatchers.

8th Searching for the Real Thomas Merton. **David Mahon.** Katherine House, Salford. www.tumbletrust.org.uk

14th-17th A Liberating Spirit. Exploring spirituality for the 21st century. High Leigh Herts. www.modernchurch.org.uk Chair: Rev Canon Prof Martyn Percy

What might be a "liberal" approach to spirituality? Many in our world have lost interest in institutions and are weary with dogmatic arguments but are looking for authentic, intelligent and accessible ways of reflecting on the realities and mysteries of life which can actually make a difference to their own lives. This will be an opportunity to explore some of the contemporary approaches to spirituality through the lens of open minded and well-informed enquiry.

15th-17th Together in Theology. Centre for the study of Theology and Health Summer School. **Therapeutic Approaches to Theology.** Thirsk, N. Yorks, www.holyroodhouse.org.uk

21st-26th "For Heaven's sake relax", with **David Mahon.** Freshfields, Formby, Merseyside. A week of summer fun and spiritual renewal. www.tumbletrust.org.uk

REGULAR EVENTS

Dancing Our Prayers, St Anthony's Priory, Durham – an ecumenical spirituality centre, a peaceful oasis near the centre of Durham www.stantonypriory.co.uk

Wednesday afternoon twice a month till June. Dances to move your body, touch your heart and quieten your mind. No need to book.

“Dance is a meditation in movement, a walking into silence where every movement becomes a prayer.” Bernard Wosein

Soul Space first Sunday in the month at 6.30pm held at Queen St Methodist Church, **Stirling**, Scotland. A sharing time—everyone welcome of all faiths or none to share something that you have found stimulating on a theme. Contact Jon Cape: jon@cameroncape.net

Spirited Exchanges 6 evenings a year at the Well at Willen, Bucks.

www.thewellatwillen.org.uk The Well provides a quiet space at the edge of Milton Keynes where people can explore and develop their own spirituality and sense of community.