

## EVENTS

April – June 2022

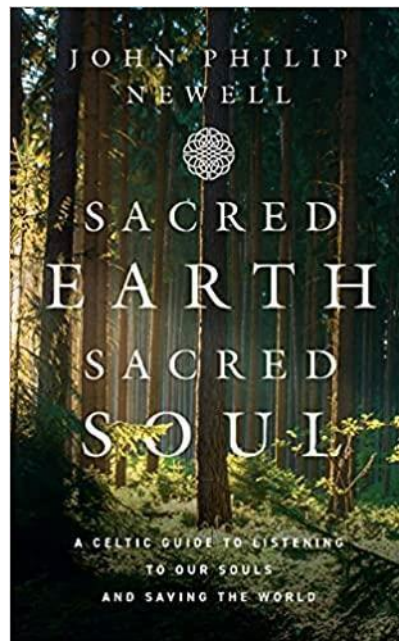
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### Events at the end of March that weren't in our last listing:

**Wed 23 March 7-8.30 pm Sacred Earth, Sacred Soul: Celtic Spiritual Wisdom for Healing a World in Crisis. John Philip Newell** will be in conversation with **Sara Trevelyan** exploring themes from John Philip Newell's latest book. Via Zoom. £1 donation. **Edinburgh International Centre for Spirituality and Peace.**

<http://www.eicsp.org/events/event-details/989-online-zoom-forum-john-philip-newell-in-conversation-with-sara-trevelyan-23-march-2022>



**John Philip Newell** shares the long, hidden tradition of Celtic Christianity, explaining how this earth-based spirituality can help us rediscover the natural rhythms of life and deepen our spiritual connection with God, with each other, and with the earth.

## APRIL

**4 April 10-4. Quiet Day: Praying with icons in Passiontide.** Led by Revd **Catherine Lomas** Leicestershire <https://www.laundeabbey.org.uk>

We'll begin this quiet day together by reflecting generally on the use of icons and other images as a means for prayer. As we enter Passiontide, our focus will then turn specifically to icons of Christ's entry into Jerusalem and the Crucifixion. The Revd **Catherine Lomas** is a parish priest and pioneer in the Diocese of Peterborough. Her particular interest is in the use of visual means to explore faith and spirituality. She is currently training as an iconographer.

**Tues 5 April 6.30 - 8.30. Contemplative Presence in a Traumatized World.** Online talk by **Cynthia Bourgeault**. Part of the series **Unified Consciousness: One Mind One Heart**. Each evening can be booked separately. World Community for Christian Meditation. <https://wccm.org/events/unified-consciousness/>

**Wed 6 April 6pm. Church Times Festival of Faith and Literature. James Runcie** in conversation with **Lucy Winkett**. Online event. Free of charge. James Runcie will discuss his latest novel, *The Great Passion*, with **Lucy Winkett**, Rector of St James's Church Piccadilly. Set in Leipzig in 1726, the story takes us into the home of Johann Sebastian Bach as he starts work on the Saint Matthew Passion.

Register here: <https://faithandliterature.hymnsam.co.uk/james-runcie-in-conversation>

**Wed 6 April 7-8.15 pm. Dwelling Deep with Mystical Christianity.** The second of six on line sessions. **Philip Roderick** (the Founder of Contemplative Fire) is offering sessions of guided engagement for us to wrestle deeply and prayerfully with various texts ("catalysts") drawn from the writings of different Christian mystics and mentors, both ancient and modern.

Open to all who are intrigued by the mystical dimension of Christianity. Two or three catalysts will be circulated to ponder before the session (along with the Zoom link), and Philip will introduce a context for each catalyst. The dynamic of these meetings will encourage a deep engagement and wrestling with the texts from everyone. The discussion will engage both heart and head – a profound and prayerful exploration of the mystical Christianity in which Contemplative Fire is rooted. **Wednesday evenings 7 - 8:15pm:** (2nd February), **6th April, 1st June, 3rd August, 5th October, 7th December 2022**. If you want to see a recording of session one, a link is provided on the Contemplative Fire website: <https://contemplativefire.org/event/dwelling-deep-with-mystical-christianity-6-on-line-sessions/>

**Thurs 7 April 10 - 4.30. A meditation workshop with Terry Doyle.** County Durham.

<https://www.minsteracres.org>

This day retreat will explore how the practice of meditation can also be encountered through the language of the body using breathing exercises, gentle stretching and slow Tai Chi movements to complement the seated meditation periods. “Be Still Like a Mountain, and Flow Like a Great River” as the workshop will be about exploring how to discover the strength and stillness within ourselves that helps us to flow and engage with life more fully.

**Thurs 7 April 7pm. Man of Dialogue. Thomas Merton's Catholic Vision.** Launch of book by **Gregory K. Hillis**. Sponsored by the Thomas Merton Society and The Society of St Francis, the Third Order. London SW1. For a free ticket email [events@thomasmertonsociety.org.uk](mailto:events@thomasmertonsociety.org.uk)

Website: <http://thomasmertonsociety.org.uk/>

**10-17 April. Holy Week online Retreat – the Secret of Easter, Becoming One.**

**Laurence Freeman** will focus on the suffering our world is undergoing and how, through it, humanity may be transformed for the better.

<https://wccm.org/events/easter-retreat-online/>

**Laurence Freeman** is a monk of the Benedictine Congregation of Monte Oliveto. He is the Director of Bonnevaux and of The World Community for Christian Meditation.

**11-14 April. Holy Week Retreat 2022** led by Revd **Chris Webb**, Anglican priest, Deputy Warden of Launde Abbey and Diocesan Spirituality Adviser. Leicestershire.

<https://www.laundeabbey.org.uk>

**Wednesday 13 - Tuesday 19 April. Holy Week and Easter Retreat - Making Meaning of the Story through Creative Arts.** Thirsk, N. Yorks. Led by Revd **Elizabeth Baxter** and the Holy Rood Community. <http://www.holyroodhouse.org.uk/events.html>

From the past into the present and inspiring action for the future. Come and join the community for their Easter week. An embroidery exhibition by Pamela Pavitt will lead our reflections on Creation and the Environment and Peace and Reconciliation, alongside Easter Celebrations, Music and Poetry, Trips out, Spring-time in the Gardens and good food.

**14-17 April. Easter Retreat. A Great Shout Waiting to be Born!** Living Easter in the 21st Century with **Dave Tomlinson**. Near Bath. [www.ammerdown.org](http://www.ammerdown.org)

Against a background of events like the pandemic, the refugee crisis, and the climate

emergency, this retreat asks what the Holy Week and Easter story means for us today – personally and collectively. Can we re-imagine its significance, discover fresh possibilities for a new context? Using art, multimedia presentations, stimulating talks and group discussions, we will explore what it might mean to live Easter, to practise resurrection – to unleash fresh hope and joy on ourselves and our world.

**14-17 April. Cosmic Holy Week online** led by **Mary Jo Radcliffe** via Zoom. All who sign up will meet each morning to explore the meaning of the day and in the late afternoon for an agreed Ritual /Liturgy. It will be a participatory experience. Enquiries to [maryjoradcliffe@icloud.com](mailto:maryjoradcliffe@icloud.com)



**19-21 April. Easter Retreat** led by Revd **Alison Myers**, the new Warden of Launde Abbey. Leicestershire. <https://www.laundeabbey.org.uk>

Easter didn't end with the resurrection. Before we leave Easter behind we will pause to sit with the 2000 year old stories of what happened next to the dazed and incredulous disciples to see what they might say to us.

**20-24 April. So Much Space Around You: The Spirituality of Walking.** A retreat for anyone who loves walking and reading - with **Rosie Miles**. Dorset. <https://www.othonawestdorset.org.uk>

**Rosie Miles** lives in Birmingham and has spent over 20 years as an academic and educator, teaching English literature. She now offers poetry courses, workshops, mentoring and occasional residential events/retreats under the banner **Poetry with Soul**.

**Sunday 24 April - Tuesday 26 April. Caring for Creation. Led by Sue Glanville.**



Sharing and learning from each other – grassroot ideas that work. Speakers will also inspire us to continue working in new ways with our local communities. Residential places available. Near Bath. [www.ammerdown.org.uk](http://www.ammerdown.org.uk)

**21-22 April. Liberal Christianities.** North East Wales. <https://www.gladstoneslibrary.org>

This short residential course is hosted by **Ian Bradley** (Emeritus Professor of Cultural and Spiritual History at University of St Andrews) and **Peter Francis** (Warden and Director of Gladstone’s Library). People often claim that they are ‘liberal’ Christians but it is a term that is difficult to define. No two liberal theologians think alike! Such diversity may be part of that definition. ‘Honesty’ is also a key word for liberal Christians – perhaps as a nod to the influence of John Robinson’s *Honest to God* but also to expressing what is believed by an individual regardless of the constraints of creeds and tradition. This course offers an opportunity to listen to two ‘honest’ liberal reflections on the central tenets of Christianity and offers space for all participants to reflect on their own belief.

**22-24 April. Art, Faith and the Ages of the Human** with Dr **Deborah Lewer**. North East Wales. <https://www.gladstoneslibrary.org>

Visual art and Christian tradition have both told profound stories about what it means to be an ageing human: faltering, flourishing and facing mortality. This course will explore works of art from the middle ages to the present from these perspectives. We will see how artists have responded to imperfect lives lived in passing time to find in it all meaning, beauty, humour and insight. Anyone with an interest in art and/or faith is very welcome.

**Deborah Lewer** is Senior Lecturer in History of Art at the University of Glasgow.

**Mon 25 April 7-8 pm** via Zoom. **Living Spirituality Connections Midlands Group meeting.** The theme is “What next?” and it will be a discussion based around what people have been reading and our recent experiences/ challenges. Email Anne Gardner for the Zoom link and further information: [a.gardner@me.com](mailto:a.gardner@me.com). In person meetings may restart soon.

**Mon 25 April - Mon 27 June at 8 pm. The Galilee Course – A fresh look at Christianity for Inquiring Minds.** Via Zoom. Offered in association with the Progressive Christianity Network

The Galilee Course is an introduction to Christianity created by the Rev Tim Yeager, an Anglican priest and PCN member, as a progressive alternative to Alpha. Stories from scripture are considered in the light of their historical and social context. Participants are invited to explore their own faith questions in a friendly and welcoming environment. The course meets for ten weekly sessions between 60 and 90 minutes in length. Each session features an illustrated talk using Power Point, small group discussion, and a Q&A session. The course is free and open to the public. Participants may attend any or all of the sessions.

For more information or to register, contact Rev Tim Yeager at: [ryeager@gmail.com](mailto:ryeager@gmail.com) or call: 07804 614245. <https://www.pcnbritain.org.uk>

**25 - 28 April. Relocating Religion: Cultural and Spiritual Re-Alignments with Dr Eleanor McLaughlin and Dr Karen O’Donnell.** Salisbury. [www.sarum.ac.uk](http://www.sarum.ac.uk)

This course is concerned with equivocations and uncertainties that surround the concepts and practices of religion in the modern period, including contemporary and popularly expressed preferences for ‘spirituality’. As regards ‘religion’, this module will draw upon previous historiographical and philosophical discussions but will focus mainly on how religion can be conceived and understood within the fields of theological and cultural anthropology. As regards the ‘relocations’ of religion drawn attention to in the title, the module will examine the different modalities in which religious practices have migrated or relocated – in contemporary western society.

This is a postgraduate course open to those not enrolled for academic credit.

**Tues 26 April 10.30. CANA Online Sacred Space (COSS)** <https://www.cana.org.uk/>

This is an on-line ritual offered by **Christians Awakening to a New Awareness**. An opportunity to engage with Spirit and with our own divine centre communally. This is not a eucharist, there is no wine, no blessing from a priest, no Christian liturgy. But it does seek to embody some of the essence of the eucharist experience in creating a sacred space of communion but within a wider framework. Please email Bill at [admin@cana.org.uk](mailto:admin@cana.org.uk) if you would like to participate.

**Sat 30 April 10-4. The Bright Field** - Glimpsing God in everyday moments. Led by **Alison MacTier**. Surrey. <https://www.christian-retreat.org>

A day to rediscover the extraordinary in the ordinary - those transitory moments where the deepest truths may be found and we feel a powerful sense of connection. We explore these life-affirming moments together using bible passages, guided meditations, poems, images and music.

## MAY

### Living Spirituality Connections event

**Tues 3 May 7.30 - 8.30 pm.** Start of **Deep Abiding Prayer** Zoom course led by **Petra Griffiths**.

Deep Abiding Prayer (DAP) approaches contemplative prayer of the heart as a spiritual practice occurring in silence, and also as a way of being while in the midst of everyday life. The heart is seen as the seat of compassion, and the prayer is at the intersection between contemplation and action. The course runs weekly from 7.30-8.30 from 3 – 31 May.

**Petra Griffiths** is Coordinator of Living Spirituality Connections in the UK and Pastoral Care Coordinator at St James's Church Piccadilly.

For the **course outline** and background to the prayer, go to:

[https://www.livingspirit.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/deep\\_abiding\\_prayer\\_course\\_may22.pdf](https://www.livingspirit.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/deep_abiding_prayer_course_may22.pdf)

**To book** email [petragriffiths@livingspirit.org.uk](mailto:petragriffiths@livingspirit.org.uk) Donations welcome.

**4 May 12 noon - 5 May 2pm. Health and Flourishing in Light of Covid19: Healing and Mission.** Salisbury. [www.sarum.ac.uk](http://www.sarum.ac.uk)

Speakers: **Prof Neil Messer**, University of Winchester, **Prof Jim McManus**, President of the Association of Directors of Public Health, **Daniel Singleton**, National Director of FaithAction, **The Revd Dr Gillian Straine**, CEO of The Guild of Health and St Raphael.

Historically, the Church and Christians have brought healing and hope during plagues and pandemics, and the Covid19 pandemic has been no different. The ***Keeping the Faith*** report highlighted the positive ways that public health worked with faith based organisations on the ground, and suggested that there are opportunities for serious engagement of the churches in health delivery at a community level. But to do this well, we need to have good theological and missiological foundations. This 24-hour conference will begin to explore this opportunity by offering space and time for theological engagement, storytelling, an examination of the trauma that we have experienced, individually and collectively, and expert input on the way forward.

**Thurs 5 May 10-3. Ignatian Wisdom for Today with Marion Bettenworth CJ**

At St Bede's Pastoral Centre, York. <https://www.stbedes.org.uk/whats-on/>.

We will explore some of the characteristics of Ignatian spirituality and discover how these offer helpful guidance to grow into the freedom and fullness of life in our own particular circumstances.

**Thurs 5 May 7-9 pm. Start of series Spirit in All Things.** St Bede's Pastoral Centre, York.

Subsequent evenings: 19 May, 2 June, 16 June, 30 June.

<https://www.stbedes.org.uk/whats-on/>

**5-7 May. Writing for Wellbeing: Water of Life.** Led by **Leonie Martin**. Near Sheffield.

<https://www.whirlowspiritualitycentre.org/>

This guided writing workshop on the theme of 'Water of Life', led by Leonie Martin, will inspire creativity and build positive connections this Eastertide. Attend via Zoom on 5 May or in person on 7 May.



**Thurs 12 May 10-1. Renewal Space with Linda Courage.** At St Bede's Pastoral Centre, York.  
<https://www.stbedes.org.uk/whats-on/>

Time apart to gently explore the effects of these times, find space to rest and time to recreate. There will be heart-centred meditation alongside some input, time for creative activities, and gentle reflection and sharing. No experience of using the arts is necessary.

**Linda** is a member of the Abbey of the Arts and Arts & Spirituality coordinator for Living Spirituality Connections. She has a heart for encouraging and guiding others in practices which help to reconnect us to ourselves and restore our vitality and help us feel alive.

**Sat 14 May 10.30-12.30. Expanding into a new depth of love. Cana Conscious Conversations (CCC),** run by **Christians Awakening to a New Awareness.** [www.cana.org.uk/](http://www.cana.org.uk/)



With input from **Peter Dewey, Don MacGregor and Mary Jo Radcliffe** including: Love as the evolutionary force of attraction in the universe; the centrality of love in Jesus' teachings; deepening our love in the darkness; deepening our love in the light. As well as discussion there will be poetry, short readings and moments of reflection.

Please email Bill at [admin@cana.org.uk](mailto:admin@cana.org.uk) if you would like to participate.

**14 May 9.45-4.30. Journey into Healing Workshop** Near Perth, Scotland.  
<https://www.biellatblackruthven.org.uk>

The purpose of the workshop is to be open to ourselves, to each other and to God for growth and healing. It is suitable for all who are looking for growth and insight in their relationships or in their inner, emotional or spiritual lives. It is not a requirement that group members be professing Christians, but this is the context in which the groups run. We will be introducing Gestalt in Corona times, using a stilling exercise, invite you to do your work on your own, with guidance, then come together to share and learn. Some of the

workshop is spent in small groups facilitated by our experienced leaders. The group work includes personal growth, Gestalt and 'Here and Now' approaches, healing the inner child, openness to the healing work of the Holy Spirit – we seek to create a worshipful atmosphere and peaceful surroundings online. [www.journeyintohealing.co.uk](http://www.journeyintohealing.co.uk)

**Tuesday 17 May 10 -11.30** and repeated **6-7.30. Creative Journaling** On-line event.

**Listening to the Heart.** Led by **Helen Warwick.** [www.holyroodhouse.org.uk](http://www.holyroodhouse.org.uk)

As we go through challenging times, we will be offering creative space to help us reflect on what is emerging for us. These retreats will be suitable for anyone wanting to explore journaling, whether experienced or a beginner. Crayons or felt-tips, a pen and paper will be all that is needed for exercises that will be enjoyable, useful, and revealing our wisdom.

**19-22 May. The Healing Power of Our Own Stories.** A retreat with **Nicky Temple** exploring the stories of our lives. Dorset. <https://www.othonawestdorset.org.uk>

This Storytelling Retreat with Nicky Temple, is a safe and loving space in which you can give voice to your story, providing an opportunity to bring it to life in your own words which can be heard, firstly and most importantly, by yourself and then by others. We will also discover how your story fits into the wider context of the story of others, and we will look with hope and expectancy at the story that is still waiting to unfold in your life.

**Nicky Temple** is a Spiritual Director and Retreat Facilitator with a great love for people. She has a gentle, compassionate heart and offers a warm and tender welcome for all. To discover more about Nicky and a little of her own story, please visit [www.nickytemple.co.uk](http://www.nickytemple.co.uk)

**20-22 May. "See, I am making things new.."** Retreat. County Durham.

[www.minsteracres.org](http://www.minsteracres.org)

In the Old Testament we hear the Lord say, "But forget all that—it is nothing compared to what I am going to do. For I am about to do something new. See, I have already begun! Do you not see it? I will make a pathway through the wilderness. I will create rivers in the dry wasteland." (Isaiah 43:18-19). During this retreat we will have an opportunity to explore and reveal the pathways through our wilderness, to notice where we have life and energy. To discern what God is making new in our lives.

**23-26 May. Theologies of the Body.** Luther King Centre Summer School. Manchester.

Exploring intersectionality, race, gender, sexuality, disability, ageing and eco theologies.

<https://www.lutherking.ac.uk/latest-news/summer-school-2022>

**Sat 28 May 10-3. Changing Climate, Eternal Summons.** Hearing God's call in the midst of a global emergency. Led by **Jo Musker-Sherwood**, who develops strategies for emotional and ecological wellbeing. Near Sheffield. <https://www.whirlowspiritualitycentre.org>

**Sat 28 May 10-4. Hospitality: gracious presence; gracious gift; gracious promise.** Led by **Sr Rachel Overton**. Surrey. <https://www.christian-retreat.org>  
During the day we will reflect on our understanding and experience of hospitality as a part of our spiritual journey and take time to consider the hospitality offered to us by God.

**28-29 May. A Pilgrims Rest.** Led by **Merryn Glover** and the Bield Team. Near Perth Scotland. <http://www.bieldatblackruthven.org.uk/> Booking deadline 31st March.

A pilgrimage is as much about the journey as the destination. This special weekend is a place of rest on your way, an opportunity to take bearings and be nourished by the beauty of nature and the fellowship of other travellers. Rooted in the Christian tradition, we welcome people of all faiths and none. Spend the weekend dwelling deeply in God's creation and re-creation as we experience the gift of rest. Drawing on practices of stillness, waiting, listening and loving attention, we will take time enjoying the Bield grounds, learning from nature, and opening ourselves to the Spirit's life-giving work.

The programme will include simple acts of communal worship, group sharing, exploring outdoors, reflective writing and other creative responses. Everything is optional and there will be time and freedom for personal contemplation and use of the Bield facilities.

## JUNE

**3-5 June. Jesus breathed on them and said receive the Holy Spirit.** County Durham. [www.minsteracres.org](http://www.minsteracres.org)

In this Pentecost retreat we will reflect on the role of the Holy Spirit in John's Gospel and pray for the release of the Spirit in our lives, that we may learn how to act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly with our God. There will be times of input, times of silence and times of prayer and praise to help us open ourselves more fully to God.

**10-12 June. A Spirit-shaped Life:** Pentecost Retreat. Salisbury. [www.sarum.ac.uk](http://www.sarum.ac.uk)

Most of the retreat will be silent. Retreatants will also be offered thoughtful Christian input relevant to the season (Pentecost/Trinity). Gentle worship will be available as well as the opportunity to attend worship in Salisbury Cathedral. Spiritual exercises, use of the library, art and craftwork may be offered as well as the possibility for a one to one spiritual conversation with Retreatant Conductor. Retreatants may engage with the Retreat in whichever way works best for their personal and spiritual needs.

Revd **Catherine Williams** is an Anglican priest with a portfolio ministry as a Christian Writer, Retreat Leader & Spiritual Director.

**Wed 15 June 5.30-9. Out of the Wreck we Rise.** The Practice of Contemplation when our Lives are in Bits. An evening in person and online with **Martin Laird**, O.S.A. In London and via Zoom. <https://meditatiocentrelondon.org/events/>

**16-19 June. Evolving from Becoming to Unfolding:** Led by Br. **Martin of Shantivanam** (in French & English). Bonnevaux, France. <https://bonnevauxwccm.org>  
The retreat aims to describe the process of how to evolve from the life of becoming to the life of fullness, from the life of ego to the life of God.

**Sat 18 June 10- 4. Through turmoil to transformation.** Led by **Margaret Silf**. Isle of Man. Information from: [islandspiritualitynetwork@gmail.com](mailto:islandspiritualitynetwork@gmail.com)  
**Margret Silf** is author of *Landmarks*, *An Ignatian Journey* and many other books.

**20-24 June. On a Journey With the Northern Saints.** County Durham.  
[www.minsteracres.org](http://www.minsteracres.org)

Spend a week at Minsteracres journeying in the footsteps of the Northern Saints such as Aidan, Cuthbert, Oswald, Hilde and Bede. Find out more about their spirituality and motivation, and visit the iconic places where they lived out their faith. Includes visits to Holy Island, Bamburgh, Durham Cathedral and Heavenfield and other early monastic sites.

**26-29 June. Mindfulness Retreat** with **Nicola Smith**. Leicestershire.  
<https://www.laundeabbey.org.uk>

Do you find prayer and stillness are filled with distractions and a difficulty in focusing? In this retreat, we explore the foundations of mindfulness, as taught in secular mindfulness courses, and we discover how these can support our prayer life, attentiveness and stillness.

We will be focusing on Scripture and its wisdom about prayer and stillness and exploring the connections with mindfulness practices. And maybe we'll begin to discover or rediscover "that a deep and God-given stillness and peace was available to us even in the midst of the brokenness and chaos of our lives." (Mark Williams, Emeritus Professor of Clinical Psychology, Honorary Canon of Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford).

**Nicola Smith** is a trained mindfulness teacher and a Lay Worship Leader She has set up a Julian Contemplative Prayer Group and is very actively involved in campaigning for social and climate justice.

### **27-29 June. Living with Courage: clasp hands across a divided landscape.**

Retreat Association Conference 2022 (online) <https://www.retreats.org.uk/conference>

#### **Speakers**

**Ched Myers**, Activist Theologian, **Jane Shaw**, Professor of the History of Religion, University of Oxford, **Pádraig Ó Tuama**, Poet and Theologian, **Carol Marples**, artist, **Jo Love**, liturgist, **Rachel Mann**, poet. Live streamed from the chapel and beautiful surroundings of The Royal Foundation of St Katharine.

## **ADVANCE NOTICES**

**Monday 4 to Thursday 7 July. Summer School - Behold I Make all Things New** - led by **Holy Rood House** Team and Consultants. Thirsk, N. Yorks.

Come and join our learning and discussions, set within our healing gardens and social spaces, as we find ways through our current climate, accompanied by good food and laughter. Accommodation available at Holy Rood House and in Thirsk. Day guests welcome.

Please email [enquiries@holyroodhouse.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@holyroodhouse.org.uk) for more information or to book a place.

**14-16 July. Free To Believe National Conference: Keeping Hope Alive.**

<http://www.freetobelieve.org.uk/conferences.html#>. Herts.

Speakers:

**Fiona Bennett** - Moderator Elect of URC General Assembly.

**Karen Campbell** - URC Secretary for Global and Intercultural Ministries.

**Alex Clare-Young** - Pioneer URC minister, author of '*Being Human, Trans and Christian.*'

**Helen Garton** - Minister of St Columba's, Oxford.

**Iain McDonald** - Founder member of URC Gay and Lesbian Caucus.

**18-20 July. Modern Church Conference: Living in Faith, Hope, and Love.** Herts.

<https://modernchurch.org.uk/events/2022-conference-living-in-love-faith-and-hope>

Living in Faith, Hope, and Love partially mirrors the title of the Living in Love and Faith (LLF) project of the Church of England. The Conference will provide constructive theological approaches to the chosen themes of LLF ('identity, sexuality, relationships, marriage'), and make good some of its omissions (e.g., gender, history, 'abusive theology').

The presenters are well known experts in their fields of study. There will be seven presentations over two days, and each presenter will also provide a follow-up seminar. While LLF is an Anglican project, the topics will be of interest well beyond the Church of England.

Chair: Prof. Adrian Thatcher.

Speakers:

The Revd Dr **Christina (Tina) Beardsley** SMMS, **Susannah Cornwall**, **Helen King**,  
The Revd **Jarel Robinson-Brown**, **Rachel Starr**, **Johanna Stiebert**, **Adrian Thatcher**.

**22–26 August 2022. Snowdonia Retreat.** A **GreenSpirit** event.

A few days in glorious Snowdonia, North Wales, at the wonderful retreat centre Cae Mabon, with its eco-structures in an Oak wood beside a rushing stream and lake. We will have (plant-based) evening meals cooked for us and we expect that participants will want to fully engage with activities so that we can share at soul level; and embody our connection with each other, the spirits of the land, and the elements. We will continue the practice of living together as community, but will have a programme, exploring our relationship with the land, the sky, the fire and river/lake, and the liminal places and times where these worlds meet.

Details to follow. Go to the **GreenSpirit** website <https://www.greenspirit.org.uk/events>