

Events August-October 2013

Arranged by region. See page 4 for ongoing courses.

Scotland

Iona From the programme for the Abbey and MacLeod Centres: 2013 <http://iona.org.uk/>

Thin Places and Spaces 27 July - 2 August

A week with Cara Riley, Iona Community Member, and Ric Stott, Methodist Minister, creatively exploring our responses to and interactions with places and spaces on Iona and in our lives whilst discerning how they shape us and our sense of belonging to ourselves, others and God.

Creation Time - a celebration of the Creator and Creation. 7-13 September

Join us to celebrate creation, explore what it means to be eco-friendly and challenge ourselves, our congregations and our communities to respect the integrity of creation.

Pilgrimage with John Philip and Ali Newell 14-21 September

St Columba Hotel, Iona. info@stcolumba-hotel.co.uk

Ireland

Dublin, John Philip Newell at All Hallows College 5 October 2013

Contact: Dr Bernadette Flanagan bflanagan@allhallows.ie

North East

Holy Island Community of Aidan and Hilda www.aidanandhilda.org

Discerning God through all the senses 28 July – 3 August Judith Shelley and Rev Sandi Kerner.

Lindisfarne Gospels Dr Michelle Browne 12-23 August (in 2 parts).

Mindfulness, Meditations and Movements. 19-22 September

Reducing stress and being with God in the present. Oyvind Borgso

Holy Island of Lindisfarne – an autumn gathering 7-13 October

with Cate Macfarlane (01799 513750) and Steve Evely organised by www.journeying.co.uk

County Durham Minsteracres www.minsteracres.org

Relaxation retreat drawing on the wisdom of the mystics 4-6 October

With David Mahon of the Tumble Trust <http://www.tumbletrust.co.uk/>

The growing edge 11-13 October with Margaret Silf (continued over...)

Many people feel they are on the edge of over the edge of institutional religion. Explore living creatively on this growing edge.

Yorkshire Holy Rood House <http://www.holyroodhouse.org.uk>

Challenging theological assumptions about Spiritual Accompaniment. July 15-18 A few places remain.

Men's Spirituality Retreat 6-8 September with Br John SSF, Rev Stanley Baxter and Rev Prof Stephen Wright.

Derbyshire www.whirlowgrange.co.uk

Your one wild and precious life. 12 October

Hearing a new call from God later in life with Janet Morley.

North West

Cumbria Swarthmoor Hall www.swarthmoorhall.co.uk

A spiritual basis for sustainable living. Cultivating simple spiritual practices to help us live consciously and sustainably. 6-8 September with Alex Wildwood.

Leicestershire Launde Abbey laundeabbey.org.uk

Painting and prayer 5-9 August

Gardening Holiday 12-15 August

Walking the Walk. Companionship in Crisis. 10-12 September

Wales

Powys Llangasty Retreat House llangasty.com

The Wildness of God's love. 6-8 August with Revd Beverley Smith.

Gwent Llansor Mill llansor.org **Action and Contemplation UK**

Exploring Male Spirituality September 14th

A Matter of Life and Death September 26th-29th (Thursday-Sunday)

The Camino Weekend October 11th-13th.

Gwynedd at trigonos.org - a centre close to a lake near Caernarfon

Celtic Connections – annual gathering of Greenspirit.org.uk 11-13 October, with bard and storyteller Eric Maddern.

South West

Somerset www.ammerdown.org

Breathing pictures 2-4 August. Expressing faith through mime and physical theatre. Ken Wylie.

Running over Rocks 16-18 August. Life practices for disturbing times. Ian Adams.

Hearing God through play and creativity 23-27 September. Revd Anna Garvie.

Dorset www.green-pastures.org

The Celtic Christ 13-15 September with David Cole. Learn about the Christ the Celtic Christians knew and why the impact was so transformational.

Cornwall

North Cornwall – Coast, Canal and Country pilgrimage 6-13 September with Jill Atkinson and Sue Lewis.

Organised by www.journeying.co.uk, whose strapline is Finding God in Creation.

South East

Sussex <http://www.penhurst.org.uk/>

Creativity and prayer 5-9 August with Jenny Cooper. Using paint and clay to go deeper in our relationship with God.

The Holy Ordinary 18 September with Pen Wilcock. Walking with God in the everyday.

The God who Sings Through Us 14-18 October with Brigid Main. For those who love music but can't sing.

Kent

Aylesford www.thefriars.org.uk

Summer Stillness Retreat 19-23 August. A personally guided retreat with the pastoral team at Aylesford Priory.

Surrey <http://www.christian-retreat.org>

Movements in the soul towards union 23 September with Julienne McLean and Viv Stacey

Centering Prayer 28 September with Viv Stacey

Essex

Pleshey www.retreathousepleshey.com

Quiet Day on 10 October exploring **Thomas Traherne's** understanding of the glory of God in persons and in creation.

Othona othona-bradwell.org.uk

Art and Ecology week 3-10 August Ali and Mart Tebbs and Jo Hart.

London

Centre for Spirituality <http://www.spiritualitycentre.org/>

The Theology of Welcome Friday 20 September with poet and theologian Pádraig Ó Tuama, author of Spirit in the City.

Seeing the good in unfamiliar spiritualities 28 September with priest and author Gethin Abraham-Williams, who has published a book on this topic.

COURSES COMING UP IN THE AUTUMN

Amongst the opportunities to explore theology and spirituality through ongoing coursework are:

1. The MA in Spirituality at All Hallows College Dublin, <http://www.allhallows.ie>, which is taking new forms. Themes include:

Spiritual Autobiography / Contemporary Spiritual Writers

Awareness and Attentiveness Skills / Personal Spiritual Accompaniment

Contemplative Psychology / Spirituality, Social Concern & Gender

Spirituality and Authenticity

Information from: mosullivan@allhallows.ie

2. Sarum College, Salisbury, Wilts www.sarum.ac.uk

Courses include MA courses in theology, and in leadership and ministry. Weekend courses can often be taken as stand-alone units, such as:

Theology and Human Culture 23-26 September

Christian Faith and Leadership 23-26 September

Introduction to Liturgical Studies 7-10 October

3. London Centre for Spirituality www.spiritualitycentre.org.uk

ENCOUNTER is the new formation programme from the London Centre for Spirituality. It draws its inspiration from ancient and contemporary practice, modern psychological insights and the wisdom tradition found in all religions and cultures. It is an ecumenical programme rooted in the Christian tradition and is open to people from any background who want to explore and develop their vocation in helping others discern and respond to God in everyday life. It is an experiential and practical programme led by an experienced team of spiritual directors with related expertise and training, including theology, pastoral care, spirituality and psychotherapy.

“At the heart of spiritual formation is becoming aware that God is everywhere, learning to ‘practise’ God’s presence, and yielding to God’s transforming grace.” David Benner