

# EVENTS RUN BY MANY CENTRES AND ORGANISATIONS ACROSS THE UK

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## JANUARY – MARCH 2016

### JANUARY 2016

**11 January Engaging with other faiths.** A Guide to interfaith engagement in the UK.

A 10 week course on Monday Evenings 7.30-9.30. London NW6.

[www.londoninterfaith.org.uk](http://www.londoninterfaith.org.uk)

**13-17 January Celtic spirituality retreat** with **John Bell**. Liverpool.

[www.sandymountretreats.org.uk](http://www.sandymountretreats.org.uk)

**22-24 January Mindfulness and Contemplative Prayer.** Salisbury, Wilts.

Explore how various Christian traditions have cultivated the values of a mindful presence, compassion and connection with others. [www.sarum.ac.uk](http://www.sarum.ac.uk)

**22-23 January 3pm – 4.30 pm Rest, Reflect, Flow, a creative arts and spiritual exploration** with **Melitta & Katy Low**. Near Perth, Scotland. [www.biieldatblackruthven.org.uk](http://www.biieldatblackruthven.org.uk)

**24 January 2-4.** Film: **The Gospel of Matthew**. Directed by **Pasolini**. London NW6.

**30 January 10-4.** Film: **Gospel of John**. Directed by **Philip Saville**. For **both films** contact Jenny Sandler at [jenny.sandlerq008@firenet.co.uk](mailto:jenny.sandlerq008@firenet.co.uk) or phone on 020 7328 6718.

**25 January. Launch of Re-thinking Worship? Resources for Christian Faith Today** – a Progressive Christianity Network and Luther King House booklet by **Jan Berry**, launched by **Jan** and **Adrian Alker**. Manchester. Free but please book by emailing [learning@lkh.co.uk](mailto:learning@lkh.co.uk).

[www.lutherkinghouse.org.uk](http://www.lutherkinghouse.org.uk)

**25-28 January The nature of contemporary spirituality.** Salisbury, Wilts.

Introduction to contemporary approaches to the study of spirituality through theological, philosophical, psychological, political and aesthetic methodologies. [www.sarum.ac.uk](http://www.sarum.ac.uk)

**29-31 January. Renew, refresh, restore.** Near Skipton, N. Yorks. Time out for you and for God. Relax, unwind and let go. [www.scargillmovement.org](http://www.scargillmovement.org)

## **FEBRUARY 2016**

**2-4 February Exploring Liberating Christologies.** Women's Spirituality Course. Led by Revd. Elizabeth Baxter. Thirsk, N. Yorks. [www.holyroodhouse.org.uk](http://www.holyroodhouse.org.uk)

**5-7 February Re-inhabiting the earth.** What is happening to our common home? Conference exploring **Laudato Si.** County Antrim. [www.drumalis.co.uk](http://www.drumalis.co.uk)

**5 February 10-4. Guided Quiet Days - Journey of the Heart - Finding a Spacious Place** with Libby Dobson and Sarah Chabowska. Near Bath. [www.ammerdown.org](http://www.ammerdown.org)

**6 February 10-5.30 Writing as a spiritual practice with Christine Valters Paintner and John Valters Paintner.** Galway Bay, Eire. We will let the rhythm of the seasons inform our work by weaving an awareness of the Imbolc and the Feast of St. Brigid, exploring themes of awakening and new life emerging. [www.abbeyofthearts.com/programs](http://www.abbeyofthearts.com/programs)

**15-19 February Finding the still point within.** Silent week. Tiverton, Devon. [www.millhouseretreats.co.uk](http://www.millhouseretreats.co.uk)

**15-19 February. The engaged spirituality of Jesus.** Led by **John Bell.** Near Bath. Reflect on what fed Jesus' spirituality and nourish your own spirituality. [www.ammerdown.org](http://www.ammerdown.org)

**15-19 February Lent Retreat: The English Imagination, using the poetry of George Herbert** led by **Bishop David Sutcliffe.** Leicestershire. [www.laundeabbey.org.uk](http://www.laundeabbey.org.uk)

**19-21 February. Life before death.** The psychology of flourishing with Father Roger Dawson SJ. North Wales. [www.beunos.com](http://www.beunos.com)

**20 February Exploring our sacred journey.** St Antony's Priory, Durham. A course to nourish your prayer life and nurture your inner and outer journeys. 6 Saturday mornings and 5 Tuesday evenings. Contact 0191 384 3747.

**22 February** 6-8.30, start of **All Kinds of Ways of Praying** led by Rosey Feuell. London EC1. [www.spiritualitycentre.org](http://www.spiritualitycentre.org)

This Course is designed for people who may be familiar with traditional prayer times and methods, but would like to be more adventurous and creative in their approach and possible follow-up activities, relating prayer to their own needs and personal expression.

**26 February Wisdom of the Desert.** Berks. [www.douaiabbey.org.uk](http://www.douaiabbey.org.uk)

**27 February Uncovering the true self with Thomas Merton.** Led by **Brendan Kelly-Ince.** Liverpool. [www.sandymountretreats.org.uk](http://www.sandymountretreats.org.uk)

## **MARCH 2016**

**3 March 6.30-8 Creation: Science, Faith and the Bible.** St Paul's Cathedral, London. Book in advance. [www.stpauls.co.uk/learning-faith/adult-learning/creation](http://www.stpauls.co.uk/learning-faith/adult-learning/creation)

The speaker, **Katharine Jefferts Schori**, will look at the many meanings of the first chapters of Genesis, exploring what they can teach us about God, the world, and ourselves. Rather than an attempt to explain the origins of the planet scientifically, is this actually God's first love song to the world, an account of his love and blessing of the world, and us, his people? And what can it teach us about how we should live with God, with each other, and with the earth in the 21st century?

The Most Reverend Katharine Jefferts Schori is the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, and the first female primate in the Anglican Communion. Before being ordained she had a career as a scientist, with a doctorate in oceanography. The fruitful communion between science and theology is one of her passions, and during her presidency she has been vocal about issues of poverty, climate change and care for the earth.

**3-6 March Retreat. Light Touch, Deep Wisdom.** Learning from the Desert Fathers and Mothers with **Angela Ashwin.** St Antony's Priory, Durham. Contact 0191 384 3747.

**4-6 March Science and Faith Weekend on Compassion.** PCN Malvern. Talks, discussion and activities for people of all religions and none. [www.scienceandfaith.org.uk](http://www.scienceandfaith.org.uk)

**5 March The Paradox of Meister Eckhart.** Led by **Anthony Finnerty.** Liverpool. [www.sandymountretreats.org.uk](http://www.sandymountretreats.org.uk)

**5 March 10-4 Slowing Down To Meet Yourself.** A one day reflective retreat for everyone. Celtic Spirituality at Corrymeela, Ballycastle, Eire. Led by **Revd Grace Clunie**, Director of the Celtic Spirituality Centre, Navan Centre, Armagh. [www.corrymeela.org/events](http://www.corrymeela.org/events)

**7-10 March Mindfulness, Self Compassion and Ageing.** Dorset.  
[www.othona-bb.org.uk](http://www.othona-bb.org.uk)

**10 March Women's spirituality reflection day. Welcoming Mary Magdalene** with Revd. Elizabeth Baxter. N. Yorks. [www.holyroodhouse.org.uk](http://www.holyroodhouse.org.uk)

**11-13 March Parsifal and the wound of the Fisher King. A weekend for men.** Gwent. This event will use the Arthurian legend of Parsifal and the Fisher King, to explore the wound: what it is, how to address it. [www.llansor.org](http://www.llansor.org)

**12 March 10.30-4 An Unequal Society: What Must Christians Do?** - with **Professor Richard Harris** Leeds. Progressive Christianity Network. [www.pcnbritain.org.uk](http://www.pcnbritain.org.uk)

“For our Spring Conference PCN Britain invites people from all religious traditions and all who are concerned at the growing inequality in our society to this day of discussion, led by an expert in the field. There will be many opportunities for sharing experiences and ideas for action.” Email: [adrian.alker@pcnbritain.org.uk](mailto:adrian.alker@pcnbritain.org.uk)

**18-20 March Exploring our relationship with our planet.** Led by **Judith Bromley-Nicholls**. Oxon. [www.charneymanor.com](http://www.charneymanor.com)

**19 March Pathways to Contemplation.** Teilhard de Chardin's The Mass on the World. With **Lynne Schofield**. Surrey. [www.christian-retreat.org](http://www.christian-retreat.org)

**19 March 10.30-4.30 Cosmic Glory in the Gospel of John** with **Martin Nathanael**. London NW6. Contact Jenny Sandler: [jenny.sandlerq008@firenet.co.uk](mailto:jenny.sandlerq008@firenet.co.uk) or phone on 020 7328 6718.

**19 March Pilgrimage on Foot** from **Ammerdown** to **Witham Abbey 8-5.30**, led by **Mark Scholefield**. Near Bath. [www.ammerdown.org](http://www.ammerdown.org)

**20-27 March Holy Week and Easter Weekend Retreat** with **Alison Christian** and **Chris Webb** Leicestershire [www.laundeabbey.org.uk](http://www.laundeabbey.org.uk)

Come and go as you please during Holy Week and Easter. Launde Abbey's traditional two retreats covering Holy Week and the Easter weekend are being combined into one so that those who wish can experience walking through the last week of Jesus' life day by day right up to the Resurrection.

**21-25 March Approach to Easter. Intimacy with God.** **Helena Wilkinson** and house team. Gower, South Wales. [www.nicholastonhouse.org](http://www.nicholastonhouse.org)

**21-28 March Holy Week and Easter.** Join with the rhythm of prayer on Holy Island. Northumberland. [www.aidanandhilda.org](http://www.aidanandhilda.org)

**23-29 Holy Week and Easter retreat.** Thirsk, N. Yorks. [www.holyroodhouse.org.uk](http://www.holyroodhouse.org.uk)

**24-28 March Walking life's labyrinth at Easter** with **Nickie Fidgin**. Dorset. [www.othona-bb.org.uk](http://www.othona-bb.org.uk)

## ADVANCE NOTICE

**1-3 April CUTTING EDGE FAITH. Free to Believe** conference in Herts. [www.freetobelieve.org.uk/conferences.html](http://www.freetobelieve.org.uk/conferences.html)

Tolerance not intolerance	Inclusion not exclusion	Radical not timid
Critical not fundamentalist	Prophetic not pietistic	

**14 May Marcus Borg: Finding God in the World - a Spiritual Revolution.** Speaker: **Diana Butler Bass**. Birmingham. Hosted by Free to Believe, Modern Church, PCN Britain and St Marks CRC. [www.freetobelieve.org.uk/conferences.html](http://www.freetobelieve.org.uk/conferences.html)

Diana Butler Bass has been described by Marcus Borg as 'one of our foremost commentators on twenty first century Christianity'. Her clearly worded, powerful, and probing book *Christianity After Religion* is required reading for anyone with an interest in the future of Christianity.

Faith is no longer a matter of mountaintop experience or institutional practice; instead, people are connecting with God through the environment in which we live. A day not to be missed! A day to honour Marcus Borg, to meet with like-minded searchers and to take forward the transformation in how people understand and experience God, away from the conventions of traditional religion.