

-- As we forgive Stephen Dean

We say it so easily: *Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.*

Many other sentiments pass our lips easily in Church. What about this: *Love your enemies, and do good to those who hate you* (Luke 6:27). Even *Love your neighbour as yourself*. Most of us live lives of calm and freedom from risk, but what do those words mean to relatives of people killed or maimed in an attack by Isis? Do you have to forgive Hitler, or Ian Brady? Does God forgive them? In other words, is anything unforgivable?

There is a moving story in a book (*The Sunflower*) by Simon Wiesenthal, the man who located many former Nazis and who died in 2005. As a prisoner in a concentration he was called to the bedside of Karl, a 21-year-old Nazi soldier.

Karl said: 'I know that at this moment thousands of men are dying. Death is everywhere. It is neither infrequent nor extraordinary. I am resigned to dying soon, but before that I want to talk about an experience which is torturing me. Otherwise I cannot die in peace . . . I must tell you of this horrible deed - tell you because . . . you are a Jew.' He wanted to confess to a Jew that he repented of his part in the crimes that were being committed against the Jews. He describes in excruciating detail some of the things he has seen and done. He ends by saying "In the long nights while I have been waiting

for death, time and time again I have longed to talk about it to a Jew and beg forgiveness from him. Only I didn't know whether there were any Jews left . . . I know that what I am asking is almost too much for you, but without your answer I cannot die in peace."

Wiesenthal left the room without a word, and heard next day that Karl had died. Over the next years of the war, time and again, through all his suffering, Simon thought of Karl and wondered 'Ought I to have forgiven him? Was my silence at the bedside of the dying Nazi right or wrong? This is a profound moral question . . . The crux of the matter is, of course, the question of forgiveness. Forgetting is something that time alone takes care of, but forgiveness is an act of volition . . .'

This is the first thing to be said about forgiveness: it has to be done willingly. No one can be forced to forgive. It is often a long process. Ultimately, to forgive is something that people do when and only if they are ready.

It should also be distinguished from *condoning* an offence, which would deny that it is something wrong; *excusing*, which removes responsibility from the offender, or even *forgetting*, which may be impossible. It can be done without the offender reciprocating (they may be dead), but an apology from the offender can start the process in the victim's mind.

It has been found in various studies that



Detail of *The Unforgiving Servant* (Matt 18:21-35) by Dominic Fetti (c.1589-1623)

forgiving a wrong is helpful to the person offended; the impulse to revenge can be corrupting and debilitating. But to give up this impulse requires a great effort of will, as it is something prized and guarded, even by those who have not suffered from the offence, but hold fast to the sentiment 'Lock them up and throw away the key.'

Where does this leave us who say the Lord's Prayer daily or weekly? How do we answer the accusation that Christians forgive too easily, and thus dishonour the victims? The Lord's Prayer makes us acknowledge that we too are offenders and may be in need of forgiveness ourselves. God will only forgive us if we have forgiven those who have offended us. Most of us are not guilty of genocide or serious abuse, so the petty wrongs done by us and to us, such as insults in choir practice, are ridiculously small. But if we sing *Ubi caritas et amor* and the next moment make some contemptuous remark about that awful soprano in the front row we cannot object if we are treated similarly.

The National Network of Pastoral Musicians 2018

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ROUNDUP

ARUNDEL & BRIGHTON

Area secretary: Marie Wratten (020 8224 0632)

10 March, **Chrism Mass rehearsal:** Arundel Cathedral Centre, 13.30 –16.00

17 March **Chrism Mass rehearsal** Sacred Heart Hall, Cobham, 13.30 –16.00

(Come to one or both).

12 April, **Chrism Mass.** Arundel Cathedral 18.00, Rehearsal 16.00

28 April, **Society of St Gregory Music Day.** St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth

See www.ssg.org.uk or page 8 below for details

19 May, **Pentecost Vigil Mass with New Catholics** Arundel Cathedral 3.30pm (time tbc)

Repertoire session/rehearsal from 1.00pm (details tbc)

For further information and updates, please see www.abliturgy.wordpress.com or contact catherine.christmas@dabnet.org or ruth.gerun@dabnet.org (01293651164)

EAST ANGLIA

3 March. Come and sing Stainer's Crucifixion, St Peter's Upwell. 14.00 with Edmond Aldhouse. Singers tickets £10 to include music and refreshments. Tickets to be purchased in advance through sclutton@gmail.com

24 April. A day at Framlingham -see page 4

HALLAM & SOUTH YORKSHIRE

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Hallam Youth Ministry: 0114 256 6464 / 0170 986 7383 mfitzgerald@hallam-diocese.com.

Worship 4 Today is a highly successful course which has been used in Sheffield Diocese since 2007, where it runs for one academic year alongside other lay training. The 2017/18 course, running from 10 September to 8 July 2018, is well under way, but the website www.sheffield.anglican.org/worship-4-today will tell you what to expect for next year. trish.stafford@sheffield.anglican.org or 01709 309147

First Monday of every month, 19.30-22.00. **Sacred Harp Singing** in Sheffield (Ecumenical or no religion) Open to all. **Shakespeare's pub, 146-148 Gibraltar Street, S3 8UB.** Singing from the Sacred Harp (1991 edition). Especially suitable for those new to Sacred Harp, a tradition of 4-part a cappella singing from shape-note books first published in the USA in 1844. The sessions are suitable for everyone - regardless of background or level of experience.

<http://sheffieldsacredharp.weebly.com/sing-with-us.html>

Whirlow Spirituality Centre, Sheffield. See p.11

MENEVIA

Area sec. Jennifer Burridge 01792 775 598 • jburridge@me.com

15 March. There will be a Taize evening of quiet prayer and music at St David's Priory, Swansea. 7pm. All welcome.

MIDDLESBROUGH

Area sec. Sue Black 01904 760331, sue.black@btinternet.com

Diocesan Choir Practice is on the 2nd Sunday of the month, Our Lady's, Acomb, York, 14.00-16.00. Currently

working towards the Chrism Mass (27 March, 10.15, in the cathedral)

To audition for the Schola Cantorum, (men, women) or Boys' or Girls' Choirs contact: timothycraigharrison@gmail.com

Sung Vespers with Benediction ('...a lovely experience...'): Wednesdays, 18.00, weekly, term-time. St. Mary's Cathedral, Coulby Newham, Middlesbrough TS8 0TW.

Sung Vespers in the cathedral some Sundays, 16.15

Support for Parishes: contact Deanery representatives:

- York: Sue Black • Middlesbrough: Tim Harrison -see above
 - Hull Deanery: Gabriel Awre: gmawre@googlemail.com
 - Coastal: Martin Richardson: mrichardson71@hotmail.com
- Other Cathedral Musical Events: see Diocesan website <http://middlesbrough-diocese.org.uk>

SOUTHWARK

Mag Shepherd 0208 291 4107 magshepherd@hotmail.com

28 March, **Chrism Mass** in St George's Cathedral. Once again, the Chrism Mass will be celebrated on the Wednesday of Holy Week. Come and be 'the Church at prayer. You must attend two rehearsals: 24 March in the Amigo Hall, London SE1 6HR. 10.00 tea/coffee, 10.30 start; and 28 March, 09.00 prompt in the Cathedral. Booking form from Nicholas Pointer nicholas.pointer@btinternet.com

26-28 March. Jjon Bell at Southwark Anglican Cathedral see p.11

SCOTLAND

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News from RSCM Scotland rscm.com/area/scotland/

24 March. St Mary's Episcopal Cathedral, 300 Great Western Road, Glasgow G4 9JB, At the invitation of Bishop Gregor RSCM Scottish Voices return to St Mary's Cathedral to provide the music for the Diocesan Chrism Mass Visit our website for details www.rscmscottishvoices.org.uk Gary Young, administrator@rscmscottishvoices.org.uk.

12 May, **Choral Evensong** with orchestra: Inverness,

19 May. Scottish Voices are singing **Choral Evensong** in Durham cathedral, in our latest occasional, cross-border visit. See website for further details: see 24 March.

2 June. **Triennial Festival** at St Andrew's Cathedral, Dundee. Singers for the choir are to arrive at 12.00, and the service is at 16.00. Matthew Beetschen is Musical Director. There will be (optional) local rehearsals before the event. The music will be from the RSCM festival book 'King of Glory, King of Peace'. Contact nicola@rscmscotland.org

16 – 19 July **Summer School 2018** (21st anniversary!): Dunblane FK15 0AQ, with Matthew Beetschen, director, and Kevin Duggan, organ. Services in Dunblane Cathedral on Monday to Wednesday evenings (20.00), with a closing Eucharist on Thursday morning (10.00). All welcome. Come for the whole course, or just for a day! Optional workshops open to non-course participants. To book, contact Brian Baker (Summer School administrator): 01786 821294 summerschool@rscmscotland.org or online at rscm.scot

Positif organist is fun and sociable, and helps broaden your skills and knowledge as a church organist. It runs in Edinburgh, Fife and Inverness and has monthly sessions from September to June. Sheila Chisholm, 0131 629 9085, sheilachisholm.weebly.com/positif-organist.html

From Around the Country.....

AMMERDOWN ammerdown.org/home

The Ammerdown Conference & Retreat Centre.
Ammerdown Park, Radstock, BA3 5SW.



Monthly Taizé evenings and Contemplative Service every Friday: ammerdown.org/regular-worship

29 March-1 April. **Easter Retreat** with Daniel O'Leary. An opportunity to meditate on, and participate in, chosen themes and ceremonies from the Holy Week liturgy. A silent retreat with special reference to our own suffering, dying, healing and transformation. Everyone welcome.

Fr Daniel is a priest, writer and teacher. an award-winning author of thirteen books and a regular contributor to the 'Tablet'. He leads conferences and retreats around the country. *Please arrive by noon on Thursday. Retreat finishes with lunch on Sunday. Residential: £475, non-residential £317. A deposit of £85 is required for both. Fr Daniel's retreats are very popular and we would suggest early booking to avoid disappointment.*

3 April. **Refreshing Days for Carers.** Led by various Therapists. Cost £23. Those who care for others need themselves to be nurtured and cared for, and these days at Ammerdown are designed to do just that. Each day includes one session of complementary therapy such as Reiki, Reflexology or Aromatherapy Massage together with workshops and creative arts for fun. It also includes a delicious lunch and a chance to enjoy Ammerdown's beautiful gardens. *This course is nearly sold out - please contact Ammerdown to check for availability.*

Next dates: 26 June, 31 July, 22 September.

7 April **Guided Quiet Day.** 9.30 for 10.00 -16.00 includes lunch, coffee and tea. Cost £45. These days are a time out to pray, reflect and meditate in the Christian tradition with the help of Libby Dobson and Sarah Chabowska. There will be five days spread throughout the year, on the theme of 'Journey of the Heart - Seeking Stillness?' Each day stands on its own; together they create a journey throughout the year. Next dates: 4 August, 22 September, 17 November.

6-8 July. **The Poetry of the Psalms.** Led by Rabbi Howard Cooper. Do the Biblical poems we call the 'Psalms of David' still speak to us? Can we use them as part of our spiritual life? We welcome Rabbi Howard Cooper back to Ammerdown. During the weekend, Howard says "We will approach some of the themes they address - love, war, hope, depression, joy, fear, abandonment, salvation, the absence of God, the quest for the divine, solitude, friendship - to see what connections we have, or can make, with these aspects of life. We will see how the language of the poet can take us into his inner world, and how it can help us towards our own."

Rabbi Howard Cooper is a psychoanalytic psychotherapist as well as the Director of Spiritual Development at Finchley Reform Synagogue, London. He is a workshop leader, lecturer and writer exploring religious, Judaic, spiritual and psychological themes.

Residential: £240, A deposit of £65 is required.

This course is nearly sold out - please contact Ammerdown to check for availability.

BELMONT www.belmontabbey.org.uk

Belmont Abbey, Hereford, HR2 9RZ 01432 374724.

Belmont Abbey welcomes individuals and groups as part of its Benedictine tradition of hospitality.



An English Spring. - Lent Wednesdays. The 20th century saw many powerful contributions to Christian life and letters in this country, Through their writings and witness they helped shape the Church in their lifetime. During Lent we enrich our faith through exploring this inheritance. Each day begins with coffee at 10.00 and ends with tea at 15.30. The day includes lunch and mass. Suggested offering £10 per day.

7 March. Ronald Knox - Dom Jonathan Rollinson

9-11 March. **Lord, Make Me Whole Again** Jesus came that we might have life and have it to the full. People flocked to him for healing, asking him to make them whole again. He offered them far more than the healing of broken bodies. He healed their hearts, their minds and their souls. During this retreat we will pray for our own healing and celebrate the Sacrament of Anointing. Reg fee £28.

14 March. Lent Day: Caryll Houselander - Dom Brendan

21 March. Lent Day: Basil Hume - Dom David Yates

23-25 March. **The Last Week of Jesus.** Why Did Jesus Die? If people thought Jesus to be a good man, why did he arouse such lethal hostility? "What have you done?" Pilate asked him, puzzled. We look at the background to the stories of Holy Week, from the Last Supper to the empty tomb. With John Huntriss (lay scripture scholar) Reg fee £28.

29 March-2 April. **Easter Retreat.** Join the Belmont Community for the liturgy of the Triduum celebrated in the Abbey Church, with reflections to help enter into its inner meaning. From 1Maundy Thursday to Easter Monday. Reg Fee £35

13-15 April. **The Spiritual Meaning of the Liturgy** - The Liturgy is at the heart of what monks do. But St Benedict asks that our minds be brought into harmony with our voices. The reforms of Vatican II were precisely so that we could be more fully engaged in the richness of the liturgy. It called for 'full, active and conscious' participation. This retreat is to help us pray the Eucharist well, for the liturgy to be the wellspring of our spiritual lives. Dom Brendan. Reg fee £28

28 April*- **What does the Spirit say to the Church?** Exploring the Book of Revelation with Dom Andrew Berry.

4-6 May. **Plainsong and Prayer.** In the Easter Season we offer again this chance to learn and sing the melodies of Gregorian Chant that belong at the heart of the Church's worship. Those who have little or no knowledge of the chant are very welcome, just bring enthusiasm to sing and the desire to pray. Led by Abbot Paul. Reg Fee £28

11-13 May. **Beauty, the Language of God.** In recent years theologians have reclaimed the idea of thinking of the Christian faith in terms of beauty, and the spiritual journey as *philokalia* - the love of beauty. Our faith is not about the grim drudgery of duty and obligation, but the source of all wonder and poetry. The saints have known this: Beauty, so ancient and so new. Led by Dom Brendan Thomas. Reg fee £28

16 May. **Annual Torchlight Procession** in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary 21.00.

2 June* **Lift up Your Hearts.** Day of Recollection for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion with Dom Matthew Carney

15-17 June, **Come, Walk With Me** Human Relationships Retreat - Jenny Nock (Chartered Psychologist) & Sue McDermott (Counsellor & Trainer)

30 June*. **In the Footsteps of St Paul** Day Retreat supporting persecuted Christians, all proceeds will go to Aid to the Church in Need, With Dom Brendan Thomas

*DAY RETREATS run from 10.00 to 16.00, tea and coffee provided, bring lunch. Suggested donation £8. No need to book. For more info contact Brother David: 01432 374750 retreats@belmontabbey.org.uk

Benedictine Institute Benedictine-Institute.org
Ealing Abbey, 74 Castlebar Road, Ealing, London W5 2DD

Liturgical Institute: England & Wales. The Institutum Liturgicum <http://liturgyinstitute.org/> promotes liturgical research and graduate level education in liturgy, and is endorsed by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales.

See the website for details of the 2018 Course Schedule.

CANTUS FIRMUS www.cantusfirmus.org.uk/home

Cantus Firmus Trust supports the ministry of Richard Hubbard, Richard is Parish Music Development Researcher at St Edmundsbury Cathedral, a Lecturer in Music and Worship at London School of Theology, and Artistic Director of Cantus Firmus Trust. 07969 470545, richard@cantusfirmus.org.uk

5 May. **Prom Praise** is an exciting mixture of the flavours of Songs of Praise and the Last Night of the Proms. Directed by Noel Tredinnick, the 100-strong All Souls Orchestra are joined by the 500-voice massed choir. Cantus Firmus Choir is taking part. Join us for a memorable day. Singers should attend eight rehearsals where possible, or a minimum of six. You may join either the Bury St Edmunds, Ipswich or Colchester Choirs. attending those Area Choir Rehearsals plus the Joint Rehearsals.



Singers who have not sung in a Cantus Firmus choir will be asked to stay after the first rehearsal for a quick voice test before committing to the event.

Sing with Cantus Firmus

There are three Cantus Firmus Choirs, listed above. Each is made up of singers from churches in the local area, and meets on an occasional basis to provide music for worship events. See at: cantusfirmus.org.uk/Join-Choir.html

Richard Hubbard is also involved in:

24 April. **The Transformational Power of Music** - In Schools, In Churches, In Communities. a day conference at Framlingham College, IP13 9EY. 09.30-15.00 Organised by the college Chaplain, Rev Brynn Bayman, the conference is open to music directors, clergy, teachers, music groups, youth workers and worship leaders. This is an excellent example of forging links between the church and the community, and to benefit from the conference facilities and chapel at one of Suffolk's leading independent schools.

The conference features three speakers: Dr Ariana Phillips-Hutton: The Healing Power of Music - an academic perspective; James Boyd: A Musical Story: Darkness and Light, and Richard Hubbard: Music and Worship: Trans-

formational at Every Level, There will also be music from soprano Christina Johnston.

Cost £20, including a two-course lunch.

Brynn Bayman 01728 727259 bbayman@framcollege.co.uk,
Online booking is at framcollege.co.uk/conference.

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Parish Workshop Days at St Mary's, Poole BH15 2EG
2 March - Schools Day

3 March - Parish Workshop followed by a small concert with Jo Boyce & Friends

4 March - Finishing the weekend with Mass for all.

28 April, Walsingham Youth Pilgrimage Taster Day. Worksop Priory, Worksop S80 2BW

30 July - 3 August. Walsingham Youth Pilgrimage. The Anglican Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, Norfolk NR22 6EEs

LAUNDE ABBEY

30 minutes from the centre of Leicester, Launde Abbey retreat centre has a resident Anglican community and offers a varied programme. Launde Abbey, East Norton, LE7 9XB 01572 717254 (10am-4pm) www.laundeabbey.org.uk/events/



Quiet Days take place once a month. They are an opportunity to learn, to meet others, spend some recuperative time and to meet with God. Quiet Days may involve some periods of silence and there will be free time for you to spend on a favourite activity or just relaxing. Format: arrive 10.30 for coffee; talks, lunch, eucharist, 16.00 depart. £26.

5 March. **Quiet Day: A Tale of Irritability and Life** (Numbers 21.4-0). Led by Bruce Thompson, Chair of the Lincolnshire Methodist District. We will explore how annoying life can be even though we have so much to be thankful for.

25-29 March. **Holy Week Retreat.** The last week of Jesus' life dominates the gospels and yet often in our experience of this narrative we can leap from Palm Sunday to Easter Day without encountering the transforming depth of the gospel story. This will be a semi-silent retreat – with options for more or less silence. £345.00 - £365.00. Led by David Newman, warden of Launde Abbey, and his wife Helen.

13-15 April. **Oasis: A Mental Health Retreat.** A week-end retreat for those who have had or continue to experience mental health problems. This very human condition can make you feel ostracized, marginalized or isolated in society. If depression, anxiety, addiction, phobia or deeper mental health difficulties have affected you, then maybe this time of Oasis may be for you. Led by Glenn Martin, a priest and a Registered Psychiatric Nurse. Price £220.00 - £240.00

16 April. **Quiet Day – The Resilient Disciple: Peter in the season of Easter** The themes of resilience, faithfulness and fruitfulness will be explored in this Quiet Day with Justine Allain Chapman, Archdeacon of Boston.

27-28 April. **Transforming Church Conflict** Conflict is normal in any community, including the church; the issue is not whether conflict should be happening but how to respond.

Developed by Bridge Builders Ministries, this course will equip you with tools and strategies to learn and grow through conflict and bring transformation rather than division. David Newman is Warden of Launde Abbey. Louise Corke is a Team Vicar in the Diocese of Leicester. Price £105-£120.

7 May. **Quiet Day: From Shame to Glory.** In our changing culture, shame - an inner sense of unworthiness - has often become a more acute problem than guilt. In looking into the loving face of our Lord, we can find affirmation and acceptance that moves us from shame into glory. Led by Rebecca Winfrey, a doctor-priest.

Next Quiet Days: 4 June, 2 July, 6 August, 3 September

LEE ABBEY

www.leeabbey.org.uk/devon

Lee Abbey, Lynton, North Devon,

EX35 6JJ. 01598 752621. Check availability and book online.

3-8 April 2018. **The Sound of Faith** with Simeon Wood. Music touches emotions as nothing else can. It is the one language that speaks to everyone regardless of class, colour or creed. Simeon will show us how to uncover the Gospel message found in the many melodies that travel with us through life. A thought-provoking presentation that will give you a better understanding of the connections between music making and the Christian faith. £325 to £400

14-18 May. **Worship Leading in the Local Church.** How can we plan and lead sung worship so that it brings people into God's presence, and fits into and complements our corporate worship services? How do we do that with the people and talents we have now? And how can we improve our playing and singing? Join with other worship leaders to share ideas, be encouraged and explore the answers to these and other questions. Led by Jon Pocock, Music Director at Lee Abbey. From £260 to £320.

28 July - 4 August. **'Jail Break'** - The story of Paul and Silas in Philippi (Acts 16) a musical, written and led by Roger Jones. Suitable for singers, instrumentalists and dancers of all ages, with bible teaching, music rehearsals and lots of free time. £485 to £590 per person

LIVABILITY

www.livability.org.uk

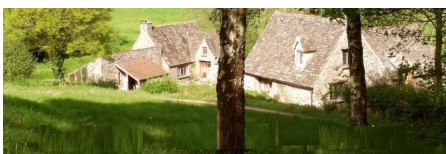
Livability explores the power of creative approaches to support those living with dementia.

17 March. **A Place to Belong:** A Church and Disability Workshop. Bondgate Methodist Church, Bondgate, Darlington, Durham DL3 7JJ, 10.00-13.00. Is your church one that welcomes everybody? This interactive day explores how a church can welcome and include disabled people. The programme will cover Bible teaching, practical advice and a chance to ask those awkward questions. It provides a good opportunity for everyone in the congregation, whatever their role, to think about these issues. Cost £10.

LLANSÔR MILL

www.llansor.org

Llansôr Mill stands in a tranquil valley tucked away at the southern edge of Monmouthshire. A range of events is offered, including weekends for



men and for women. Treherbert Road, Caerleon, NP18 1LS. Patrons: Richard Rohr and Daniel O'Leary.

May 4-6 Women's weekend

May 18-20 T.S. Eliot's Four Quartets with Ashley Ramsden

June 29-1 July Anamcara: the way of friendship. Men's weekend

July 13-15 Women's weekend

Sept 14-16 From Wild to Wise... living out the archetypes. Men's weekend

Sept 21-23 Exploring Contemplation and Mindfulness

Oct 5-7 Women's weekend

Suggested donations range from £45 to £350 - see website

METHODIST MUSIC <http://www.artserve.org.uk>

ArtServe magazine is published three times a year. Anyone can download previous issues.

1st Saturday of month (not Jan.or Aug.), **Dance in Worship** at the United Reformed Church, Chapel Road, Hounslow, Middlesex, TW3 1TT. 10.00-12.00. All welcome. No need to be very fit. Free style dancing to Christian praise music, to worship Jesus through movement. £2 donation 0208 744 5005

3rd Sunday of each month, 1.30- 3.00. **Danced liturgy** - St James's Piccadilly, W1J 9LL. Circle and prayer dances, creativity. A drop-in event, no need to book, and no charge. With ArtServe member Heather Williams. www.sjp.org.uk <http://www.sjp.org.uk/regular-events.html>

PRAXIS www.praxisworship.org.uk

c/o Sarum College, 19 The Close Salisbury

SP1 2EB. 01202 296886. Praxis events are

open to all. The cost is usually £15, Praxis affiliates £10, and free for Ordinands and Readers in Training, but check for each event.

8 March. **Responding to Dementia** - Worship and Pastoral Care. William Temple Church, Robinswood Road, Wythenshawe M22 0BU. 10.00-15.45. Speakers: Dave Richardson and The Reverend Helen Bent

The Revd Michael Gisbourne. michael.gisbourne@icloud.com

15 March **Worship for Festival & Special Times** Kentisbeare Village Hall, Kentisbeare, Devon, EX15 2AB 10.00-16.00 Speaker: The Bishop of Exeter

To book: Fill out the downloadable form on the website. Preb. Gill Behenna, 1 Saxon Way, Bradley Stoke, Bristol, BS32 9AR

19 April **Getting ready for the Spirit.** St Luke's Church, Sydney St, London SW3 6NH 10.30 - 15.30. Speakers: Canon Angela Tilby and others. Making the most of liturgy from Ascension to Pentecost, including the opportunities of "Thy Kingdom Come" Download the Booking form from the website. The Reverend Peter Furber peter@furber.me.uk

20 July **Children and Liturgy.** (Resourcing Parishes for their work with children) Birmingham Cathedral, Colmore Row, B3 2QB 10.00-16.00. This day will look at how churches and chaplaincies can provide creative and engaging liturgy for children aged 0-11. It will bring together practitioners, incumbents, school chaplains, cathedral staff and theologians to share ideas and develop partnerships. There will also be a marketplace of agencies and groups offering resources.

Download the Booking form from the website

31 October. **Liturgy at home and in hospital.** Southwark Cathedral, London, SE1 9DA. 10.30 - 15.30. A day exploring

liturgy in a home setting e.g. confession, last rites, home communion, and in hospital. Speakers: The Very Rev'd Andrew Nunn, Dean of Southwark Cathedral' and Hilary Fife, Senior Chaplain at Croydon University Hospital Trust. Download the Booking form/flyer from the website. Contact The Reverend Peter Furber peter@furber.me.uk

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St Katharine is a retreat centre in East London with a programme of quiet days and residential retreats. A forthcoming attraction is 3-6 April with **John Bell**. See the website and page 11 for details.

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National Events www.rscm.com/courses/

29-31 May. **Spring Course for Young People.** Sneaton Castle Centre, Whitby, YO21 3QN. Director: Claire Innes-Hopkins. Three days of choral training for trebles, ideal for those working towards their next Voice for Life level, Daily services will be sung and there is also plenty of opportunity for recreation and time to explore Whitby. Ages 8-15 (girls, and boys singing treble/alto)

Residential £258 including materials and resources. Non-res £142 (includes lunch and dinner). Booking closes 12 March.

30 July-5 August. **Residential Choir for Adults.** Portsmouth Cathedral, PO1 2HH. Director: Silas Wollston Singing cathedral services for a week in the summer, this choir of about 40 voices is open to anyone over 18, and entry is subject to audition for vacancies as they occur. Vocal coaching is included. Audition opportunities will be posted on the website, but express interest at education@rscm.com. Cost £250 excluding accommodation.

20-26 August. **Summer Course for Young People** at Kingswood School, Bath BA1 5RG, with Cathy Lamb. Age: Entering school year 4 to age 23

Full price £448. Early bird price of £400 until 23 April.

Booking deadline: 4 June.

Strengthen for Service. These courses for ministers provide practical guidance on how to manage your parish music. The course is designed for Anglican clergy, Readers and Lay Leaders. Led by the RSCM's Head of Ministerial Training, Revd Helen Bent. This hands-on course aims to:

- Give you practical advice on choosing suitable music

and materials for worship

- Help you establish good working practices to continue to plan and manage parish music
- Provide you with significant biblical and historical insight to further support your learning

There will be "clinic" style sessions, study options and worship in a wide variety of different styles.

Dates: 8-10 May. Holland House, Pershore, WR10 3NB. £295 including full board, materials and resources

2-4 October. Bishop Woodford House, Ely, CB7 4DX. £295. £280 'early bird' for RSCM Members only until 2 July
Education Administrator 01722 424843 education@rscm.com

19 May. **Strengthen for Service 'Lite'** in Portsmouth. Details tbc. rscm.com/area/portsmouth/

LOCAL EVENTS www.rscm.com/where-you-are/

- North & Midlands

2 March. **Exploring Music for Passiontide to Easter.** St Giles, Gilesgate, Durham DH1 1QQ with Andrew Robinson. An event aimed at choirs which will explore the resources of *The Cross of Christ* (2010 edition) and other resources from *Season by Season* for Passiontide to Easter. This is both an event in its own right, and linked to the event to take place on Palm Sunday, 25 March. £5 including a copy of *The Cross of Christ* to take away

Andrew Robinson 07739 341213 musician14@hotmail.com
<http://www.rscm.com/area/durham/>

9-10 March. **Celebrity Choral Workshop** with Suzi Digby OBE, Bradford Cathedral BD1 4EH. 9 March 16.30, 10 March 13.00. Suzi Digby is an internationally renowned choral conductor, choir master and musical educator. She has been a judge on BBC Last Choir Standing and BBC Chorister of the Year. Cost: £7

Ann Foster 07977 067391 music@bradfordcathedral.org
<https://www.rscm.com/area/bradford>

10 March **Come and Sing – Olivet to Calvary.** St Mary, Nantwich CW5 5RG, 14:00–18:30, with John Naylor. An opportunity to sing this Passiontide favourite following on from the success of the Crucifixion last year. Cost £4 includes refreshments and copies if you cannot bring your own.

Simon Russell 07909 886997 srussell@rscm.com
<http://www.rscm.com/area/chester/>

also on 25 March at St Anne, Stanley L13 3AE 17:00 – 20:00 with Geoff Williams *Geoff Williams* 07939 442730
and 30 March at Christ Church, Aughton L39 5AS 16.00-19.00 with Eunice Woof *Eunice Woof* 01695 422482

Both of these www.rscm.com/area/liverpool-inc-isle-of-man/

13 March. **Come and Sing Compline.** St Gregory, Northampton NN3 2HS 10:30-12:30 with Jem Lowther. A chance to sing a service of compline during the season of Lent, with a workshop and rehearsal beforehand. Cost £5
Nicolas Moodie 07782 369686 rscm@nicolasmoodie.co.uk
<http://www.rscm.com/area/peterborough-northampton/>

18 March. **The Way of the Cross.** St Andrew, Penrith CA11 7XZ, 15:00. With Colin Marston. Music and meditations for Passiontide. This service will provide an excellent start to Passiontide moving into Holy Week. No charge. Fee for any hired music copies. Bookings close 5 March.
Joan Gordon 01768 352980 rscm.com/area/cumbrial/
rscmcumbriasecretary@hotmail.com

24 March. A Young Person's Guide to the Organ St Mary's, Moseley B13 8HW 14:00 – 17:00. Discover the history, mechanics and music of the "King of Instruments". What makes organs (and organists!) tick? Birmingham Area Event in conjunction with the Birmingham Organists' Association. Cost: £5

Mick Perrier 07967 595881 michael.perrier49@gmail.com
rscm.com/area/birmingham/

24 March Come and sing Stainer's Crucifixion at St John the Baptist, Berkswell, Coventry CV7 7BJ 16:00 – 20:30, with Mitchell Holland. *Patsy Howes as on 4 November.*
<http://www.rscm.com/area/coventry-warwickshire/>

25 March **The Cross of Christ** – devotion at the start of Holy Week. St Paul's, Scotland Head, Winlaton NE21 6PL, with Andrew Robinson. The Durham Area annual Palm Sunday choral reflection. This year we will be using the 2010 edition of The Cross of Christ. Cost: £5 including a copy of The Cross of Christ (free if you attended the event on 2 March)

Andrew Robinson 07739 341213 musician14@hotmail.com
<http://www.rscm.com/area/durham/>

21 April. **Workshop for Church Instrumentalists** at St John's Hall, Knowle Parish Church B93 0LN, 10:00 – 13:00 with Stewart Wallace. A practical workshop to help improve your skills playing in a music group or worship band for instrumentalists of all levels and experience. Topics will include improvising, transposing, interpreting chord symbols, and using technology. Network and share best practice with other church musicians. Cost £5. *Stewart Wallace*

stewart.wallace@kpc.org.uk rscm.com/area/birmingham/

28 April. **Make a Joyful Noise!** All Saints & Salutation, Ravensdale Road, Darlington DL3 8DT, 10.00-15-30, with Miles Quick and Tim Martin. A day for singers and instrumentalists. Exploring a wide repertoire of music for mixed instrumental groups and voices, how to blend modern and traditional styles, using Iona and Taizé music in different contexts, teaching new repertoire, improvisation, selecting new material, and finding and nurturing new musicians. £14 (£16 non-members), £10 students.

Deadline for booking 30 March

Dr Craig Cartwright 07508 805621

craig.cartwright@outlook.com rscm.com/area/durham/

28 April. **Hymns and Curry Night.** Bradford Cathedral BD1 4EH, 18:00 – 21:00. With Alex Berry & Jon Payne. Come to the Cathedral to sing some of your favourite hymns and learn some new ones. All topped off with a local delicacy. Cost: £7

rscm.com/area/bradford/

Ann Foster 07977 067391 choir@bradfordcathedral.org

12 May. **Sing and Celebrate.** St. Matthew's Northampton, NN1 4RY, 10:00 – 16:45, with Rosemary Field. An opportunity to work with the Deputy Director of the RSCM. Music will be available beforehand to those signed up and there will be optional rehearsals at St Matthew's on 9 March and Kingsthorpe on 10 March. £8 affiliates; others £10; under 18s £5 including a copy of "King of Glory, King of Peace"

Andrew Moodie 01604 780507 amoodie@rscm.com

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17 May. **Come, Sing and Sup.** St. Nicholas, New Street, St. Helens, WA9 3UB, 19:00 – 21:30, with Ian Sharp and George Swift. How can we refresh our worship? This workshop explores anthems and hymns covering from Easter to

Harvest. Music will be provided on the night and all singers are welcome. The event will include a short Act of Worship and end with refreshments. Cost: £5 adults. Under 16's free. *George B. Swift* 01744 816841 g.b.p.c.swift@btinternet.com
rscm.com/area/liverpool-inc-isle-of-man/

19 May. RSCM Scottish Voices – **Choral Evensong in Durham Cathedral.** See Scotland notes p.2

20 May. Choral Evensong for the smaller church. St. Peter's, Empingham LE15 8PN, time tbc. Rehearse and sing evensong with Peter Davis, Director of Music, Oakham School. Suggested donation £5. Young people free.

Jane McKee 01780 762398 anemckee21@gmail.com

rscm.com/area/peterborough-northampton/

9 June. **Worship Music for All.** St Mary, Hinckley, LE10 1EQ 13:30 – 17:00, with Miles Quick. Workshops combining traditional and contemporary music, open to musicians, singers and clergy, culminating in a service to include music learned. No charge for members (£5 non-members)

Peter Harris 07792 863668 p.harris@ntlworld.com

rscm.com/area/leicestershire/

30 June. **Psalms Workshop** St. Mary & St. Bartholomew, Hampton in Arden B92 0AT 14:00 -17:00, with Mick Perrier. Explore a variety of ways to present the psalms in worship. Taizé, Psalm Songs, Plainsong, and Anglican Chant among others. Suitable for all ages and abilities. Cost: £5

Alison Vining 07971 265702 alison@vining.eu

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1 July. **Choral Evensong for Ordinary Time.** St Hilda's, Whitby YO21 3EQ 16:00 – 19:00. Our Area Secretary Steve Maltby leads us in music for a Choral Evensong in ordinary time. Organists are invited to come along and play the famous 3 manual Harrison Organ from 14:00. £6.00 Adults (early bird £4.50), RSCM Adults £5.00 (early bird £4.50), Students £4.00. Early bird bookings before May 21.

Michael Ash 01947 603780 michaelash383@msn.com

rscm.com/area/n-e-yorkshire/

8 July. **Young People's Come and Sing.** St. Peter church and hall, Weston Favell Village, Northampton NN3 3BT, 14:00 – 17:00, with Clare Pearce and Andrew Moodie. An afternoon preparing a pop cantata, followed by afternoon tea and a performance to parents and friends. Cost: £5

Clare Pearce 01604 450026 clarepearce.rscm@gmail.com

rscm.com/area/peterborough-northampton/

South and South West of England

3 March, **Taizé singing afternoon** St Augustine's Catholic Church, High Wycombe HP13 6NZ. 14:30 – 17:00). With Stuart King and Derry French. An afternoon spent singing music from Taizé and some plainchant, finishing with a service open to the public. Cost: £10.00. Free for under 18s.

Stuart King 01844 345927 stuartlhking@gmail.com

rscm.com/area/buckinghamshire/

10 March, **Come and Sing Eucharist**, St Peter & St Paul, Hambledon, PO7 4RT, 15.00-18.00, with Brian Moles. Sing Colin Mawby's Petersfield Mass – written for the RSCM Portsmouth Area in 1994. Refreshments and music will be provided. £10 (inc. music and refreshments), under 18s free

Rachael Newman rscmportsmouth@gmail.com

rscm.com/area/portsmouth/

17 March **Plainsong for Lent and Beyond**. St Bartholomew, Corsham, SN13 0BY (14:00 – 17:30). Discover the beauties of plainsong under the direction of Rosemary Field (RSCM Deputy Director). The session will end with a brief act of worship based on material learnt during the afternoon. £6 (£8 non-members) *Robin Jackson 01249 713809* robin.jackson77@btinternet.com rscm.com/area/bristol-swindon/

17 March **Something Old, Something New** – for the Many, for the Few ... St Boniface, Chandler's Ford, Hants SO53 2FT, 14.00-17.00, with Miles Quick. An afternoon of useful, versatile and inspiring music and ideas for voices and instruments including music: for worship groups, from Taizé and Iona, for unaccompanied singing, and even some four-part harmony! *Hugh Benham 07765 007008* H.Benham@soton.ac.uk rscm.com/area/winchester/

18 March. **Come and Sing Stainer's Crucifixion**. Truro Cathedral TR1 2AF (13:15 – 17:15, with Christopher Gray. The performance starts at 16:30.) Cost: £5, under 16s free *Karen Harris 01872 571568* rscmcornwall@gmail.com <http://www.rscm.com/area/cornwall/>

ALSO ON 18 MARCH, at St Thomas's Cathedral, Portsmouth. PO1 2HH 17.00-20.00, with Peter Gould. *Rachael Newman* rscmportsmouth@gmail.com <http://www.rscm.com/area/portsmouth/>

AND at St John the Baptist, High Street, Windsor SL4 1LT. (14:15 – 19:30) with John Halsey. There is an opportunity to attend evensong next door at 17:15 in St George's Chapel between the practice and service. Optional prior rehearsal on the evening of 9 March. 14:15 (choir), 16:15 (congregation). Cost: £5 for singers, *John Halsey 07824 344044*

jphalsey@btinternet.com rscm.com/area/berkshire/

24 March. **Come and Sing with Paul Inwood**, St George's RC Church, Taunton TA1 3NN 10:00 – 16:30. Paul in 2015 was the winner of a Vatican competition for an official hymn for the Holy Year of Mercy, sung in many languages around the world. Paul's experience ranges from basic parish to cathedral and diocesan positions. £15 (£18 non-members), £5 full-time education. *Jerry King 01278 662597* jerry@king14.demon.co.uk rscm.com/area/somerset/

25 March. **Come and sing Stainer's Crucifixion**. St Mary's, Attleborough NR17 2AH 16:00 – 19:30 with Ben Miller. A liturgical performance, with soloists and organ accompaniment. Suggested £5 donation. *Ben Miller 07951 993550* music.attleboroughchurch@outlook.com rscm.com/area/norfolk/

29 April. **Festival of Music in Worship** at St.Eustachius, Tavistock, PL19 8AU, 14:30 – 19:30, with Andrew Maries & Rev Steven Martin. In the 700th anniversary year of St Eustachius' Church we celebrate the range and diversity of church music over the period, exploring choral, congregational and instrumental music in the afternoon, and incorporating some of the music into our closing worship. Cost: Adults £5, Under 18s £1. *Joy Winzer 01364 642448* joy.winzer@btinternet.com rscm.com/area/devon/

2 May, **Instrumental Workshop**. Holy Child and St Joseph RC Church, Bedford MK40 1HU, 19:15 – 21:30. This workshop will focus on the use of instruments to enhance worship alongside voices, as recommended in Psalm 150! Miles Quick will encourage instrumentalists and singers

in music old and new, which can help unite congregations and musicians in worship. Cost: £6 (£4 if before 1st April). *Revd James Reveley 01234 354234*

Vicar@standrewsbedford.org rscm.com/area/st-albans/

7 May. **Singing Tour of Oxford Colleges**. Corpus Christi College Chapel OX1 4JF 14:00 – 18:00 with Peter Smith. We meet to rehearse in Corpus Christi Chapel, and then sing Evensong as we progress from Corpus to Oriel, University and The Queen's Colleges, followed by tea at Queen's. A good way of enjoying the Bank Holiday. Cost: £10 *Terence Carter 01865 863379* tjtbcarter@btopenworld.com rscm.com/area/oxfordshire/

14 May, **A day for aspiring organists** at St John, Park Street, Taunton TA1 4DG, times tbc. with Rosemary Field. For those who might have just started playing the organ, have reluctantly been press-ganged into playing on a Sunday morning, or just want to improve their technique. Places will be limited, so please book early. Cost: £10

Jerry King 01278 662597 jerry@king14.demon.co.uk

rscm.com/area/somerset/

19 May **Ely Festival of Church Music** Ely Cathedral CB7 4DL 17:00 – 18:00 with Paul Trepte. Using selections from the 2018 RSCM Festival Book King of Glory, King of Peace celebrating the 90th anniversary of the RSCM. All choirs are welcome – large, small, young or old! Rehearsal 13.30 to 16.00. Service 17.00 to 18.00. Cost: Adults £8, juniors £5. REHEARSAL on 23 April at 19.30 in the Cathedral for those enrolled in the festival.

Ken Diffey 01480 458846 diffey@homecall.co.uk

rscm.com/area/ely/

19 May, **Come and sing with Bob Chilcott**. Regent Hall, 275 Oxford St, London 10:30 – 16:30. A fabulous opportunity to experience an inspiring day of singing in Central London with, “a contemporary hero of British Choral Music”, featuring “A Little Jazz Mass” and a selection of anthems, carols and hymns. £15 for RSCM Affiliates and individuals. £20 Non-affiliates. 11-18 years & full-time students £5. Register online at www.rscmlondon.org.uk

or send a cheque and voice-part(s) to Jenny Dean at 11 Lowlands Road, Pinner HA5 1TY

Jenny Dean 0208 866 7637 secretary@rscmlondon.org.uk

20 May. **West Gallery Workshop and Georgian Evensong** St Mary, Wanstead E11 2LN, 15:00 – 19:00. ‘Oak Apple Day’. A West Gallery workshop for singers and musicians in one of the finest Georgian Churches in England led by Dr Francis Roads, Musical Director of the London Gallery Quire, followed by a Georgian Evensong led by the Rev Gordon Giles. Cost: £6 *Shirley Timmins 01277 233302*

shirleytimmins@btinternet.com

rscm.com/area/essex-east-london/

28 May. **Devon Bank Holiday Walk**. St.Petrox, Dartmouth TQ6 0JN, 11:00 – 17:00, with Andrew Maries & Christopher Helyer. Join friends associated with RSCM Devon for a bit of fresh air and exercise walking the coastal path from Dartmouth to Blackpool Sands, interspersed with visits to sing and worship in three historic churches on the way there and back. Cost: A suggested donation of £5.

Joy Winzer 01364 642448 joy.winzer@btinternet.com

rscm.com/area/devon/

9 June. **Finding Your Feet: An Organist Workshop**

at Petersfield Methodist Church, GU32 3EB, 14.30-1700. Rosemary Field leads this workshop for organists of all abilities and experience. Join us to uncover the delights of registration, polish up your performing skills or start to get to grips with pedal work. Under 18s must be supervised.

RSCM Portsmouth rscmportsmouth@gmail.com
rscm.com/area/portsmouth/

9 June. **Come and Sing Choral Evensong**, St Andrew, Surbiton, KT6 4DS. 15:00 – 19:00 with organist Simon Harvey and conductor Simon Hancock - email him to register. Under 18s must be supervised. Cost: £5

Simon Hancock 07970 260919 simonhancock29@gmail.com
rscm.com/area/southwark-east-surrey/

10 June. **Safari Evensong** St Paul, Chipperfield, St Lawrence WD4 9BS, Bovington, Sarratt 14:00 – 17:30, with Roger Carter. Spend a summer afternoon on a trip around these picturesque villages, singing Evensong in instalments in their three churches. Cost: £5

Nicholas King 01442 262895 n.king112@btinternet.com
rscm.com/area/st-albans/

RSCM SCOTLAND <http://rscm.scot>

Contact: Nicola Lawrence 0141 886 7963

nicola@rscmscotland.org See p.2

RSCM CYMRU/WALES

www.rscm.com/where-you-are/rscm-cymru-wales/

Co-ordinator Stuart Robinson srobinson@rscm.com 07831 827701

Operation Music. The RSCM has launched a major initiative in Wales designed to support organists, worship leaders, choristers and particularly those congregations with little or no musical resources, to make them more confident in using music in worship. Called Operation Music (Menter Gerdd), it comes at the request of the Church in Wales' bishops. See www.rscm.com/mentergerdd/

North Wales/Gogledd Cymru

<https://www.rscm.com/area/north-wales/>

17 March. **Come and Try the Organ**, St Asaph Cathedral, High St, St Asaph LL17 ORD 14:00-16:00 with Alan McGuinness. The event is open to everyone. Come along and make a joyful sound. Light refreshments available. £7
Irene Lewis lewirene@gmail.com 07975 818106

10 June. **'King of Glory, King of Peace'**, Area Choral Festival, St Asaph Cathedral LL17 ORD 14.15 (service 17.00) with Mervyn Cousins. Our annual musical highlight for many singers and choirs to sing as part of a large ensemble in the splendid setting of St Asaph Cathedral. There is a rehearsal on 16 May at St Mary, Mold CH7 1BW at 19.00
Irene Lewis as above

South- East Wales/De-Ddwyrain Cymru

<https://www.rscm.com/area/south-east-wales/>

17 March **Liturgical Organ Playing Workshop**, St Martin, Caerphilly CF83 1EF, 09.30, with Stephen Moore & Emma Gibbins. Workshop focusing on playing hymns, psalms, congregational mass settings, voluntaries. Participants will form the congregation and the afternoon will end with an act of worship. Cost: £4.80 (£6 non-members), free for under 18s (must be accompanied)

Emma Gibbins 07952 514117 emmagibbins1978@gmail.com

16 June **Choral Festival**. Tintern Abbey, NP16 6SE 10.00 with Rosemary Field. Tintern Abbey, is the first Cistercian foundation in Wales, now owned by Cadw, the Welsh government's historic environment service. We plan to invite surrounding RSCM Areas as well. Cost: £5 (£6 non-members), £3 U18 Emma Gibbins as above

Swansea and Brecon/Abertawe ac Aberhonddu

<https://www.rscm.com/area/swansea-brecon/>

12 May. **Area Choral Festival**. Brecon Cathedral, Brecon LD3 9DP 12:45 – 18:00 with Stephen Power. The 2018 Festival will take the form of Choral Evensong on the theme of Christ's Ascension into Heaven with music by Mendelssohn, Radcliffe, Francis Jackson and Smart. The service will be printed in a Festival Booklet. Registration from 12.45, rehearsal 13.45 – 16.15, service 17.00 – 18.00. Cost: Purchase of Festival Booklet (£5) available April 2018.

Rehearsals at 19.00 in Brecon (1 May) and St Mary's Swansea (2 May)

Prof Tony Davies 01792 429543 adavies55@ntlworld.com

8-10 June. **Knighton Pilgrimage of Song 2018**. St Edward's Church Hall, Knighton LD7 1AG, 09:00 Friday to Sunday 13.00 with the Rev Anne Ballard & Geoff Weaver. A unique opportunity to walk in the beautiful Marches countryside, rehearse, sing and worship in some of the delightful small rural churches and enjoy good food and fellowship together. Non residential with picnic lunch and full dinner provided. Cost: £140 RSCM Members, £165 Non Members
Sarah Green 01547 560005 chrisgreen990@btinternet.com

West Wales/Dyfed Cymru

<https://www.rscm.com/area/west-walesdyfed/>

12 May. Area Choirs Festival, St David's Cathedral SA62 6RD 14:00 – 18:00 with David Hill. The West Wales Area Choirs Festival. Cost: £10 (£8 members)

Nigel Morris 01570 481336 nigel@gdmorris.demon.co.uk

RSCM IRELAND www.rscmireland.com

3 March. **One Day Course for Young Musicians**. St Bartholomews, Clyde Road, Dublin 4 10:00 – 17:00. RSCM Ireland will hold a one-day church music workshop aimed at 18-25 year-olds. Led by committee members, the workshop will cover singing techniques, repertoire, conducting, motivating choirs and the Church's year. Booking online via the website Cost: □15

Thérèse Gaughan +353 8776 24380 secretary@rscmireland.com

4 March. **Choral Workshop** at St Mark's, Sydenham Road, Belfast, BT4 2DR, 14.00, led by Ian Keatley (Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin). A joint workshop with the Ulster Society of Organists and Choirmasters (USOC) and RSCM Ireland. The event is aimed at parish singers and will be a 'come and sing' type event.

Jacqui Dickinson +44 7901 835771 awards@rscmireland.com

21 April. **Family Choir Workshop**. St Mary's Pro-Cathedral, Marlborough Street, Dublin 1. 14:00 – 17:00. Looking towards the World Meeting of Families, RSCM Ireland is hosting this event as a way of getting young and old singing and bringing the generations together! We invite children, parents, aunts, uncles, grandparents and any other members of the family to take part in this unique gathering. □10 per family
Thérèse Gaughan +353 8776 24380 secretary@rscmireland.com

Shepherd's Dene Retreat House

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Shepherds Dene serves the Dioceses of Durham and Newcastle as diocesan retreat house. It provides a space to think, a chance to grow and to walk more closely with God. The house is an Edwardian country house, built in the Arts and Crafts style, and set in 26 acres of grounds. The estate was given to the Church of England in 1945 to be used as a retreat house and is within easy reach of Newcastle, Durham and Carlisle. It is a spiritual place for peace and quiet and sometimes for fun and celebration as well.

FORTHCOMING EVENT 16-18 April. **The Strange Silence of Biblical Women** with John Bell. See page 11



St Columba's House stcolumbashouse.org.uk

Saint Columba's House is an urban Christian retreat and conference centre just 30 minutes by train from the heart of London and a mile from the centre of Woking. Groups are welcome to hire the facilities for your own events. See the website for details and prices. Forthcoming events are:

5 March. **Prayer and Praise**, 14.00-16.00. Come and spend some time in worship in a variety of styles and traditions, followed by fellowship and refreshments. All welcome. These gatherings will happen throughout the year, please keep an eye out on our website. No charge

12 March. **Quiet Monday**, 10.00-16.00. Quiet Mondays are a regular opportunity to gather at St Columba's House for times of prayer and reflection. Charge: donation only.

22 March, **Christian Book Group**, 19:45-20:30. led by Giles Hutchinson. We meet six times a year to discuss a book we have read. This month it is Money, Sex and Power by Richard Foster. A bestselling author on the spiritual life asks how we can apply the classic Christian vows of poverty, chastity and obedience in a modern world that seemingly rejects these values. Charge: donation only.

4 April. **Give me Shelter: Guided Day**. 09.45-16.00. Come and enjoy an day among the beautiful work of artist Nicola Rose. She has spent her time painting, drawing and exploring the tiny island of Iona, in particular three main aspects of its heritage; the Abbey, the Nunnery and a monk's cell set inland in a more isolated and lonely spot. These three locations inspired this latest body of work exploring ideas of shelter and reflection. Rachel, our Chaplain, will lead us through some reflection based on Nicola's work. Cost £25, including Tea, coffee and light lunch.

Society of Saint Gregory Spring Gatherings – Liturgy Matters!

A day of workshops, talks and liturgies, with a particular focus on planning and preparing for Mass. We will explore what is needed for a truly worthy celebration, with really practical workshops on planning for the liturgy, singing and music and exploring the texts. There will also be an

opportunity for some reflective worship together. All are welcome, both members and non-members.

The workshops will take place at the following venues:

10 March Holy Ghost Parish, Luton LU4 8JD

28 April – St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth PO1 3HG

4 May – St Thomas More, Coventry CV3 5DE

Time: 10.00-16.00. Cost £10 per person (bring a packed lunch) with group prices for parishes. *Further information and/or bookings:* www.ssg.org.uk bookings@ssg.org.uk or call Mary Rouse 07540 532785

SSG Summer School

1–4 August. **'The Sacramental Journey'**, the work of a lifetime. Belsey Bridge Conference Centre, Ditchingham, Suffolk NR35 2DZ.. Leaders: Catherine Christmas, Paul Wellicome, Marty Haugen, Paul Inwood, Stephen Bryant, Mary Rouse, Mgr Kevin McGinnell and Bishop Peter Brignall. Practical workshops for readers, musicians, singers, catechists (RCIA), plus exploring the Rites of Initiation and reflecting on our mission to serve as Jesus served. Prices from £325 (for members) with early bird discounts and reductions for young people or unwaged. Subsidies may also be available.

Further information and/or bookings: www.ssg.org.uk bookings@ssg.org.uk or call Julie-Ann Gylaitis 07849 431040

Taizé in London

16 March. **Lenten Prayer Round the Cross** with Br Paolo from Taizé 18.30 for 19.00 at the French Protestant Church, 8-9 Soho Square, London W1D 3QD

1st Friday of the month. **Meditation & Prayer** with Songs from Taizé, 18.15 at Lumen URC, 88 Tavistock Place, WC1H 9RS.

St James Piccadilly - Sundays at Six

Sundays at Six is a pattern of evening services to offer a variety of ways in which to worship. The third Sunday of each month is Prayer in the tradition of the Taizé Community. Refreshments are served after each service. Sundays at Six runs from January to November each year.

<http://www.sjp.org.uk/sundayssix.html>

All Hallows by the Tower

All Hallows (Byward Street, London EC3R 5BJ) hold a weekly Taizé service on Wednesdays at 6pm to encourage people to encounter God in the City. The informal candlelit service includes bible readings, prayers and times of silence as well as music. You don't need to be a musician or even a good singer to join in. Come to All Hallows midweek to find the time to rest in God.

<http://www.allhallowsbythetower.org.uk/worship/taize/>



Whirlow Grange

Whirlow Spirituality
Centre, Whirlow Grange
Drive, Sheffield S11 9RX

Because of building work, some activities will take place at All Saints, Ecclesall S11 7PP or St. Gabriel's Greystones S11 7JB until Easter.



whirlowspiritualitycentre.org

Tuesdays at 09.45 **Reflective Communion Service.** Cancelled until April.

Sundays at 08.30 **Space To Be** - silent, self directed meditation (45 minutes) At St Gabriel's until 25 March EXCEPT for 11 March when it will be cancelled.

Reflective Worship. First Sunday of every month, 19:00-20:00. An opportunity to be still and reflect on God's grace and love for each one of us. Cancelled until April.

Also cancelled until April is: **Reflective Eucharist.** Third Sunday of each month. A reflective communion service led by members of the spirituality team. Creativity, time for reflection and an opportunity to share in communion for those who wish to.

The **Simple Quiet Day** on 20 March has been cancelled.

9 March. **Impossible Tales For Lent.** Finding Faith 12:30-13.30 at All Saints church. Hear, reflect and discuss the second of our 6 stories. This group will listen to a tale from Christian philosopher Pete Rollins' book *The Orthodox Heretic*. After a time of silence, we will share our responses over lunch. Cost £5, space very limited, phone to check availability 0114 2 353704

14 March. 19.30-21.30. **We Who Sing, Pray Twice.** Each evening (every two months) is a standalone event with no pre-booking and no charge. Songs from a variety of sources such as Taizé, Wild Goose/Iona Community and others. The focus of the session is singing the songs together, and the 'dazzling silence' that can follow offers a way into stillness, prayer or meditation. This will be held at St Gabriel's.

Praying Without Words will be at All Saints church on 15 March. 1930 - 2100

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This is a series of face-to-face events from September 2017 to June 2018. See the website for more details.



March

Mon 5. 19.30-21.15 **The Wee Music Box:** 'Music, mind and memory'.

Wed 7, 14, 21. 18.00-19.00 **Wee Weekly Liturgy.**

Wed 14. 19.30-21.15 **Pandora's Box.** More info to follow.

Sat 17. 10.00-13.00. **Urban Pilgrimage:** with Iain Whyte.
Wed 28 19.00-1900 **Liturgy Of Prayers For Healing And Laying On Of Hands.**

April

Mon 9. 19.30-21.15 **The Wee Music Box** 'Songs of separation'
Wed 4, 11, 18. 18.00-19.00 **Wee Weekly Liturgy.**

Wed 11. 19.30-21.15 **Pandora's Box.**

Sat 21 10.00-13.00. **Urban Pilgrimage** with Graham Maule.

Wed 25 18.00-19.00 **Liturgy Of Prayers For Healing And Laying On Of Hands.**

May

Wed 2, 9, 13, 23. 18.00-19.00 **Wee Weekly Liturgy.**

Mon 7 19.30-21.15 **The Wee Music Box:** 'The global connection'.

Wed 9. 19.30-21.15 **Pandora's Box.**

Wed 27 18.00-19.00 **Liturgy Of Prayers For Healing And Laying On Of Hands.**

June

Wed 6, 13, 20.. 18.00-19.00 **Wee Weekly Liturgy**

Fri 8 – Sun 10. **ColumbaFest 2018.** Info to follow

Wed 27. 18.00-19.00 **Liturgy Of Prayers For Healing And Laying On Of Hands.**

Other events around the UK

10 March. **Two talks**

by **John Bell.** 10.0-12.30:

The Environment and Us.

The Love of God and Global Warming. 13.30 -15.30:

Keeping Faith in an Age of

Consumerism. The Market Hall The Square Hawkshead,

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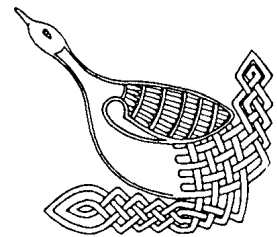
11 March. **Singing Our Way Into or Out of Belief.** Lanercost Priory, Brampton, Cumbria CA8 2HQ, 15.00-16.30. A Montgomery Trust Lecture by John L. Bell. Entry free but by ticket. Studies show that what we sing is often what we end up believing. In this talk, we reflect on how song, traditional and contemporary, shapes popular theology.

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12 March, An Evening with John Bell, In aid of L'Arche Flintshire Community. 19.00. Buckley Cross Methodist Church. Buckley, CH7 2JL *Shirley Whyte 01244 544877*

26-28 March. **The Darkness Before the Dawn.** Holy Week Retreat with John L. Bell Southwark Cathedral, London, SE1 9DA. Southwark Cathedral offers a pilgrimage journey during Holy Week, in which we can be reflective, prayerful and creative; consciously placing ourselves in the presence of God, as we walk with Jesus through the final days of his life; wait alongside the grieving disciples and rejoice in amazement afresh at Jesus' miraculous resurrection. John Bell will preach at several key services through the week, and will lead a three-day retreat. All services are open to everyone; joining the retreat is by application only. Spaces for the retreat are limited, and will be offered on a first-come first-served basis. For further information and to book tickets please visit the website.

3-6 April. **Women and Men as God Intended.** Royal Foundation of St. Katharine, Butcher Row, London, E14



8DS. In this residential retreat, John Bell will explore the challenges of scripture and contemporary experience. He opens the 'Pandora's Box' of the Bible to discover surprises, contradictions and enlightenment and to engage us in a conversation about gender and sexuality that's less about tradition and opinion and more about scripture. Cost £387.00 Royal Foundation of St. Katharine, 0300 111 1147 see p.6 info@rfsk.org.uk <http://rfsk.org.uk>

16-18 April. **The Strange Silence of Biblical Women** Shepherd's Dene Retreat House Riding Mill, Northumberland NE44 6AF, with John Bell. Despite God making men and women in the divine image, a common presumption of many believers is that it's really just the men that matter. Hence we know or hear a fair amount regarding Abraham, Moses, David, Peter and Paul, but not quite so much about the women in the Old and New Testaments. Their stories, in many cases, are much better but often untold. We'll correct the imbalance in this retreat. Price £245

Shepherd's Dene Retreat House 01434 682212 see p.10 info@shepherdsdene.co.uk www.shepherdsdene.co.uk/

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<http://wydale.org/events/>



6 March. **A Journey Through John's Passion Narrative** - John 18-20 09:45-16:00. Led by Bishop Graham Cray An opportunity to have an in-depth look at John's distinctive narrative of the passion of Jesus - engaging with the text at a deeper level than is often possible when looking at the whole of the Easter story. Cost: £25.00 to include lunch

7, 14, 21, 28 March, **Lenten Quiet Days:** Encountering

Jesus in Lent - a series of day-long quiet days. Some of these are guided and others are self-led. Cost: £12.00 for guided quiet days; (7, 21 March), £5 for individual reflection days (14 March). 28 March is part of the Easter week programme.

22 March. **Spring Renewal Day** 10.30-15.30 with Rev. Jackie Cray. An opportunity to come and spend time being taught, worshipping and praying. Come as you are. Cost: No charge, but donations for lunch welcome.

26 March - 1 April. **Wydale at Easter.** During the week before Easter there are many opportunities to join with the community at Wydale for a prayer walk or one of our themed days, or perhaps to stay overnight. Prices and times vary - please see website for more information.

29 March-3 April. **Easter Weekend Break.** Join us for the whole of the Easter weekend. A real time of celebration with the Christian family. There will be services at Wydale and we will attend local churches. Festive fayre and fun all round. £325.00 fully inclusive

15 May. **The Meaning of Pentecost.** 0945-16.00. Led by Bishop Graham Cray. The events of the Day of Pentecost are, simultaneously, unique and provide the pattern for all of the Church's engagement with the Holy Spirit. On this day we look at some of the Pentecost themes and how to apply them in your life and church. £25.00 to include lunch.

News in brief

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2 March: Women's World Day Of Prayer

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