

## Love your enemies

Stephen Dean

**A**s mentioned last time on this page, some of the most difficult words for us to honour, even though they pass our lips easily, are *Love your enemies, and do good to those who hate you* (Luke 6:27).

Readers who peruse the RSCM listings which regularly occupy the later pages of ACCORD will find this time several events commemorating the centenary on 11 November this year of the end of the Great War. We should expect much public interest in this date, with views expressed over the whole spectrum from chauvinism to pacifism: from the easy acceptance of the rightness of the War, to the denunciation of all military action. In the context of Brexit, an evident increase of xenophobia and the 'hostile environment' for immigrants the message 'love your enemies' will be more than usually difficult to gain a hearing.

We need words to help us express the difficult message. A new text comes from *Known Unknowns*, a 2018 collection of 100 hymn texts from Wild Goose, including over 50 new ones, to be

sung to familiar tunes. With their usual incisive eloquence, John Bell and Graham Maule have produced this non-polemical text which emphasises good news and making amends while not scolding. The suggested tune is *The Sussex Carol*.

### THE TIME HAS COME

1. The time has come when, from the past, prophetic words ring true at last; though earth's hostilities increase, God's promise is of lasting peace.  
Hallelujah! Prepare the way.  
Hear what God's chosen prophets say.
2. The time has come to make it known that every tear and pain and groan are registered in heaven above to be redeemed by holy love.  
Hallelujah! Prepare the way.  
Only Love lifts us from dismay.
3. The time has come to make amends: earth and its people should be friends. Erase the policies of death, spread hope with every vital breath.  
Hallelujah! Prepare the way.  
God gladly comes to earth to stay.
4. The time has come to share good news, to sweep the floor and mend the shoes, prepare to protest, praise and dance for God is eager to advance.  
Hallelujah! Expect a birth:  
God's gracious feet will touch the earth.  
*John Bell and Graham Maule*  
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*Known Unknowns* is published by Wild Goose at £11.50 and can be bought from [ionabooks.com](http://ionabooks.com) or [booksource.net](http://booksource.net)

### Other Links

[paxchristi.org.uk/news-and-events/first-world-war-peace-plans/](http://paxchristi.org.uk/news-and-events/first-world-war-peace-plans/)

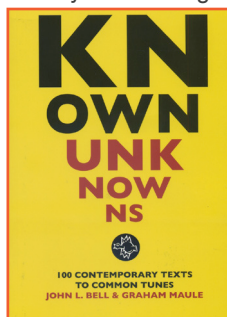
*'Honour the dead by ending war' Approaches to Remembrance and First World War commemorations: ideas to help you plan, including We will remember them: Services, reflections, prayers and songs for Remembrance Sunday. Produced by Movement for the Abolition of War. From Pax Christi £3.00 plus 20% p&p*

[churchofengland.org](http://churchofengland.org)

Search for *First World War*.

## High Leigh news Jennifer Burridge

This year's conference, with its theme of forgiveness, seems to have attracted much interest both from NNPM members and a goodly number of people new to the network. By Easter we were about 80% full, and by the end of April I was asking High Leigh to give us some more bedrooms. With our impressive line-up of speakers and workshop leaders, and the wide ranging topics on offer it will be a brilliant conference. On a personal note I am looking forward to meeting some new people and welcoming back some returning friends.



*The National Network of Pastoral Musicians 2018*

*Summer Conference: 27-29 July*

# Forgive us, Lord, as we forgive:

**Reconciliation and the prayer  
Jesus taught us**

**at High Leigh Conference Centre, Hoddesdon, Herts**

**with John Bell, Marty Haugen, Christopher Walker,**

Geraldine Latty, Richard Hubbard, Andrew Maries, and others • **CONTACT** [jburridge@me.com](mailto:jburridge@me.com)

# ROUNDUP

## ARUNDEL & BRIGHTON

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Hallam Youth Ministry: 0114 256 6464 / 0170 986 7383

[mfitzgerald@hallam-diocese.com](mailto: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, runs from 10 September to 8 July 2018, but the website [www.sheffield.anglican.org/worship-4-today](http://www.sheffield.anglican.org/worship-4-today) will eventually tell you what to expect for next year. [trish.stafford@sheffield.anglican.org](mailto: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.10

## MENEVIA

Area sec. Jennifer Burridge 01792 775 598 • [jburridge@me.com](mailto:jburridge@me.com)

4 October. 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](mailto: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 a Music Day with Malcolm Archer, 8 July, 13.30 – 18.00, and an Ordination on 21 July, both in the Cathedral.

To audition for the Schola Cantorum, (men, women) or Boys' or Girls' Choirs contact: [timothycraigharrison@gmail.com](mailto: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
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- Coastal: Martin Richardson: [mrichardson71@hotmail.com](mailto:mrichardson71@hotmail.com)

Other Cathedral Musical Events: see Diocesan website

<http://middlesbrough-diocese.org.uk>

## SOUTHWARK

Mag Shepherd 0208 291 4107 [magshepherd@hotmail.com](mailto:magshepherd@hotmail.com)

23 June. Summer Workshop **'With Whom One Eats Bread'**, Amigo Hall, St. George's Cathedral, Southwark, London SE1 6HR, led by Canon Alan McLean. 10.30am

(coffee) 11.00am (start). Food is the fuel of relationships. 'Companion' is derived from the Latin *cum* (with) and *panis* (bread); food feeds more than the physical body; it also nourishes generosity and friendship. In the eucharist, the breaking of bread has deeper significance in our lives.

The bishops of England and Wales are holding a National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress, 'Adoremus', in Liverpool, during September, to promote an awareness of the central place of the Eucharist in the life and mission of the Church. Sessions within the congress will focus on Rites and Music for Eucharistic Adoration. It will also be the final Workshop at which Mag Shepherd will feature. Mag has announced her retirement from the Southwark Diocese Music Committee. This will be the central theme for today's workshop. Booking form from Nicholas Pointer [nicholas.pointer@btinternet.com](mailto:nicholas.pointer@btinternet.com)

## SCOTLAND

Nicola Lawrence [nicola@lawrencesolutions.co.uk](mailto:nicola@lawrencesolutions.co.uk)

News from RSCM Scotland [rscm.com/area/scotland/](http://rscm.com/area/scotland/)

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](mailto:summerschool@rscmscotland.org) or online at [rscm.scot](http://rscm.scot)

15 September. Scottish Voices are singing **Choral Evensong** at St Mary's Episcopal Cathedral, Palmerston Place, Edinburgh, EH12 5AW. See [www.rscmscottishvoices.org.uk](http://www.rscmscottishvoices.org.uk).

6 October. **French Organ Mass** King's College Chapel, University of Aberdeen, AB24 3FX. Taking advantage of our Musical Director's ongoing study of the Organ Mass music of Couperin. See [www.rscmscottishvoices.org.uk](http://www.rscmscottishvoices.org.uk)

17 November. **Choral Evensong** at Dunblane Cathedral, FK15 0AQ. See [www.rscmscottishvoices.org.uk](http://www.rscmscottishvoices.org.uk)

## Radio Alba [radioalba.org](http://radioalba.org)

Radio Alba is an ecumenical, internet-based radio which promotes prayer and news of good things happening in the churches and among people of faith. It is sponsored by Glasgow Churches Together, by ACTS, and by the Music Committee of the Archdiocese of Glasgow. Since its launch in 2015 it has maintained a regular diet of Morning, Evening and Night Prayers, and continue to work at short Services and Prayers for Peace, for the Sick and for people in other situations where they need the encouragement and support of prayer. And with Noel Donnelly's Commentaries on the psalms we hope we have helped psalmists and cantors to deepen their understanding of the sacred texts that they sing.

Our 30 minute morning programme is repeated every 30 minutes until noon. We plan to make that morning programme into a 60 minute one soon to match the evening hour which gives Evening Prayer, Magazine and Night Prayer.

We have a particular interest in promoting prayer for the young. We also provide a steady flow of news from such as the Scottish Catholic Observer, Sciaf, The Catholic Worker, Justice and Peace Scotland, and many others.

## From Around the Country.....

### AMMERDOWN [ammerdown.org/home](http://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](http://ammerdown.org/regular-worship)

26 June. **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 together with workshops and creative arts for fun. It also includes lunch and a chance to enjoy Ammerdown's gardens. *Please check for availability.* Next dates: 31 July, 11 September, 27 November.

4 Augst. **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?' Next dates: 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? "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 psychotherapist and the Director of Spiritual Development at Finchley Reform Synagogue, London. Residential: £240. A deposit of £65 is required.*

*This course is nearly sold out - check for availability.*

17-19 August. **The Healing Power of Vocal Sound.** Led by: James D'Angelo. Our essential nature is vibration, pulsation of consciousness. When we are in the flow, the vibrations of our subtle and physical bodies are in tune, sounding their true notes through the energy centres. Our voices have the power to resonate through these centres and bring them into balance and harmony. James D'Angelo will present various approaches to toning with vowels, consonants and seed syllables, introduce you to the Taoist healing sounds, explore the resonances of tuning forks, guide you through natural sound rituals and lead you in uplifting chants. No experience is necessary, only a deep intent for personal transformation. *James D'Angelo has been leading his Soundspirit courses since 1996, and has become a leading authority on healing sound practices. He is the author of The Healing Power of the Human Voice and Seed Sounds for Tuning the Chakras.*

*Residential: £160. A deposit of £65 is required*

5-9 November. **More or Less About Jesus.** Led by John Bell If we want to be more like Jesus, we have to do more than sing praise songs or concentrate on his birth and his death, which are separated by thirty three years of life. In this retreat, we will look at aspects of his ministry, teaching and relationships, and aim to identify false assumptions whilst being open to surprises. *Residential: £425. £85 deposit required*

### BELMONT [www.belmontabbey.org.uk](http://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.



15-17 June. **Come, Walk With Me** Human Relationships Retreat - Jenny Nock (Chartered Psychologist) & Sue McDermott (Counsellor & Trainer). Reg. fee £30.

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

20-22 July. **Daughters of Eve.** The woman of the Old Testament have been invisible for too long. Mothers and wives, queens and slaves, witches and warriors, powerful women and tragic victims - hear their voices as they speak through the centuries. With Abbot Paul and Dom Brendan. Reg fee £28

13-16 August. **Mary through Artist's Eyes.** With Dom Brendan. Mary has fascinated artists who have seen in her life fragments of the mystery of God, from the Annunciation to the Upper Room. Over the feast of the Assumption we look at the story and significance of the most-painted woman in the world. Reg Fee £22

18 August. **A Day with Our Lady.** 10.00-16.00. In the Octave of the Assumption come for this great feast of 'Easter in August'. *Cost: £15 includes Coffee, 2 Course Lunch & Tea. Booking Essential: Tel. 01432 374750*

7-9 September. **Looking for God in Shakespeare.** With Paul Edmondson and Dom Brendan. A weekend exploring the religious influences in Shakespeare's work. We will see how he uses images from nature to convey ideas of life and faith, and how his words might be used as part of our own spiritual reflections. Reg. fee £30

22 September\*. **Apostle of Magdala.** Used and abused through history, what do we really know about Mary Magdalene? Dom David Yates will disentangle the knots to discover the truth about this intriguing figure.

10 November\*. **Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them** with Dom Alistair Findlay. November is traditionally the month of holy souls. We examine what it is we truly believe and why it is so important to pray for the dead. Through the teaching of Scripture and the church, with devotions, we pray together for our own loved ones.

8 December\*. **The One who is to come.** An Advent day with Dom Jonathan Rollinson.

*\*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](mailto:retreats@belmontabbey.org.uk)*

*RESIDENTIAL RETREATS vary in price according to the accommodation - see the website. Non-residents may also attend and meals may be booked.*

### Benedictine Institute [Benedictine-Institute.org](http://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](http://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*

**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](http://cantusfirmus.org.uk/Join-Choir.html)

**CJM Music Ltd** [www.cjmmusic.com](http://www.cjmmusic.com)

PO Box 17060, Sutton Coldfield B73 9YR 01675 466254

Coming events at [www.cjmmusic.com/diary-dates/](http://www.cjmmusic.com/diary-dates/)

30 July - 3 August. Walsingham Youth Pilgrimage. The Anglican Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, Norfolk NR22 6EE <https://www.walsinghamanglican.org.uk/> go to The Shrine and then Youth Pilgrimage.

To book Jo Boyce or the ministry team for an event or concert, complete the booking enquiry form.

**GREENBELT** [www.greenbelt.org.uk](http://www.greenbelt.org.uk)



24-27 August. **Acts of the Imagination**, at Boughton House, Northants NN14 1BJ, Greenbelt is a collision of the arts, faith and justice. Engaged with culture, inspired by the arts, sustained by faith, we aspire to be an open generous community re-imagining the Christian narrative for the present moment. Our mission is to create spaces, like festivals, where art, faith and justice collide. Where artistry and activism, spirituality and politics, faith and justice are held together.

This mission is primarily lived out annually, over the August Bank Holiday weekend, when we host a rich multi-arts festival programme of music, visual and performing arts, spirituality, comedy, talks and discussion. The diversity of content not only demonstrates our commitment to the arts, faith and justice, but also our underlying values of tolerance, dialogue and hope.

We do all we can to keep the festival as accessible as we can, offering a range of discounted and concession ticket deals as well as giving away some tickets each year (through our Open Festival scheme) to people who otherwise would not be able to afford to go to Greenbelt – or any other festival.

Worship is provided by Taisé, Iona (with John Bell), L'Ar'che, the Quakers and others, and there are celebrations of the Eucharist including Catholic Mass.

**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/](http://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.

2 July. **Quiet Day: Mary of the Gospels: Mary as Mother; Mary as disciple** Led by Canon Chris Oxley.

This Quiet Day will give us space to reflect on and respond in prayer to moments in the Gospels where Mary, the Mother of Jesus is involved. Some of these correspond with the Mysteries of the Rosary. There will be plenty of time for silence.

6 August. **Quiet Day: Preserving Time.** Led by Emily Sharman. Come and welcome God into our everyday joys and sorrows, with this reflective day focusing on how we experience time.

Next Quiet Days: 1 October, 5 November, 3 December



**LEE ABBEY**

<https://leeabbeydevon.org.uk/visit/programme/>

Lee Abbey, Lynton, North Devon, EX35 6JJ. 01598 752621. Check availability and book online.



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

8-12 October. **The Challenge of Community.** What does 'Community' have to say to the future of the Church? Drawing on the work of Jean Vanier, the life of the Lee Abbey Community, and the experiences guests bring, this is the question at the heart of the week. 'Christ-centred community' is what both Church and intentional Christian communities are. How is God using Christ-centred communities to grow his kingdom today? Led by Simon Howard, senior chaplain of Lee Abbey. £258 to £328 per person.

27 December - 2 January 2019. **New Year with Stuart Townend.** What more can be said apart from how excited are we to spend this special time of year with such a gifted worship leader and his amazing family. £415 to £505 per person

**LIVABILITY**

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

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

25 June, **Creative Responses to Dementia in Sheffield.** The Vine at St Bart's, Primrose Hill, Langsett, Sheffield, S6 2UW, 09:30 -15:30. An event for churches, people living with dementia and their carers, faith-based community and voluntary sector organisations and health and social care practitioners. Livability, in partnership with Mutual Blessings, Sheffield, offers this event for people and churches who want to reach and support people living with dementia and their carers, and to share the joys and challenges involved. Cost £20

28 June, The Happiness Course Leaders Training Day. Livability Head Office, 6 Mitre Passage, London, SE10 0ER, 09:30 -16:30.

9 September, Ability Sunday 2018. A day of inclusion for churches that celebrates the gifts of all. Register your parish, for more information and to get your Ability Sunday Pack.

## LLANSÔR MILL

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

Llansôr Mill stands in a tranquil valley tucked away at the southern edge of Mon-



mouthshire. 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.

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

Sept 21-23 Exploring Contemplation and Mindfulness

October 5-7 Women's weekend. Julian of Norwich – a woman for all time

October 19-21 The Grail – a storytelling weekend

November 16-18 The Enneagram: delving deeper

*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.

19 - 21 October. **The Word Around Us** ArtServe Festival 2018 High Leigh Conference Centre, Hoddesdon, EN11 8SG. Explore imaginative ways of sharing the Good News. All are welcome to attend this event – you don't have to be



a member of ArtServe. On Friday evening there is a concert by Simeon Wood. We spend Saturday exploring a variety of creative techniques. There will be the opportunity to learn some new ways of expressing ourselves, as well as developing existing skills. During the evening we will share what we have learned. On Sunday, we consider how we might apply the lessons of the weekend within our own church contexts. Some of the sessions will be led by ArtServe members, others by external facilitators, all experts in their fields. Costs up to £205, single ensuite rooms. Non-res prices available

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. 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)  
<http://www.sjp.org.uk/regular-events.html>

## PRAXIS [www.praxisworship.org.uk](http://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.



16 - 18 July. Annual Conference of Modern Church **Ritual, Worship and Culture**. High Leigh Conference Centre, Hoddesdon, EN11 8SG: Speakers (subject to change): Douglas Davies, Angela Tilby, Meg Warner, Sandra Millar, Steve Hollinghurst. Chair: Jo Spreadbury. Chaplain: Ian Mobsby.

Is there a basic instinct to worship? Church attendance is declining, but more and more people express an interest

in what is spiritual. Everywhere we see evidence of people needing to ritualise their allegiance to something greater than themselves, whether in celebrity culture, politics or group identity. Enthusiasm (en-theos) appears to be one of the most important drivers of human happiness and fulfilment.

We all have our rituals, whether private and domestic, or public and shared. The Christian faith does not endorse this uncritically: 'thou shalt have none other gods before me' is scored into Christian memory. Yet Christians too have produced many different kinds of worship and ritual, reflecting the churches' engagement with different cultures and contexts. In this conference we will explore new age rituals and traditional practices alike. What can we learn from the secular instinct to ritualise and memorialise? Which forms of ritual are shared and which are distinct between different approaches to faith and different cultural contexts? Can there ever be truly 'common worship' or should we rejoice in the variety of expressions across all cultures and incarnations that can never be controlled fully by ecclesiastical prescription?

This conference will enable us all to reflect on the habits and traditions we hold dear in our own faith practice, and gain some new insights into the common, if not universal, instinct for worship that we share with others.

See [modernchurch.org.uk/mc-events/annual-conference](http://modernchurch.org.uk/mc-events/annual-conference) or phone 0845 345 1909. Cost £240 (en suite) £185 (standard)

20 July **Children and Liturgy**. (Resourcing Parishes for their work with children) Birmingham Cathedral, Colmore Row, B3 2QB 10.00-16.00. 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](mailto:peter@furber.me.uk)

## Royal Foundation of St. Katharine

2 Butcher Row, London E14 8DS 0300 111 1147

<http://rfsk.org.uk/>



St Katharine is a retreat centre in East London with a programme of quiet days and residential retreats,

9 Jul. **Open Reflective Day**. These days are not led events but rather opportunities for people to have some space and quiet in their lives. We cannot offer exclusive personal use of any room, but there will always be space and a quiet corner

for all our guests. The Open Reflective days usually run from 08.00 to 17.00 but you can join us for as much of the day as your commitments allow. Most people choose to begin their day joining our welcome meditation at 10.30. You are welcome to join our services held in our Chapel.

The cost of the full day is £20, to include refreshments.

Further dates: 13 August, 10 September, 8 October, 12 November, 10 December

**Quite Days** run from 10.15-16.00, cost £25

27 July. **A Quiet Day with the Labyrinth.** Jan Sellers.

18 August. **The Art of Quietness.** with Penny Claydon

Further dates: 8, 22 September, 6 October, 8 December.

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[musicdirect@rscm.com](mailto:musicdirect@rscm.com); Online shop: [www.rscmshop.com](http://www.rscmshop.com)

### National Events [www.rscm.com/courses/](http://www.rscm.com/courses/)

23-25 October. **Autumn Course for Young People.** Three days of choral training for trebles in Ascot Priory, SL5 8RT. Sing and learn new skills and repertoire with singers from around the country. Daily services will be sung, and there is also plenty of opportunity for recreation and time to explore the area. Accommodation is in twin or single rooms, and a team of pastoral staff care for the children and young people. For boys and girls 8-15. Residential £275, non-residential £155. Booking closes 10 September

**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:** 2-4 October. Bishop Woodford House, Ely, CB7 4DX. £295. £280 'early bird' for RSCM Members only until 2 July

**Strengthen for Service 'Lite'** 8 September at St Paul, Hereford, HR1 1RT. A shortened one-day version. Cost £10 (£7.50 for affiliates.) With Helen Bent. Details from [rscm.com/area/hereford-and-south-shropshire/](http://rscm.com/area/hereford-and-south-shropshire/)

Education Administrator 01722 424843 [education@rscm.com](mailto:education@rscm.com)

### LOCAL EVENTS [www.rscm.com/where-you-are/](http://www.rscm.com/where-you-are/) - North & Midlands

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](mailto:p.harris@ntlworld.com)

[rscm.com/area/leicestershire/](http://rscm.com/area/leicestershire/)

23 June. **Worship Group Workshop Day** at St John, Bowling, Bradford BD4 8TU, with Miles Quick. Something old, something new, for the many, for the few. For singers, congregations and instrumentalists. 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, new material, finding and nurturing new musicians. Cost: Adult £8, under 18 £5

Ann Foster 07977 067391 [choir@bradfordcathedral.org](mailto:choir@bradfordcathedral.org)

[rscm.com/area/bradford/](http://rscm.com/area/bradford/)

23 June. **Vocal health for singers of any style** at St Oswald's, Oswestry SY11 2SY, 14:00 – 16:00, with Cathy Lamb. A workshop focusing on ways to warm up, look after the voice and sing healthily. Cost: £3 adults, £1 children

Cathy Lamb [c.lamb@lichfieldcathedralschool.com](mailto:c.lamb@lichfieldcathedralschool.com)

07747 444 047 [rscm.com/area/lichfield/](http://rscm.com/area/lichfield/)

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](mailto:alison@vining.eu)

[rscm.com/area/birmingham/](http://rscm.com/area/birmingham/)

1 July. **Choral Evensong for Ordinary Time.** St Hilda's, Whitby YO21 3EQ 16:00 – 19:00. Steve Maltby leads us in music for a Choral Evensong in ordinary time. Organists are invited to come and play the 3 manual Harrison Organ from 14:00. £6.00. Michael Ash 01947 603780

[michaelash383@msn.com](mailto:michaelash383@msn.com) [rscm.com/area/n-e-yorkshire/](http://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](mailto:clarepearce.rscm@gmail.com)

[rscm.com/area/peterborough-northampton/](http://rscm.com/area/peterborough-northampton/)

25-26 August. **Choral Singing Weekend** at Blackburn Cathedral BB1 5AA with Craig Cartwright.. Join the Middlesbrough Cathedral Consort for a weekend of choral singing in the magnificent surroundings of Blackburn Cathedral.

Costs (which include accommodation and music) and exact timings will be made known to participants. Craig Cartwright 07508 805621 [craig.cartwright@outlook.com](mailto:craig.cartwright@outlook.com)

[rscm.com/area/n-e-yorkshire/](http://rscm.com/area/n-e-yorkshire/)

16 September. **Big Sing Songs of Praise** at All Saints, Rainford WA11 8HE 15:00 – 17:30 with P Michael Jones. Come and sing some favourite hymns with fellow choristers and congregations from around the area. Accompaniment by the organ and Rainford Band. Cost free

P Michael Jones [mike.jones1967@btinternet.com](mailto:mike.jones1967@btinternet.com)

07939 304068 [rscm.com/area/liverpool-inc-isle-of-man/](http://rscm.com/area/liverpool-inc-isle-of-man/)

21-23 September. **Sneaton Singing Weekend.** Sneaton Castle Centre, Whitby, YO21 3QN. A weekend of singing and fellowship under the guidance of David Ogden. Cost: £150 inclusive of all meals and accommodation

Sally Dow 07908 517320 [sallydow@btinternet.com](mailto:sallydow@btinternet.com)

[rscm.com/area/bradford/](http://rscm.com/area/bradford/)

22 September, **Lichfield Area Young Voices Festival** at St Mary's, Stafford ST16 2AP, 14:00 – 17:00 with Margaret Outen. Using the new Young Voices Festival 'God's Green Planet' come and join with a core of young voices. The event will culminate in a short act of worship. Cost: Suggested donation of £1 per child

Cathy Lamb [c.lamb@lichfieldcathedralschool.com](mailto:c.lamb@lichfieldcathedralschool.com)  
07747 444 047 [rscm.com/area/lichfield/](http://rscm.com/area/lichfield/)

29 September. **Young People's Singing Day** (a workshop for young people aged 9-18) at Lancaster Priory LA1 1YZ, 11:30-16.45, with Don Gillthorpe. The day will have as its theme St Michael and All Angels and end with Choral Evensong. Cost: £3 Marilyn Prescott 07525 860316 / 01524 823031 [marilynprescott@gmail.com](mailto:marilynprescott@gmail.com) [rscm.com/area/lancashire/](http://rscm.com/area/lancashire/)

6 October **Lichfield Area Annual Choirs Festival** 'King of Glory, King of Peace' Lichfield Cathedral WS13 7LD, 13:45-18:30, with Ben Lamb. Using the brilliant new annual festival book. Cost: £5 to include book and refreshments  
Cathy Lamb: see 22 September [rscm.com/area/lichfield/](http://rscm.com/area/lichfield/)

6 October. **Lincoln Area Festival**. Lincoln Cathedral, LN2 1PX, 14:30-18:30, with Aric Prentice, using music from RSCM Festival book King of Glory, King of Peace.

Rehearsals will be organised at various locations in the county. Watch for details Mandy Chambers 01529 455265 [mandy\\_chambers@btinternet.com](mailto:mandy_chambers@btinternet.com) [rscm.com/area/lincoln/](http://rscm.com/area/lincoln/)

13 October. **Oxford Diocesan Choirs Festival** at St Mary's Banbury OX16 0AA, 14:00 – 18:00. Choral Evensong for members of affiliated choirs in the Oxford Diocese. Non-affiliated choirs and individuals welcome if space allows. For rehearsal venues and dates, see website £10 adults, £8 juniors Janet Low 01865 777257 / 07549 886561 [janetclow@gmail.com](mailto:janetclow@gmail.com)  
[rscm-oxford.org.uk](http://rscm-oxford.org.uk)

13 October. **Cumbria Annual Festival service**, Carlisle Cathedral CA3 8TZ 13:30 – 18:30 with Mark Duthie. The music will be taken from King of Glory, King of Peace. £10 adult, £5 junior (non-RSCM £12.50 adult, £7.50 junior)  
Joan Gordon [rscmcumbriasecretary@hotmail.com](mailto:rscmcumbriasecretary@hotmail.com) 01768 352980 [rscm.com/area/cumbria/](http://rscm.com/area/cumbria/)

13 October **What, no Organist?** St Edmunds, Shipston CV36 4LD 14:00 – 18:00. With Miles Quick. Details tbc. No charge Patsy Howes [p.howes41@btinternet.com](mailto:p.howes41@btinternet.com)  
07747 046374 [rscm.com/area/coventry-warwickshire/](http://rscm.com/area/coventry-warwickshire/)

13 October, **Durham Area Festival** – Grant us peace, O God. Durham Cathedral DH1 3EH 13:30, 17:15 service, with Daniel Cook. In this service we will focus on the word 'Peace'. We will thank God for the peace of 100 years ago, we will continue to pray and strive for a lasting peace in our world, as well as praying for the 'peace that passeth all understanding'. Music by Madden, Archer, Boyle and Summision. Cost: Festival book £6.00.

Launch of the booked on 7 June in Sunderland Minster. Rehearsals on 13 September in Houghton le Spring. (and 4 October in Whitby, see [rscm.com/area/n-e-yorkshire/](http://rscm.com/area/n-e-yorkshire/))  
Christine Alder 0191 529 3215 [cm.alder@btinternet.com](mailto:cm.alder@btinternet.com)  
[rscm.com/area/durham/](http://rscm.com/area/durham/)

15 October. **Schools' Festival** at St. Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham B4 6EU, 10:30 – 15:00 with Mick Perrier. A service for upper or equal voices, devised to encourage worship in school, church and community. We will be using the RSCM Young Voices publication, "God's Green Planet".

Cost of resource book: £25 per school Mick Perrier 07967 595881 [michael.perrier49@gmail.com](mailto:michael.perrier49@gmail.com)  
[rscm.com/area/birmingham/](http://rscm.com/area/birmingham/)

## South and South West of England

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](mailto:rscmportsmouth@gmail.com)  
[rscm.com/area/portsmouth/](http://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](mailto:simonhancock29@gmail.com)  
[rscm.com/area/southwark-east-surrey/](http://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](mailto:n.king112@btinternet.com)  
[rscm.com/area/st-albans/](http://rscm.com/area/st-albans/)

16 June. **Psalms Festival 'Sing to the Lord a new song'**, St Laurence Church, Winslow, MK 18 3AB, with Adam Carlill and Helen Bent. Principally to explore singing psalms translated by Adam Carlill but adapted to fit metrical hymns tunes, and also looking at other ways of singing psalms. Adults £10.00, young people free

Derry French 01296 715185 [derryfrench@btinternet.com](mailto:derryfrench@btinternet.com)  
[rscm.com/area/buckinghamshire/](http://rscm.com/area/buckinghamshire/)

24 June. **Choral Festival Service** at Norwich Cathedral NR1 4DH with Ashley Grote. Using the 2018 festival book, King of Glory, King of Peace, members of all local choirs are welcome to join our flagship event. Rehearsals start at 15:00. Service starts 18:30

Matthew Wright 07732 779474 [music\\_mcw@hotmail.com](mailto:music_mcw@hotmail.com)  
[rscm.com/area/norfolk/](http://rscm.com/area/norfolk/)

1 July. **Choral Evensong** at St Andrew, Hornchurch RM12 6QP 14:00-19.30 with Andrew Losq & William Brooks. Choral Evensong according to the book of Common Prayer. Choirs and individual singers all welcome. Cost £5

WR Brooks 01708 509489 [william.brooks2@ntlworld.com](mailto:william.brooks2@ntlworld.com)  
[rscm.com/area/essex-east-london/](http://rscm.com/area/essex-east-london/)

7 July. **Organ workshop: the art of hymn playing** at St Peter's, Bexhill TN40 2HE 10:00 – 13:00 with Anthony Wilson. A practical workshop offering advice on hymn playing. This builds on our Introduction to the Organ sessions and will be suitable for beginners as well as suiting volunteer organists wanting to refresh their hymn playing skills. Plenty of hints and tips, as well as the opportunity to play a fantastic instrument. Cost: £12 members (£14 non members).

Imogen Stewart 01903 209107 [ots.rscmsussex@outlook.com](mailto:ots.rscmsussex@outlook.com)  
[rscm.com/area/sussex/](http://rscm.com/area/sussex/)

14 July. **Come and Sing Choral Evensong** with Philip Stopford at Ledbury Parish Church, HR8 1EB. Start 10:30, service time 17:00. Renowned choral director, organist and

composer Philip Stopford comes to Herefordshire to lead a massed choir through his own compositions, leading to a service of Choral Evensong in Ledbury Parish Church. *James Wall (Events Coordinator) / Jon Weller (chairman)* 07850 019489 [rscmhereford@gmail.com](mailto:rscmhereford@gmail.com)

[rscm.com/area/hereford-and-south-shropshire/](http://rscm.com/area/hereford-and-south-shropshire/)

29 July. **Kidderminster Deanery Choral Evensong**. St Mary and All Saints, Kidderminster, DY10 2JN 16:00 – 18:30, with James Bradley. This will be our RSCM Music Sunday event. Choirs from all areas are most welcome. Music includes John Ireland's *Greater Love Hath No Man*, and Grayston Ives' *Lead, Kindly Light*.

*James Bradley* 07973 934177 [music@jamesb.org](mailto:music@jamesb.org)

[rscm.com/area/worcestershire/](http://rscm.com/area/worcestershire/)

8 September. **Strengthen for Service Lite** at St Paul, Hereford HR1 1RT. See National Events above.

[rscm.com/area/hereford-and-south-shropshire/](http://rscm.com/area/hereford-and-south-shropshire/)

15 September. **Lift up your Voice (and instrument)**. St Peter Mancroft, Norwich NR2 1QZ, 10.00-16.00 with Miles Quick. A day of workshops aimed at churches with few or no musicians. Come and be inspired! The day will end with a short act of worship. Cost: £5 *Matthew Wright* 07732 779474 [music\\_mcw@hotmail.com](mailto:music_mcw@hotmail.com)

[rscm.com/area/norfolk/](http://rscm.com/area/norfolk/)

23 September. **Young Voices Festival**, St Andrew's Sonning RG4 6UR 15.00-18.30. Young choristers, both boys and girls aged 7 to 16, are again invited to join in an afternoon of singing, using the 2018 RSCM Festival book *God's Green Planet*. Families and supporters are welcome to the service. For details of the music contact the director at [music@sonningparish.org.uk](mailto:music@sonningparish.org.uk)

*Mary Delaney* 01189403121 [mary.delaney@btinternet.com](mailto:mary.delaney@btinternet.com)

[rscm.com/area/berkshire/](http://rscm.com/area/berkshire/)

29 September. **Essex and East London Area Festival** at Chelmsford Cathedral CM1 1EH. A special one-day Come and Sing event for choirs and individual singers led by James Davy and featuring the music of Martin Shaw in the 60th year since his death. £5 for music book, £3 entry *Shirley Timmins* 01277 233302 [shirleytimmins@btinternet.com](mailto:shirleytimmins@btinternet.com)

[rscm.com/area/essex-east-london/](http://rscm.com/area/essex-east-london/)

29 September. **Winchester Festival service**, Winchester Cathedral, SO23 9LS, 13:45-18:30, with Andrew Lumsden. Choirs and individuals are all welcome. Music has been selected from *King of Glory*, *King of Peace*. Area rehearsals planned, see the website *Philip Dowd* 023 8084 1679 [philip.dowd1@gmail.com](mailto:philip.dowd1@gmail.com) [rscm.com/area/winchester/](http://rscm.com/area/winchester/)

13 October. **Workshop for Organists** at St John's, Devizes SN10 1NP 10:00 – 13:00 with Chris Totney. Suitable for organists of all abilities or pianists who would like to play the organ. Cost: £10.00 for participants, £5 for observers *David Duvall* 07855 947104 [davidduvall@btinternet.com](mailto:davidduvall@btinternet.com)

[rscm.com/area/wessex/](http://rscm.com/area/wessex/)

13 October. **Area Choirs' Festival** at Rochester Cathedral ME1 1SX, 14:15-18:30. RSCM Rochester invite choirs from across the diocese and beyond to join together to sing the Fauré Requiem as we approach the Centenary of the Armistice at the end of WW1. Choirs may use own copies or buy from [rscmshop.com/festival-services.html](http://rscmshop.com/festival-services.html)

Details of local rehearsals will be circulated in due course. *Sue Moore* 020 8859 6997 [rscmrochester@outlook.com](mailto:rscmrochester@outlook.com)

[rscm.com/area/rochester/](http://rscm.com/area/rochester/)

13 October. **St Albans Area Choirs Festival**. St Albans Abbey AL1 1BY, 14:00 start, with Andrew Lucas. The festival will use material from *King of Glory*, *King of Peace*, and there will be an Abbey choir leading. Cost: £6 the *Nicholas King* 01442 262895 [n.king112@btinternet.com](mailto:n.king112@btinternet.com)

[rscm.com/area/st-albans/](http://rscm.com/area/st-albans/)

14 October. **Guildford Area Choirs' Festival**. Guildford Cathedral GU2 7UP, with Katherine Dienes-Williams. Choral Evensong, using the RSCM Festival Service Book 'Reform & Renewal'. Cost: £5 to cover the cost of the music.

Regional rehearsals will take place on 11 July (St Martin, Epsom), 14 September (St Mary, Chiddingfold) and 20 September (St Peter, Frimley). A further date at West Byfleet is being arranged. *David Crick* 07850 709461

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[rscm.com/area/guildford/](http://rscm.com/area/guildford/)

20 October. **Accessible worship**. Bar Hill Church, Viking Way, Bar Hill, Cambridge CB23 8EH 10:00 – 16:00 with Bob Chappell and Jan Payne. A day spent exploring how worship (especially music) can be made more easily accessible to those with disabilities. (Please note this day is about music and worship, not physical access needs.) Open to anyone over 18 years of age. Adults £10.00, students over 18 and concessions £6.00 *Jan Payne* 01223 233577

[janmpayne@gmail.com](mailto:janmpayne@gmail.com) [www.rscm.com/area/ely/](http://www.rscm.com/area/ely/)

27 October. **Come and Sing Advent to Candlemas** St Andrew's Sonning RG4 6UR 10:00 – 12:30 with Nigel Groome. Looking for ideas? Join us for a morning of singing a variety of music for the coming Seasons. Cost £5. Download booking form from the website.

*Mary Delaney* as 25 September [rscm.com/area/berkshire/](http://rscm.com/area/berkshire/)

28 October and 3 October. **Come and Sing Fauré's Requiem – liturgically** at St. John the Baptist, Buckhorn Weston, SP8 5HS. Sing Fauré's Requiem in the context of the Requiem liturgy, to commemorate all those who gave their lives in war, as we approach the centenary of the 1918 Armistice. Loan copies will be provided if needed. Cost: £10.00, £8.00 for RSCM affiliates, £5.00 for young people *David Duvall* 07855 947104 [davidduvall@btinternet.com](mailto:davidduvall@btinternet.com)

[rscm.com/area/wessex/](http://rscm.com/area/wessex/)

3 November. **Singing the Seasons – A Choral Festival Service**. Exeter Cathedral EX1 1HS, 11:00 – 17:00, with Timothy Noon. Cost: £7 for Festival Music Booklet *Lionel Holmes* 01647 440113 [lionel@homebound.org.uk](mailto:lionel@homebound.org.uk)

[rscm.com/area/devon/](http://rscm.com/area/devon/)

3 November. **Inspiring Music in Worship**: exploring and engaging with music in your church at Walthamstow Hall School, Holly Bush Lane, Sevenoaks TN13 3UL 10:30 – 15:30, with Helen Bent. Taking our lead from the latest RSCM book by Helen Bent, clergy and musicians are invited to come together to explore how music best suits and encourages good worship in their church context. The day will include practical as well as discussion sessions and worship. Cost £5, Refreshments provided.

*Sue Moore* 020 8859 6997 [rscmrochester@outlook.com](mailto:rscmrochester@outlook.com)

[rscm.com/area/rochester/](http://rscm.com/area/rochester/)

10 November. **Three Areas Choirs Festival: Peace and Remembrance** at St George's Metropolitan Cathedral, Southwark, London SE1 7HY, with Norman Harper, 10:30

– 17:00. Choirs from the Southwark, London and Essex RSCM Areas rehearse and sing a non-liturgical service of remembrance and peace, for the weekend of Remembrance Day. St George's Cathedral provides a wonderful space for massed voices and is situated appropriately opposite the Imperial War Museum. Cost: £10 (adult) £5 (7-18 year-olds and full-time students)

Jenny Dean 020 8866 7637 [secretary@rscmlondon.org.uk](mailto:secretary@rscmlondon.org.uk)  
[rscmlondon.org.uk/remembrance-and-peace.php](http://rscmlondon.org.uk/remembrance-and-peace.php)

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## RSCM CYMRU/WALES

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Co-ordinator Stuart Robinson [srobinson@rscm.com](mailto: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/](http://www.rscm.com/mentergerdd/)

### North Wales/Gogledd Cymru

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

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 07975 818106 [lewirene@gmail.com](mailto:lewirene@gmail.com)

### South- East Wales/De-Ddwyrain Cymru

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

16 June **Choral Festival.** Tintern Abbey, NP16 6SE 10.00 with Rosemary Field. Tintern Abbey, is the first Cistercian foundation in Wales.. We plan to invite surrounding RSCM Areas as well. Cost: £5 (£6 non-members), £3 U18 Emma Gibbins 07952 514117 [emmagibbins1978@gmail.com](mailto:emmagibbins1978@gmail.com)

### Swansea and Brecon/Abertawe ac Aberhonddu

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

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](mailto:chrisgreen990@btinternet.com)

### West Wales/Dyfed Cymru

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

7 July. **Meet, Eat and Sing Choral Evensong**, Holy Trinity, Aberystwyth SY23 1LT 10:30-17:30 with Simon Pearce. Come together to prepare Choral Evensong. There will be an opportunity to join together for lunch but this is not included in the price. Cost: £5 members, £7 non-members.

Nigel Morris 01570 481336 [nigel@gdmorris.demon.co.uk](mailto:nigel@gdmorris.demon.co.uk)

22 September. **Lift up your voice** St Brynach's Church, Nevern, Newport, Pembrokeshire SA42 0NF with Miles Quick, 11:00 – 16:00. This event, devised and directed by the RSCM's Head of Choral and Instrumental Music, is aimed at encouraging congregations in their music where there is no established choir or experienced organist. Cost: £5 Members, £7 Non-members. Nigel Morris as above

## RSCM IRELAND [www.rscmireland.com](http://www.rscmireland.com)

23 June. **Day for Choristers** at St Mel's Cathedral, Longford, 14:00 – 17:00, with Blanaid Murphy. Choristers of all denominations are invited to this celebratory singing day. This is a wonderful opportunity for young choristers from around Ireland to sing and participate in the liturgy together. Cost: No charge. Timings tbc

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20 August. **Roman Catholic Choristers' Course** with Rosemary Field Mullingar Cathedral, Co. Westmeath, times tbc, Following on from successful courses in the UK, we are delighted to bring this course to Ireland for the first time. The day will include vocal technique and recreation. All choristers welcome – no auditioned entry. Cost €12

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8 September. RSCM Ireland Festival Day and Voice for Life Service. Venue and times tbc, Join us for RSCM Ireland's annual Festival Day. The day will culminate in a service incorporating the presentation of awards to successful Voice for Life candidates. The event is open to all singers, individuals and choirs alike, affiliates and non-affiliates. Cost tbc

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## St Columba's House [stcolumbashouse.org.uk](http://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:

27 June, **Quiet Day.** Teachers of the Faith. 09.45-16.00. Come and be silent for two periods of prayer, reflection and creativity with members of the Community of Hopeweavers. £25 including coffee, tea and a light lunch.

9 July. **Quiet Monday**, 10.00-14.00. Quiet Mondays are a regular opportunity to gather for times of prayer and reflection. Each Quiet Monday in 2018 explores a different woman from the Bible. Today; Ruth and Naomi. Suggested donation £15. Please bring lunch Next date: 1 October (Mary and Martha)

12 July, **Christian Book Group**, 19:45-21:30. We meet six times a year to discuss a book we have read. This month it is Dorothy Day: Selected Writing. Charge: donation only.

18 July. **Quiet Day**, Beside Still Waters: 09:45-16:00. Engage in art and scripture in a new way with Fr Geoffrey Wheaton SJ on Psalm 23 looking at how we can be led 'beside still waters'. Fr Geoffrey as extensive experience leading retreats looking at art and scripture in new and inspiring ways. As 27 June.

8 August, **Quiet Day:** Listening to the Song of the Heart. Led by Christopher Chapman, retreat giver, spiritual director, writer and teacher. As 27 June

## Society of Saint Gregory 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](http://www.ssg.org.uk) [bookings@ssg.org.uk](mailto:bookings@ssg.org.uk) or call Julie-Ann Gylaitis 07849 431040

**Autumn Assembly**

**Taizé in London**

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/services/taize41128/>

**Whirlow Grange**

[whirlowspiritualitycentre.org](http://whirlowspiritualitycentre.org)

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

Tuesdays at 09.45 **Reflective Communion Service.**

Sundays at 08.30 **Space To Be** - silent, self directed meditation (45 minutes).



First Sunday of every month. **Reflective Worship.** 19:00-20.00. An opportunity to be still and reflect on God's grace and love for each one of us.

Third Sunday of each month. **Reflective Eucharist.** 19:00. 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.

24 June. **Praying Without Words**, 1930 - 2100. An opportunity to practise silent prayer. Optional sharing of our prayer journey. Open to all levels of experience. No need to book.

17 July. **Simple Quiet Day.** 09:45-15.45. These days are intended to provide you with the space to "be" before God; to relax, reflect and pray and so to renew your spiritual resources. The space available will be quiet and honouring of your quiet. The day will begin with a Reflective Communion Service. Please bring your own lunch, drinks are provided. Cost £15 payable in advance, Book through the website.

23 July. **We Who Sing, Pray Twice.** 19.30-21.30. 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.

2 August. **Day of retreat.** 09:30-16:30. These are facilitated by a recognised spiritual accompanier and restricted to 10 participants. We will keep the space and time as quiet and empty as possible, honouring your quiet. Cost £18.

21 August, 18 September, 17 October, 10 November, 18 December. **Simple Quiet days** (see 17 July)

23 August. **Praying Without Words** (see 24 June)

September 2018 - March 2019. **An experiential course in discerning listening.** Whirlow Spirituality Centre hosts this course, led by its chaplain Joy Adams and an ecumenical team, in partnership with St Peter's College and Sheffield Diocese. See website for details of this interesting course.

Course Dates Thursdays 09:30 16:30

2018 27 Sept; 11 & 25 Oct ; 8 & 22 Nov; 6 Dec

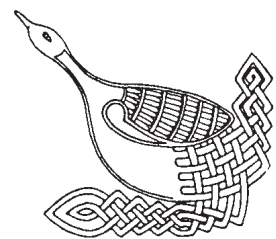
2019 10 & 24 Jan; 7 & 21 Feb; 7 & 21 Mar

3 October. **Day of retreat.** See 2 August.

**WILD GOOSE**

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**weeWONDERBOX** [www.wildgoose.scot/weewonderbox/](http://www.wildgoose.scot/weewonderbox/)

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

**June** Weds 13, 20 18.00-19.00 **Wee Weekly Liturgy.**

Wed 27 19.00-1900 **Liturgy Of Prayers For Healing And Laying On Of Hands.**

Fri 8 - Sun 10. **ColumbaFest 2018.** weeWONDERBOX's flagship urban festival, returns to Glasgow city centre. Our theme: 'Dreams & Visions' on what makes 'prophecy' today.

Expect live music and spoken word, workshops, walks, talks and worship led by a fantastically diverse group of



contributors. Prophets often come from the margins, challenging our complacent worldview with a startling new perspective. We will be asking – where are the prophets today? What are they saying? And are we listening to them?

We will draw inspiration from the life of St Columba, the biblical prophets, and contemporary politics to challenge ourselves to engage with the most pressing issues of

social justice in our society.

Come for a day, an evening, or for the entire weekend ... details of Ticket Options on the website. On the day tickets will carry a £3 surcharge.

[wildgoose.scot/weewonderbox/columbafest/](http://wildgoose.scot/weewonderbox/columbafest/)

### Other events around the UK

7 July **Festival of Prayer**. Ripon College, Cuddesdon, near Wheatley, OX44 9EX, 10:00 - 16:30. A day to explore different aspects of spirituality and prayer, at which John Bell will give a keynote address on developing personal spirituality, and lead a session on the spirituality of the psalms.

Organized by The Bible Reading Fellowship, 01865 319700

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### Wydale Hall

[wydale.org](http://wydale.org)

The retreat and conference centre of the Church of England's Diocese of York 01723 859270

Wydale Hall, Brompton-by-Sawdon, Scarborough, North Yorkshire YO13 9DG

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



5 July. **Summer Renewal Day**. 10:30-15:30. A day for refreshment. For teaching, worship and ministry. For any-

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23 - 27 July. **Summer Getaway**. Come and spend a few lovely summer days at Wydale - visit the coast or just chill out. £280 fully inclusive

1-5 October. **Autumn Getaway** Come and enjoy the amazing autumn colours at Wydale and maybe catch the last of the sun! £280.00 fully inclusive - we'll do packed lunches if you'd like to go out for the day.

2 October. **Working Together 3** : Working Under Pressure. 09:45-16:00. Come with your team, large or small (clergy and/or lay) and find out about the theory and practice of working with people. Led by Helen Lawrence and Mark Rance Cost: £25.00 per person (discounts for teams of 4+

4 October. **Autumn Renewal Day**, 10:30-15:30. An opportunity to come and spend time being taught, worshipping and praying. Leader: Ven Sarah Bullock, Archdeacon of York Cost: No charge, but donations for lunch welcome

20 October. **Understanding yourself and others**. 09:45-16:45. Find out more about the Myers Briggs Type Indicator, about yourself and how you tick and about how this understanding might help you to communicate with others better. Led by Helen Lawrence. Cost: £25.00

1 November. **Discerning Leadership** - Putting God back at the heart of mission. 09:45-16:00. A study day on the nature and practice of discernment which will help you to discern and co-operate with the Holy Spirit in mission. Led by Bishop Graham Cray. Cost £25.00

13 November. **Exploring the Sacraments**. 09:45-16:00. A day to explore the importance of the Church's Sacramental life. Led by Bishop Glyn Webster Cost: £25.00

3-21 December. Christmas Meals. 13:00 or 19.00. Come for a 3 course meal at Wydale either lunchtime or evening. Enjoy the beautifully decorated house with friends, family, work colleagues etc. Cost: £18.00 per person

24-27 December. Wydale at Christmas 2018. Come and stay with us and enjoy a Christmas with all the trimmings. Come alone or with family or friends. Cost: £225 per person

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