

2017

Saturday 13th May

10am–3.30pm

£20 *inc lunch & refreshments*

Mindfulness & Psychological Therapy A Christian Perspective

Ideas in spirituality and psychological therapy have converged recently in 'Mindfulness' groups. We will explore how meditative and mindfulness processes can be life-giving and promote healthy ways of thinking and feeling.

Leaders: **Dr Frank Wills** and **Canon Wendy Wilby**

Thursday 15th June

10am–3.30pm

£20 *inc lunch & refreshments*

Listening to God in our Everyday Life Seeing God in All we Do from Happiness to Heartache

We often feel as though we are sleepwalking through life, following a safe, narrow path which neither challenges nor hurts us. Every now and then we are woken up: through painful events such as death and suffering or wonderful events like falling in love, becoming a parent or experiencing beauty. This day will help us explore these moments and discover an authentic experience of life lived abundantly.

Leader: **Revd Canon Judy Hirst**

Tuesday 4th July

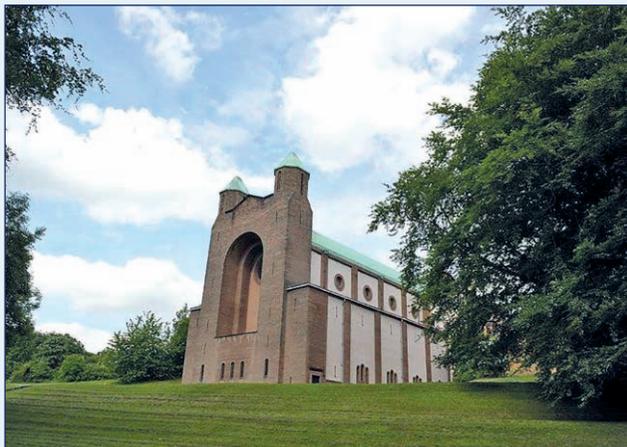
10am– 3.30pm

£20 *inc lunch & refreshments*

Writing for Wellbeing

Through a series of simple, guided creative writing activities you will explore the world around you, as well as your inner world. Discover how sharing your stories can help you to reflect on your life and spirituality and bring healing to mind and body.

Leaders: **Revd Anne Wood** and **Judith Boardman**



Residential Courses

Mon 21st–Wed 23rd Nov 2016

**48 hour Residential
Prices from £175**

The Bible & the Holy Land Today

Whether we like it or not, our attitudes to the Bible and the biblical text affect and are affected by current realities in the Middle East, and specifically in Israel and Palestine. It is an area where difficult questions are far more apparent than easy answers. This short course offers the opportunity to explore several interrelated biblical themes which contribute to the tensions.

Leader: **Dr Clare Amos**

Fri 20th–Sat 21st Jan 2017

**24 hour Residential
Prices from £84**

Theology Reforming Society

**Anglican Social
Theology; Past,
Present & Future**

Lectures on F.D. Maurice and Christian Socialism, Charles Gore, the Christian Social Union and Neville Figgis, William Temple and his successors and recent Anglican social theology including Rowan Williams when Archbishop of Canterbury.

Lectures by:

Revd Dr Jeremy Morris
Canon Prof Paul Avis
Canon Dr Stephen Spencer
Canon Dr Malcolm Brown

Lenten Evenings

**Tuesdays 7th, 14th, 21st and
28th March 2017**

7.30pm–9pm

£5 for one £15 for all four

More details on the website in due course.

Studying Theology for the First Time

**Are you interested in
beginning to acquire
key skills in the study of
theology?**

Would you like to read, write and think more seriously about God, faith and discipleship? This course may be for you! Held within the Wakefield School of Ministry timetable on Sundays in the spring term. Dates for the 2017 course are 8th January, 5th February, 12th March and 2nd April.

For further details contact
the School of Ministry on
01924 481916

Why not combine a Mirfield Centre event with a relaxing stay in the Retreat House of the Community of the Resurrection. Set in 19 acres of beautiful grounds, the Community's home offers a welcome break from the hustle and bustle of daily life. Guests - day or resident - are welcome to join the Community in prayer and worship. For more information or to arrange a stay, please contact **guests@mirfield.org.uk** or call the Guest Administrator on **01924 483346**.

For details of Preached and Individually Guided Retreats at the Community of the Resurrection, please see the website **www.mirfield.org.uk** or contact the Guest Brother at **guests@mirfield.org.uk**



MIRFIELD CENTRE

Annual Programme 2016/2017

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Saturday 24th September
10am–3.30pm

£20 inc lunch & refreshments

Reflective Study Day: Living & Praying the Prophetic Life: Despair and Hope

The biblical prophets spoke urgent words and lived challenging lives at times of great disaster, conflict and suffering. They also spoke of hope and promised a new future. Their words and lives give us an insight into who God is and what is on his heart. Using texts from Jeremiah, we will explore what it means to be prophetic in our world today. We will be inspired to pray from the heart and to order our lives in such a way that we witness to a compassionate God who gives hope.

Leader: Revd Henriette Howarth

Friday 30th September
10.30–12.00pm

FREE booking essential

The Fifth Walter Tapper Lecture

This year's lecture is entitled 'The Tent of Meeting: ecclesiological art and the imagination.'

Speaker: Mark Cazalet,
contemporary British artist

Saturday 15th October
10am–3.30pm

£20 inc lunch & refreshments

Doors of Perception The Spiritual & Theological Significance of Icons

An introduction to the theology and spirituality of iconography. The day will look at the process and spirituality of iconography; the history, theology and symbolism of icons, and their use in worship and personal prayer.

**Leaders: Dr Kathryn Naylor and
Revd Andrew De Smet**

Saturday 29th October
10am–3.30pm

£20 inc lunch & refreshments

Love for the Future Spiritual Resources for Environmental Justice

 in partnership with
Christians Aware

To meet the challenges of the current ecological crisis we need not only technological solutions but also strength within ourselves. During this day we will explore ways we can develop our spiritual lives in order to grow in wonder, compassion, hope and wisdom; tapping into the energy of the Creator to work for the healing of creation.

Leader: Revd David Osborne
writer and member of the Iona
Community

Wednesday 2nd November
9.30am–4pm

£25 inc lunch & refreshments

Theological Reading Day Subversive Peacemaking: Conscience & Remembrance

Based on his book 'Subversive Peacemakers: War Resistance 1914–1918' (Lutterworth 2014), Clive Barrett will lead us in a day thinking about the importance of shaping an informed conscience, standing for what one believes in and reclaiming narratives in ways that promote peace and understanding. Responses will be offered by Jim Coleman (former chaplain to both RAF and army). Both speakers will aim to give some resources and food for thought as we approach Remembrance Sunday, especially poignant during 2016 which marks the centenary of the introduction of conscription. It will be helpful if participants read the book beforehand.

**Leaders: Revd Dr Clive Barrett
and Revd Dr James Coleman**

Wednesday 9th November
2pm–4.30pm

£8 inc refreshments

When I Pray What Does God Do? Scientific & Biblical Reflections for Discipleship and Ministry

Two afternoon sessions; firstly looking at the Problems of a laser beam God: Old challenges in thinking about how God answers prayer, then a session entitled From a clockwork universe to the uncertainty of quantum theory: New opportunities in thinking about how God answers prayer.

Leader: Revd Prof David Wilkinson
author of 'When I Pray What does
God Do?' Lion Hudson 2015

Saturday 26th November
10am–3.30pm

£20 inc lunch & refreshments

Making Sense of Matthew

Matthew's gospel, with its focus on Jesus' origins, the Jewish character of Jesus' mission, and extended reflection on eschatology, offers both rich resources and specific challenges for our reading and preaching. How do we make sense of his use of the Old Testament? What are we to do with his organisation of Jesus' teaching material? Was it originally only written for a Jewish audience? And can we appropriate the extensive material on eschatology? We will explore these questions, and more, as we grapple in depth with this popular gospel.

Leader: Revd Dr Ian Paul

Friday 2nd December
10am–3.30pm

£20 inc lunch & refreshments

Reflective Advent Study Day on St Nicholas

Boy to Bishop, Saint to Santa Claus, the legends of St Nicholas are numerous and often fanciful. He is Patron of more groups than any other saint, and many churches are dedicated in his honour. But what is the truth behind the tales, the life behind the legend? Who was this 4th Century Bishop who became one of our most popular saints? During the day there will be room for quiet reflection.

Leader: Revd Bruce Carlin

Saturday 10th December
10am–3.30pm

£20 inc lunch & refreshments

Advent Quiet Day

In all the Christmas rush we can surely take a day out to think, to pray and to prepare for the coming of Jesus. Set aside the noise and confusion of Christmas for a few hours and come and enjoy the silence while you consider what it's really about.

Leader: Fr Nicolas CR



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Saturday 28th January
10am–3.30pm

£20 inc lunch & refreshments

Good Disagreement? Unity and Disagreement in the Book of Acts

What happens when Christians disagree? Is it just a little local difficulty — or a fundamental betrayal of the unity of the Body of Christ? In this biblical workshop using the theologically-charged narratives of the Book of Acts to explore the theme of 'good disagreement' and to consider its implications for the Church today.

**Leader: Canon Prof Loveday
Alexander**

*Emeritus Professor of Biblical
Studies, University of Sheffield*

Saturday 4th February
10am–3.30pm

£20 inc lunch & refreshments

Using Art in Preaching

We will be using David Day's 5 approaches to using art in sermons: Attending, Articulating, Accompanying, Engaging and Involving. There will be an opportunity to explore each of these approaches using art which relates to lectionary readings.

Leader: Revd Dr Tiffany Conlin

Saturday 25th February
10.30am–3.30pm

£20 inc lunch & refreshments

The Psychology Behind Dealing with Conflict

An inherent part of our existence, conflict is present in all human interactions. We cannot eliminate it, but we can learn to work with it; to appreciate its positive elements, and to manage it so as to render conflict productive and beneficial. This one day workshop will provide some insights into human behaviour in dispute situations, and through both a theoretical and a practical interactive approach, will furnish valuable learning in how to handle people and situations in conflict.

Leader: Paul Randolph Barrister,
Mediator, trainer and author

Saturday 25th March
9.30am–12pm

£8 including refreshments

Mary's Silent Yes

During the morning session we will look at the contemplative dimensions of solitude, silence and prayer in our positive response to God's invitation and call on our lives. There will be two sessions of input, space for silent reflection and the opportunity to end the morning by sharing in a celebration of the Eucharist with the Community of the Resurrection.

Leader: Revd Philip Munch
Warden at Emmaus House of
Prayer

Friday 7th April
10am–3.30pm

£20 inc lunch & refreshments

Quiet Day for Passiontide The Lamb upon the Throne

Approaching the Cross from the perspective of themes from the book of Revelation.

**Leader: Canon Dr Christina
Baxter CBE**

Saturday 29th April
10am–3.30pm

£20 inc lunch & refreshments

Christians Living Amongst Muslims

 in partnership with
Christians Aware

Ven Bill Schwartz is the Archdeacon in the Gulf and has worked in the region for more than 30 years. Bill will present four aspects: An Introduction to the Gulf Region; Islam: A Religion, A Culture, A Society; Nationality Neutral Christianity; and Witness Amongst Muslims.

**Leader: Archdeacon Bill Schwartz
OBE, author of 'Islam: A Religion,
A Culture, A Society', 2nd edn.
2015, Christians Aware**