

SPECIAL SHORT COURSES

Studying Theology...for the first time

Would you like to read, write and think more seriously about God, Faith and Discipleship? Are you interested in beginning to acquire key skills in the study of Theology?

If so, the Studying Theology course may be for you. It will be held during the Spring 2012 term of Wakefield School of Ministry.

Other modules

From time to time there may be other stand-alone models of interest. More details can be made available.

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 Monastic guest rooms and en suite rooms are available for those wishing to stay.

RESIDENTIAL SHORT COURSES

Mon 7 – Fri 11 November 2011

Christian Art: the development of the figure of Christ

Learn why Christians turned to painting the figure of Christ and how this tradition developed in the West up to the early Italian Renaissance painters. Includes reflection on the biblical themes and spiritual impact of the art.

Cost: £250

Mon 23 – Fri 27 January 2012

'A Moving Experience'

Finishing curacy and going to a new post? Prepare by coming on retreat. Reflect, discuss together and pray about the calling of a parish priest. Open to anyone in ministry from any Christian denomination.

Cost: £250

Mon 16 – Fri 20 April 2012

Singing the Word

Explore the riches of Christian chant and discover how singing teaches us the faith and lots about ourselves...

Cost: £250

Mon 11 – Fri 15 June 2012

Painting and Prayer

Includes painting tutorials based on the needs and aspirations of the participants; also talks and discussions on spirituality and painting. Open to beginners or experienced painters.

Cost: £250

Sun 17 June – Sun 1 July 2012

Monastic Living for Everyday Life

Monastic life draws on history, music, spirituality and culture yet speaks to a modern age. Engage in this way of life, learn plainchant and how it unlocks scripture, refresh faith and visit great monastic houses.

Cost: £500

Mon 6 – Fri 10 Aug 2012

Walking, Gardening, Praying and Painting

A week to slow down and gain rhythm. Includes opportunities for: walks in glorious countryside; tending to the plants; prayers with the Community and discussion on prayer; painting, beginner or expert.

Cost: £250

PREACHED RETREATS

For Everyone – Friday to Monday

Various dates throughout 2012

The cost is £150 per person and includes all accommodation and meals. The August Bank Holiday retreat, finishing on Tuesday, costs £200.

For Clergy – Monday to Friday

14 – 18 November 2011 and 13 – 17 February 2012

The cost is £200 per person and includes all accommodation and meals.

INDIVIDUALLY GUIDED RETREATS

A week in silent meditation on scripture, seeking to discern God's touch on your life and put head and heart together. A guide accompanies, listening to you daily and suggesting directions for prayer.

2 – 8 October 2011

3 – 9 June 2012

29 July – 4 August 2012

Cost £300 per person, including all accommodation and meals.

For information on all retreats and residential short courses, contact **01924 438348**

DAY OF THANKSGIVING

Saturday 7 July 2012 11:00 – 17:00

The renewed Church of the Resurrection opens its doors to parish groups and all comers to celebrate God's faithfulness and that of the many people by whose vision and generosity the work achieved so far has been accomplished. **Concludes with Evensong.**

For more information contact:

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The Mirfield Centre



2011-12

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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TUE 27 SEP 2011
19:30 - 21:00

A History of War – in a ‘Dozen’ Objects

In October a charity auction will be held to raise funds for the restoration of the Community of the Resurrection’s historic church. During this event a few weeks before, some of these items will be used to draw out stories from war and its affect on people’s lives.

Leader: Fr John Gribben, CR
Fee: £5.00 (includes wine and canapés)

SAT 26 NOV 2011
10:00 - 15:30

Entertaining Angels

This day explores the enduring fascination of angels in the visual arts. It considers the biblical sources, and examines certain scenes involving angelic appearances. Why are the angels there and what is their function? To what extent has the artist extended or developed their meaning?

Leader: Viola Jones
Fee: £16.50 (includes lunch and refreshments)

SAT 25 FEB 2012
10:00 - 15:30

Four Quartets

TS Eliot was drawn to the mysticism described by early Christians, emphasising purifying the emotions, as a way of achieving ‘purity of heart’. We will explore Eliot’s attempt to understand this by listening to and discussing his reading of the ‘Four Quartets’.

Leader: Kim Nataraja
Fee: £16.50 (includes lunch and refreshments)

THU 29 SEP 2011
19:30 - 21:00

Let My People Go!

An open evening when we consider the Old Testament story of the Exodus and ask the question, did it happen and does it really matter?

Leader: Dom Henry Wansbrough, OSB
Fee: FREE (booking essential – please contact the Mirfield Centre to reserve a place)

SAT 10 DEC 2011
10:00 - 15:30

Quiet Day for Advent

An opportunity to spend a day in quiet reflection pondering the themes of the season.

Leader: Fr Simon Holden CR
Fee: £16.50 (includes lunch and refreshments)

THU 15 MAR 2012
14:00 - 17:00

Seeing and Believing?

Religious Art and Religious Experience

We shall be exploring the relationship between religious art and religious experience, beliefs and practices, mainly within the Western Christian tradition, yesterday and today. The emphasis will be primarily upon the visual arts.

Leader: Graham Howes Emeritus Fellow, Trinity Hall, Cambridge; Trustee, The Art & Christianity Enquiry
Fee: £7.50 (includes refreshments)

SAT 1 OCT 2011
10:00 - 15:30

Never too Young to Grieve

The day will be interactive using instances of child grief ranging from a few weeks old to teenage experiences of loss, illustrating the positive or negative responses by parents, schools, peers or families which help or hinder a child’s grief.

Leader: Revd Brian Cranwell, author of *Where’s My Mum Now?*
Fee: £16.50 (includes lunch and refreshments)

SAT 21 JAN 2012
10:00 - 15:30

Living Well

Alan Hargrave draws upon ‘rules of life’ from Benedict to Iona. Through absorbing stories, honest and funny accounts of his own struggles, he aims to help us find our own ‘rule of life’ that will not only sustain us, but allow the light that may have gone out of our eyes to shine once more.

Leader: Revd Alan Hargrave, Canon Missioner of Ely Cathedral, author of *Living Well*
Fee: £16.50 (includes lunch and refreshments)

SAT 31 MAR 2012
10:00 - 15:30

The Gospel of Judas

Was Judas Iscariot a scapegoat who was misunderstood, or who misunderstood what Jesus was really about? Join us as we seek to unravel the tantalising theological mystery of the Gospel of Judas and of the discovery of the manuscript itself.

Leader: Revd Dr Kenneth Carveley
Fee: £16.50 (includes lunch and refreshments)

TUE 11 OCT 2011
11:30 - 16:00

Living History

A ‘Building on History’ event for church leaders, ordinands and those involved in training and development in the North of England.

Leaders: Professor John Wolffe, Professor Arthur Burns, Archdeacon William Jacob
Fee: £15.00 (includes lunch and refreshments)

SAT 4 FEB 2012
10:00 - 15:30

Myers Briggs and Stress

This workshop (for those who have already completed a basic Myers Briggs workshop and know their four letter type profile) will explore what stress is and how we can best manage it. We will discover what it means to be ‘in the grip’ and we will look at ways of managing stress positively.

Leader: Revd Pat Holmes
Fee: £16.50 (includes lunch and refreshments)

SAT 28 APR 2012
10:00 - 15:30

Mozart: God is Ever Before My Eyes

(in a letter to his father 1777)

An opportunity to explore the spiritual dimension of Mozart through his music and writings. (This day will include some singing!)

Leaders: Revd Canon Wendy Wilby, Canon Precentor, Bristol Cathedral
Professor Phil Wilby, composer, Musical Director, St Mary’s Church, Thornbury
Fee: £16.50 (includes lunch and refreshments)

NOVEMBER 2011
10:00 - 12:00*

Monastic Living in Everyday Life

This course will look at how traditional monastic disciplines (prayer, silence, study, work), can be used by ordinary people, actively engaged in negotiating the demands of modern life. The focus text is *Living the Hours* by A. Grimley & J. Wooding.

Tuesdays: 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 November
Leader: Fr Dennis Berk, CR
Fee: £20 (includes refreshments)

**followed by Midday Office and Holy Communion*

WED 8 FEB 2012
19:30 - 21:00

Faith Under Fire:

What the Middle East Conflict Has Taught Me About God

Andrew White has a ministry of reconciliation and conflict mediation in the Middle East. Surprisingly he has said ‘Despite our suffering, we are not miserable, but joyful!’. An evening of insight into the work of someone who has followed God’s call unremittingly.

Leader: Canon Andrew White, author of *The Vicar of Baghdad* and *Faith Under Fire*
Fee: FREE (booking essential – please contact the Mirfield Centre to reserve a place)

SAT 16 JUN 2012
10:00 - 15:30

Talking with Jews: Enriching our Christian Calling

A day which will explore how new perspectives on the Jewishness of Jesus and consideration of the Holocaust might inform our practices of forgiveness and prayer. The day will include opportunities for prayer and reflection in the Community Church.

Leader: Revd Dr Marcus Braybrooke
Fee: £16.50 (includes lunch and refreshments) or £10 (b.y.o lunch)

TUE 22 NOV 2011
09:45 - 16:00

BRF Day: Meekness & Majesty

This Quiet Day explores the Advent theme of preparing for the coming of Christ. How do we understand this and how can we weave it into our spiritual journey? The day includes talks, music and silent space.

Leader: Revd Michael Mitton, writer, speaker, spiritual director and trainer
Fee: £25 (includes lunch)
Booking: www.quietspaces.org.uk or 01865 319700

SAT 18 FEB 2012
10:00 - 15:30

Abelard and Heloise: A Theological Love Story

A passionate theological romance, with much heartache and many twists and turns. Come and hear the story of these star-crossed lovers which was the talk of their time and since. Join us as we explore in word, film and discussion, their trust and tragedy.

Leader: Revd Dr Kenneth Carveley
Fee: £16.50 (includes lunch and refreshments)

TUE 3 JULY 2012
10:00 - 15:30

Julian of Norwich

A prayerful day of reflection and speaker-led input. We will find out more about who Julian of Norwich was, what she did, and we will focus on the salient points of some of her many writings.

Leader: Sr Sheila Day
Fee: £16.50 (includes lunch and refreshments)