



Programme

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Events usually start at 10am with coffee from 9.30, and finish at 3/3.30pm. Day events cost £25; some events are offered on a donations basis (suggested £15-25). Tea/coffee and biscuits are provided without charge, but please bring your own lunch. Individual quiet rooms may be available for the day or can be booked at £18 per day.

10th January: Julian of Norwich Study Day

Canon Dr Emma Pennington will lead this study day looking especially at chapter 51 of St Julian's 'Revelations of Divine Love', exploring the many layers of meaning that lie within it - including in the context of church teachings on sin and blame.

26th January: Prayer Pack Training

The Rev'd Dr Susanne Carlsson will provide training on how to use the Prayer Pack, which explores twelve different ways of praying. Come and learn how to use it in your specific setting and develop skills in helping others pray, using these different ways of praying.

31st January: Astounded by Love

The Very Rev'd Dr Mark Oakley, Dean of Southwark, will lead a day on the poetry of Donne, Herbert and responses from other poets, reminding us in the words and silence of the day that poetry is the native language of faith.

12th February: Light in the Darkness Reflective Day

Retired academic Dr Susanne Sklar will explore the extraordinary vision of William Blake's classic 'Jerusalem'. She will propose Blake as a prophet of peace for the world, offering a Christian vision for times such as our own.

24th February - 24th March: Lent Spirituality Series

A new series taking place every Tuesday in Lent, looking at the major influences which have informed Christian spirituality from ancient times through to the modern day. A unique opportunity to engage with a number of the most compelling religious movements in Christian history, all of which still speak so clearly to the modern world.

24th Feb: Desert Fathers and Mothers - led by the Rev'd Dr Richard Fermer

3rd March: Franciscan Spirituality - led by Canon Gordon Oliver

10th March: Ignatian Spirituality - led by the Rev'd Dr Susanne Carlsson

17th March: Benedictine Spirituality - led by Mother Anne OSB

24th March: Celtic Spirituality - led by Dr Peter Ruxton

31st March: Holy Week Quiet Day: God's Slow Horses

Owning our weakness in a world that overlooks the weak. Reflections on the letters to the Corinthians in Holy Week: "But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong." (1 Cor.1. 27). Led by the Rt Rev'd Simon Burton-Jones, Bishop of Tonbridge.

18th April: The Sabbath - A Quiet Day

Prof Nicola Slee, theologian and author, will help us to reflect on Sabbath as a basic principle by which to live, extendable from one day in seven to longer and shorter units of time. Drawing on scripture, poetry and the work of theologians, we will be invited to enter into the spirit of Sabbath rest and to recognise how the rhythm of sabbath is built into the very creation.



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