

# EVENTS RUN BY MANY CENTRES AND ORGANISATIONS ACROSS THE UK

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## October – December 2015

### SECOND HALF OF SEPTEMBER 2015

#### Two *LivingSpirituality* events:

**19 September A day of creative exploration for yourself**, given by **Linda Pearson**, Expressive Artist, Staff Nurse and coordinator of *LivingSpirituality*'s Art & Spirituality Special Interest Group. Selby, North Yorks. Details are at [www.livingspirit.org.uk/art-event](http://www.livingspirit.org.uk/art-event). Booking essential. Phone Linda on 01757 709667 or email [Lp2work@talktalk.net](mailto:Lp2work@talktalk.net).

**27 September 1.45 – 3.45pm Wanderings in the Cosmic Garden. London W1.** **Professor Lisa Isherwood** examines the kind of theology that helps us to deal with the planetary crises affecting us all. Refreshments will be served at the end. Full details are at [www.livingspirit.org.uk/september-talk](http://www.livingspirit.org.uk/september-talk). Please email [petra.griffiths@livingspirit.org.uk](mailto:petra.griffiths@livingspirit.org.uk) to let us know you plan to come.

This is the annual joint lecture organised by LivingSpirituality in partnership with St James's Piccadilly. It will be chaired by Rev Lucy Winkett. It is part of a Pilgrimage to Paris series at St James's, raising awareness of the issues involved in the Paris Climate Change Summit in December. Lisa Isherwood is a liberation theologian who is in charge of the Institute for Theological Partnerships at the University of Winchester.  
[www.winchester.ac.uk/theologicalpartnerships](http://www.winchester.ac.uk/theologicalpartnerships)

### OCTOBER 2015

**5-8 October. Living in the Power of Now.** With David Mahon. Minsteracres, County Durham. Exploring the way of Christian Mindfulness. Heaven's above - celebrate! Relaxation, music & dance. [www.tumbletrust.org.uk](http://www.tumbletrust.org.uk)

**10 October. Belonging without Believing. Radical Christian Faith. Speakers: Brian Mountford** (Vicar, University Church, Oxford) on Christian Atheism and **Harriet Harris** (Chaplain, University of Edinburgh) on the Tears and Laughter of God. Birmingham. [www.carrslane.co.uk](http://www.carrslane.co.uk)

**13 October. Finding God in the Ordinary.** Training Day. London SE13. Exploring different ways of giving retreats. [www.sisters-of-st-andrew.com](http://www.sisters-of-st-andrew.com)

**14-16 October. Renewing the Church's Song.** With **John Bell**. Surrey. [www.stcolumbushouse.org.uk](http://www.stcolumbushouse.org.uk)

**16-18 October. Celtic Christianity with Ian Bradley.** North East Wales. Celtic Christianity fascinates those who look for a spirituality that is ecological, friendly to women and offers models of how the Church could be. Does this Celtic tradition have any basis in fact? The myth, reality and possibilities of Celtic Christianity. [www.gladstoneslibrary.org](http://www.gladstoneslibrary.org)

**16-18 October. Contemplative Wisdom** exploring the work of **Thomas Merton** and **Thich Nhat Hanh**. Bucks. Led by **Dr Anthony Purvis**. [www.thewellatwillen.org.uk](http://www.thewellatwillen.org.uk)

**17 October. A Day with St Clare of Assisi.** Southwell, Notts. With Rev **Valerie Rampton**. How can a 13<sup>th</sup> century woman who lived in total enclosure under a vow of extreme poverty speak to us today? [www.sacristaprebend.wordpress.com](http://www.sacristaprebend.wordpress.com)

**17 October. 10.30-1pm The Diamond Heart: St Teresa of Avila & Psychological Perspectives** with **Julienne McLean**, founder of The Contemplative School of the Heart. London NW1. [www.gohealth.org.uk](http://www.gohealth.org.uk)

**18 October. A Day of Blessing.** Perthshire. [www.bieldatblackruthven.org.uk](http://www.bieldatblackruthven.org.uk)

**19-23 October. Unfurling: living out from our peace—for a better world** with **Ian and Gail Adams**. Glastonbury. [www.abbeyhouse.org](http://www.abbeyhouse.org)

**23-25 October. Has Spirituality replaced Religion?** With **Professor Keith Ward**. North East Wales. [www.gladstoneslibrary.org](http://www.gladstoneslibrary.org)

**23-25 October. Praying the Psalms.** With **Patrick Woodhouse**. Near Bath, Somerset. A contemplative exploration of modern meaning in ancient texts. [www.ammerdown.org](http://www.ammerdown.org)

**24 October. Re-imagining Church: No Longer Male and Female, but One in Christ.** St Mark's Centre for Radical Christianity, Sheffield. [www.stmarkscrc.co.uk/event/re-imagining-church-no-longer-male-and-female-but-one-in-christ](http://www.stmarkscrc.co.uk/event/re-imagining-church-no-longer-male-and-female-but-one-in-christ)

Kathy Galloway, Emma Percy and Jenny Morgans invite us to engage in conversation. Together we will dream dreams and explore strategies for the radical transformation of the church.

**24 October. Quiet day for St Cedd.** Chapel of St Peter-on-the-wall. Essex. [www.bradwellchapel.org](http://www.bradwellchapel.org)

**25 October. Meeting Meister Eckhart.** Led by **Mary Haynes.** London NW6.

The method of Lectio Divina (Holy Reading) will be used - a method that encourages participants to inwardly contemplate and digest small extracts of his writings. This empowers us to connect more deeply with the Divine Wisdom and our different perspectives can then be shared with the group, if participants wish.

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**30 October Praying with the whole of our being with Jenny Williams.** London EC1. [www.spiritualitycentre.org](http://www.spiritualitycentre.org)

This is an opportunity to connect with the original words that Jesus spoke and allow the sound of them to touch us body, mind, emotion and spirit. We will learn the first few lines of the Lord's Prayer in Aramaic, and use chant and body movement. Learning in this way can be an aid to meditation, a form of healing and a deepening of praying with your body.

**30 Oct-1 Nov. Being human in the Church and the world.** With **Rev Jeremy Young.** Near Bath, Somerset. [www.ammerdown.org](http://www.ammerdown.org)

Living creatively between an obscurantist church and a secular world.

**30 Oct-1 Nov. Art retreat. Creative Journeying.** Perthshire. [www.bieldatblackruthven.org.uk](http://www.bieldatblackruthven.org.uk)

**30 Oct-1 Nov. Fierce Love. Spirituality in Action.** Greenspirit annual gathering. **Alastair McIntosh** is the main speaker. Worcestershire. [www.greenspirit.org.uk/ag2015](http://www.greenspirit.org.uk/ag2015)

**31 Oct-2 Nov. Introducing Male Journey UK.** A day/weekend offering a rich experience of male spirituality. South East Wales. [www.llansor.org](http://www.llansor.org)

Men who have experienced the *Men's Rites of Passage* invite all men to this introductory day/weekend, which will give you a taste of the Rites. This work is influenced Richard Rohr's work with men.

**31 October. A life transformed: Etty Hillesum.** Presented by **Patrick Woodhouse.**

Milltown Park, Dublin. [www.newmonasticismsireland.com](http://www.newmonasticismsireland.com)

Etty Hillesum was a vibrant young Jewish woman who lived in Nazi occupied Amsterdam in the early 1940s and died at Auschwitz in 1943. In the months before she was arrested she underwent a profound transformation which shaped the profound presence and awareness she brought to Auschwitz.

"Sometimes the most important thing in a whole day is the rest we take between two deep breaths. I do believe it is possible to create, even without ever writing a word or painting a picture, by simply molding one's inner life. And that too is a deed."

## NOVEMBER 2015

**2-5 November. Films of Faith and Doubt.** North East Wales. [www.gladstoneslibrary.org](http://www.gladstoneslibrary.org)

**6-8 November. God's delight in diversity.** With **John Bell.** County Durham. How God has taken pleasure in creating difference and in calling people to serve God in different ways. [www.minsteracres.org](http://www.minsteracres.org)

**6-9 November. Letting go with grace.** Northumberland. A courage circle in conjunction with the Iona Community. [www.shepherdsdene.co.uk](http://www.shepherdsdene.co.uk)

**7 November. The Economics of Hope. Green Christian's 2015 Conference.** Bristol.

[www.greenchristian.org.uk/archives/8542](http://www.greenchristian.org.uk/archives/8542)

An invitation to all people to join in building a just economy within the ecological limits of the Earth. Initiated by Green Christian (formerly Christian Ecology Link) two years ago and already backed by a host of other faith and environmental organisations from A Rocha to Speak – this year's 'Joy in Enough' 2015 conference is entitled *The Economics of Hope*.

**9-13 November. Strengthening leaders. Food for your inner life.** With **Ray Simpson.** Holy Island, Northumberland. [www.aidanandhilda.org](http://www.aidanandhilda.org)

**10-17 November** and **21-28 November** (separate weeks). **Reflection for Action.** Iona Community, Scotland. A time to pause and reflect before we step out on the next part of life's journey. [www.iona.org.uk](http://www.iona.org.uk)

**16-19 November. Sexuality and spirituality.** Salisbury, Wilts. How the Christian tradition has engaged with this topic and how that impacts on contemporary debates. [www.sarum.ac.uk](http://www.sarum.ac.uk)

**16-20 November. Retiring Well.** With Rev **Peter Neilson** and **Dorothy Neilson.** Holy Island, Northumberland. [www.aidanandhilda.org](http://www.aidanandhilda.org)  
Biblical, practical and fun reflections on an important art.

**20-22 November. The rebirthing of God.** With **Philip Newell.** Dorset. Christianity's struggle for new beginnings. Priority booking for under 40's. [www.othona-bb.org.uk](http://www.othona-bb.org.uk)

**20-22 November. Everyday Mysticism** with **Harvey Gillman.** Oxon. [www.charneymanor.com](http://www.charneymanor.com)

**21 Nov 10.30-1. In Soul Pursuit: Christianity, Psychoanalysis and Soul-Making.** With **Peter Tyler,** Professor of Pastoral Theology and Spirituality at St Mary's University, Twickenham. London NW1. [www.gohealth.org.uk](http://www.gohealth.org.uk)

A number of psychologists have recently become interested in the nature of the soul. The day explores the relationship of the soul and psychology looking at it through different perspectives: from early Christian perspectives, the perspective of Freud and Jung and possible ways forward of developing a viable 'soul-language' for clinical and spiritual work.

**23 November.** Start of **Exploring Christian Spirituality** course. 19 Monday afternoons. Led by Antonia Lynn and John-Francis Friendship. London EC1. [www.spiritualitycentre.org](http://www.spiritualitycentre.org)

Open to people of all traditions, those of other faith groups, and any who are interested in exploring the theme of Christian Spirituality. This Course is intended to be experiential rather than academic – to complement personal journeys in spiritual development.

**27-29 November. Learning to nourish our souls.** Led by **David Mahon**. Freshfields, Merseyside. Embracing the grace of our female mystics. Relaxation: body, mind and soul. [www.tumbletrust.org.uk](http://www.tumbletrust.org.uk)

**27-29 November. Advent Retreat** with **Helen Warwick**. Thirsk, N. Yorks. [www.holyroodhouse.org.uk](http://www.holyroodhouse.org.uk)

**27-29 November. Advent Retreat.** North West Wales. [www.noddfa.org.uk](http://www.noddfa.org.uk)

**28 Nov-1 Dec Introduction to the Enneagram** with Gordon Melvin. South East Wales. [www.llansor.org](http://www.llansor.org)

The Enneagram is an ancient source of spiritual discernment about 'what makes people tick'. Having some grasp of what it offers will enable you to form a truer perspective on other people's gifts and inadequacies—let alone your own.

**30 Nov – 3 Dec. Advent retreat** with **Alison Christian**. Leicestershire. [www.laundeabbey.org.uk](http://www.laundeabbey.org.uk)

## **December 2015**

**11-13 December. Still before Christmas.** With **Susan Sayers**. Leicestershire. [www.laundeabbey.org.uk](http://www.laundeabbey.org.uk)

**18-20 December. Be the Change:** a pre-Christmas retreat with Clodhna Mulhern. Birmingham. [www.woodbrooke.org.uk](http://www.woodbrooke.org.uk)

We gather to explore a different way of being in this world. How are we as Quakers called to create a life sustaining world? What is our role in the great healing the world yearns for? What is ours to do? Together we embark on a purposeful spiritual inquiry through video clips inputs, story, lively conversation, reflection, journaling, movement and stillness.

**18-22 December. Preparing for Christmas** retreat in North Wales. [www.beunos.com](http://www.beunos.com)

**22-29 December. Join us for a House Party celebrating the birth of Christ.** Iona Community. Scotland. [www.iona.org.uk](http://www.iona.org.uk)

**22-27 December. Ammerdown's Christmas houseparty.** Near Bath, Somerset. [www.ammerdown.org](http://www.ammerdown.org)

**23-27 December. Christmas houseparty** Thirsk, North Yorks. [www.holyroodhouse.org.uk](http://www.holyroodhouse.org.uk)

**23-27 December. Christmas in community.** The Othona Community, Dorset.  
[www.othona-bb.org.uk](http://www.othona-bb.org.uk)

**23-27 December. Traditional Christmas House Party.** The Abbey House, Glastonbury.  
[www.abbeyhouse.org](http://www.abbeyhouse.org)

**30 Dec-3 Jan. New Year House Party.** Thirsk, North Yorks. [www.holyroodhouse.org.uk](http://www.holyroodhouse.org.uk)

**30 Dec-2 January. Stories and Why We Tell Them** with Joy Croft and Nigel Peckett.  
Birmingham. [www.woodbrooke.org.uk](http://www.woodbrooke.org.uk)

Reflection and relaxation over the New Year for adults who want to explore the world of stories and storytelling. There'll be practice in telling stories and time to explore why myths and folktales have power for us all through our lives. No previous experience is necessary just an adventurous spirit. The course is open to all adults who love stories, hearing them and sharing them. One evening, we'll tell tales and listen to them around the fireside.