

Standing Alongside

£21 inc lunch

A reflective day particularly suitable for those involved in pastoral care, whether that be in parish ministry, in the workplace, in the community, or at home. There will be time and space to pray and discern what God might be saying to us as individuals about our own care for others.

Venue: The Mirfield Centre, Stocks Bank Road, Mirfield, WF14 0BW
Date: Saturday 9th September 2017 - 10.00am - 3.00pm
Leader: Christine Dodd
Details: Beth Harper, bharper@mirfield.org.uk – 01924 481920

Sacred in the City

£25 inc lunch

Where is God in our homes, our workplace, at the market, on the move, and in our many gathering places? A chance to uncover the sacred where, perhaps, you least expect to find it.

Venue: The Briery Retreat Centre, 38 Victoria Avenue, Ilkley, LS29 9BW
Date: Tuesday 12th September 2017
Leader: Margaret Silf
Details: The Retreat Secretary, briery@btconnect.com or 01943 607287 www.briery.org.uk

'Everyone is Called'

£10 inc lunch

What should I do with my life? How can I help others to discern what God wants them to do? Is there a Christian understanding of work and rest that will help me? A day for anyone with an interest in 'vocation' from any angle, including those exploring their calling and those guiding them. **(some bursaries may be possible)**

Venue: The Mirfield Centre, Stocks Bank Road, Mirfield, WF14 0BW
Date: Saturday 23rd September 2017 - 10.00am - 3.30pm
Leader: Revd Derek Walmsley
Details: Beth Harper, bharper@mirfield.org.uk – 01924 481920

Mindfulness in the Christian Tradition

£25 inc lunch

An invitation to engage with Mindfulness Practices and explore the convergence of Mindfulness with Christian meditation. An opportunity to pause, be still and deepen awareness.

Venue: The Briery Retreat Centre, 38 Victoria Avenue, Ilkley, LS29 9BW
Date: Wednesday 4th October 2017
Leader: Angela Rogerson
Details: The Retreat Secretary, briery@btconnect.com or 01943 607287 www.briery.org.uk

Being, Belonging, Becoming:

£21 inc lunch

an exploration of our identity as Christian disciples

Using insights from contemporary literature as well as her own personal story, (growing up in Iran during the Islamic revolution of the late 1970s), Guli will explore how it is possible to find rootedness and a sense of belonging as Christian disciples in a world that is often indifferent if not entirely hostile.

Venue: The Mirfield Centre, Stocks Bank Road, Mirfield, WF14 0BW
Date: Saturday 7th October 2017 - 10.00am - 3.30pm
Leader: Revd Canon Dr Guli Francis-Dehqani
Details: Beth Harper, bharper@mirfield.org.uk – 01924 481920

'The Monastic Tradition and the Contemporary Church' **FREE**

Book Launch of: 'Oneness- The dynamics of monasticism'

(edited by Stephen Platten and published 2017 SCM Press)

"Oneness" considers the role small-group monastic life plays within the life of the contemporary church. Using a focus on the life, practice and history of the Shepherds Law community as a starting point, the book broadens the discussion to consider how such communities negotiate the boundary between the solitary life and life within their community. **BOOKING ESSENTIAL**

Venue: The Mirfield Centre, Stocks Bank Road, Mirfield, WF14 0BW
Date: Wednesday 11th October 2017 - 4.00pm - 6.00pm
Leader: Fr George Guiver CR and Rt Revd Dr Stephen Platten
Details: Beth Harper, bharper@mirfield.org.uk – 01924 481920

The Sixth Annual Walter Tapper Lecture

FREE

Church Furnishings: Do we need them?

'Discovering quality and meaning in sacred places and how we are affected by furnishings' **BOOKING ESSENTIAL**

Venue: The Mirfield Centre, Stocks Bank Road, Mirfield, WF14 0BW
Date: Tuesday 17th October 2017 - 7.30pm
Leader: Jane Kennedy
Details: Beth Harper, bharper@mirfield.org.uk – 01924 481920

Welcome Change!

£25 inc lunch

The Lord may be doing a new thing but most people don't like change. If you know that change is needed but is likely to meet with resistance, this is an opportunity to consider some simple principles that you can apply to your situation. This day will particularly benefit anyone who is thinking about how to implement change, both welcome and really rather unwelcome.

Venue: Wydale Hall, Wydale, Scarborough YO13 9DG
Date: Tuesday 24th October 2017 - 9.45am - 4.30pm
Leader: Bernadette Burbridge
Details: More details at www.wydale.org

Quiet Day- 'The Tent of Meeting'

£21 inc lunch

'Moses used to take the tent and pitch it outside the camp some distance away. He called it the 'The Tent of Meeting'. Anyone who sought God would go to the tent...' (Exodus 33:7-10)

In our ordinary lives we can have extraordinary encounters with and glimpses of the Holy One - through other people, nature, scripture, prayer, through sorrow and joy.

Venue: The Mirfield Centre, Stocks Bank Road, Mirfield, WF14 0BW
Date: Saturday 28th October 2017 - 10.00am - 3.30pm
Leader: Maggie Jackson
Details: Beth Harper, bharper@mirfield.org.uk – 01924 481920

I trust in Him?

£10 inc lunch

Reflective day for Lay Pastoral Ministers

A day of reflection for authorised Lay Pastoral Ministers in the Wakefield and Huddersfield Episcopal Areas.

Venue: The Mirfield Centre, Stocks Bank Road, Mirfield, WF14 0BW

Date: Friday 3rd November 2017 - 10.00am - 3.30pm

Leader: Canon Dr John Lawson

Details: Beth Harper, bharper@mirfield.org.uk – 01924 481920

Sacred Circle Dancing Weekend

£140 fully inclusive

A weekend of sacred circle dancing at the Briery.

Venue: The Briery Retreat Centre, 38 Victoria Avenue, Ilkley, LS29 9BW

Date: 3rd - 5th November 2017

Leader: Sr Breda Ahearn, C.P.

Details: The Retreat Secretary, briery@btconnect.com or 01943 607287 www.briery.org.uk

Poetry Salon

£8.50 including light refreshments

Our poet in residence Maggie Jackson will host a Poetry 'Salon' - with a panel of poets from different faith traditions discussing spiritual poems and sharing some of their own work.

Venue: The Mirfield Centre, Stocks Bank Road, Mirfield, WF14 0BW

Date: Thursday 16th November 2017 - 2.00pm - 4.30pm

Leader: Maggie Jackson *Spiritual Director, Retreat Guide and Poet*

Details: Beth Harper, bharper@mirfield.org.uk – 01924 481920

Living with a Life-Changing Loss

£150 fully inclusive

through Bereavement

Grief following bereavement can feel overwhelming. Appropriately taking place in the month of Remembrance, the aim of this retreat is to better equip ourselves to deal with life-changing loss.

Venue: The Briery Retreat Centre, 38 Victoria Avenue, Ilkley, LS29 9BW

Date: 17th - 19th November 2017

Leader: Abi May

Details: The Retreat Secretary, briery@btconnect.com or 01943 607287 www.briery.org.uk

A Fresh Look at Healing Ministry

£15 inc lunch

Opportunity to explore good ideas and practice for those who wish to develop or review their healing ministry or start something from scratch. How do we pray for God's healing? How do we embed healing as a central part of the Church's ministry?

Venue: The Diocese of York Diocesan Office, Amy Johnson Way, York YO30 4XT

Date: Tuesday 21st November 2017 - 10.00am – 3.00pm

Leader: Revds. Andrew DeSmet, Fran Wakefield, Elaine Bielby and Lynn Grove

Details: training@yorkdiocese.org or 01904 699504.

The Book of Revelation- then and now

£21 inc lunch

After 2,000 years, the Book of Revelation continues to both attract and repel. Where should we start in trying to make sense of its bizarre imagery? How do we go about relating it to life in the 21st

century? And how can we tell the difference between sensible interpretation and misleading speculation?

Venue: The Mirfield Centre, Stocks Bank Road, Mirfield, WF14 0BW
Date: Saturday 25th November 2017 - 10.00am - 3.30pm
Leader: Revd Dr Ian Paul – *Theologian, Author and Speaker*
Details: Beth Harper, bharper@mirfield.org.uk – 01924 481920

Getting Started With Prayer Spaces in Schools **FREE**

Children and young people are innately curious about life. Prayer Spaces in Schools enable children and young people, of all faiths and none, to explore life questions, spirituality and faith in a safe, creative and interactive way. If you would like to know how to get started with prayer spaces in your local schools, and you're keen to meet with others who are running prayer spaces around the region, then come and join with us.

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

Venue: Holy Trinity, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough TS3 6LB
Date: Thursday 30th November 2017 - 7.30pm – 9.00pm
Leader: Holy Trinity, North Ormesby
Details: training@yorkdiocese.org or 01904 699504

Advent Retreat **£140 fully inclusive**

This Advent we invite you to explore the biblical story of the dwelling place of God. This will lead you to contemplate and encounter Jesus the 'Word of God' who 'became flesh and took up residence among us.' This is for anybody who has a desire to know more about Jesus, and why He came into the world.

Venue: Wydale Hall, Wydale, Scarborough YO13 9DG
Date: Tuesday 5th December 12noon – after breakfast Thursday 7th December 2017
Leaders: Rev Adam Reed, Vicar of Saltburn & New Marske (Diocese of York) and Rev David Chadwick, Vicar of Ryhope (Durham Diocese).
Details: More details at www.wydale.org

Advent Mystery in Painting and Poetry **£280 fully inclusive**

A themed Advent retreat in preparation for Christmas offering scripture, paintings, music and poetry. This is not a directed retreat but there will be some optional opportunities to speak with one of the retreat guides. Opportunities to come for the whole or part of this retreat.

Venue: The Briery Retreat Centre, 38 Victoria Avenue, Ilkley, LS29 9BW
Date: 6th - 10th December 2017
Leader: Fr Tom McGuinness, S.J. & Sr Magdalen Lawler, S.N.D.
Details: The Retreat Secretary, briery@btconnect.com or 01943 607287 www.briery.org.uk

The God Who Comes **£21 inc lunch**

Quiet Day for Advent using Carvings & Music

Venue: The Mirfield Centre, Stocks Bank Road, Mirfield, WF14 0BW
Date: Saturday 16th December 2017 - 10.00am - 3.30pm
Leader: Canon Christopher Lewis - *Retreat Leader*
Details: Beth Harper, bharper@mirfield.org.uk – 01924 481920

'...the Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; £21 inc lunch blessed be the name of the Lord...'

A study day on the OT book of Job

We all know the story of Job – or do we? The premise of the story is a wrestling match between God and Satan over Job. Although this book is some 2,500 years old many of the questions it raises about the suffering of those seemingly good are still asked by people today. So, what is the answer? Will we find the answers in Job?

Venue: The Mirfield Centre, Stocks Bank Road, Mirfield, WF14 0BW
Date: Saturday 27th January 2018 10.00am - 3.30pm
Leader: Revd Bruce Carlin - *Retreat and Study Day Leader*
Details: Beth Harper, bharper@mirfield.org.uk – 01924 481920

YORK SCHOOL OF MINISTRY COURSES

There are several York School of Ministry (YSOM) courses due to begin in September. Find out more at the YSOM website – www.ysom.org.uk

Courses available from September include:

- * Introduction to the Old Testament – a 12 week course Suitable for those wishing to develop their biblical literacy.
- * Exploring your Call
- * Certificate or Diploma or Graduate Diploma in Theology, Mission and Ministry - 6 or 12 modules. These modules form part of the formation programme for licensed lay ministers and those wishing to study for interest; running alongside this is the Exploring your Call, discernment programme, which comprises 3 or 6 certificate level modules

For full details of the Diocese of York events please go to:

www.dioceseofyork.org.uk/news-events/events/

For full details of Mirfield events please go to:

www.mirfieldcentre.org.uk

For full details of Briery events please go to:

www.briery.org.uk

For full details of Holy Rood House events please go to:

www.holyroodhouse.org.uk

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www.claycourses.org.uk

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