

SACRISTA PREBEND

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**A House in Southwell
for retreats and conferences**

**Programme of
Quiet Days and
Workshops
2012**

10.00 am - 4.00 pm
unless otherwise indicated

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events please telephone:**

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**Thursday
23 February**

'The Sea as a Metaphor for Life'

Valerie Rampton

We often use expressions such as 'Being all at sea', 'Between Scylla and Charybdis', 'Shelter in a storm', 'Becalmed', 'Tossed on the waves', 'A safe harbour'. Many hymns use sea metaphors, 'Jesus, Lover of my soul', 'O the deep, deep love of Jesus', 'Will your anchor hold in the storm of life?' On this day we will use the Bible, Hymns, and other sources, to explore the sea as a metaphor for life and living out our faith.

The Revd Canon Valerie Rampton served for 22 years in parish ministry in the Southwell Diocese before retiring 200 yards over the border into Lincolnshire in 2002. Valerie's life experience as a wife, mother, grandmother and priest, has been incredibly enriching, and her previous career as a geographer means that she finds immense spiritual inspiration in landscapes, countryside, the sea, and the changing seasons.

**Tuesday
6 March**

**'Finding God in the workplace -
towards a spirituality for working life'**

Stephen Holdaway

Work is not just an important part of people's lives but also a major influencer of society and its values. Most people spend most of their time working: it determines where they live, the network of friendships they have, the opportunity to use gifts and skills and contributes to the well-being of community.

We shall explore over the day the spirituality of work; the compromises of authority and function and how a robust spirituality might be built in and around work.

The Revd Canon Stephen Holdaway has recently retired as Team Rector of Louth in Lincolnshire. The Team Parish has developed a strong strategy of community involvement. Prior to Louth, Stephen was an Industrial Missioner in Worcestershire and Lincoln. A significant part of his ministry has been engaged with the world of work and the economic infrastructure that determines our society. He is married with 3 adult children and now lives in Horncastle.

**Tuesday
16 October**

'Exploring Celtic Christianity'

Marilyn Maclocklin

It has been said that trying to piece together the story of Celtic Christianity is almost as frustrating as trying to unravel a Celtic knot as legends abound of the Saints who spread the Gospel in what we know as the 'Dark Ages'. During this Quiet Day Marilyn hopes to show that it wasn't all 'dark' at the time, and not all the Celts were heathens! The light of the Gospel was shining out from places such as Whithorn, Iona and Lindisfarne, from across Wales and Cornwall, and of course Ireland. Hopefully we will find something in the wisdom of this ancient way which will lead us to find new ways to enrich our own journeys of faith.

Marilyn Maclocklin was a leader on the 'Exploring Your Ministry' course which pre-dated the 'Bishop's Certificate' course run by the diocese. She has also been involved with Southwell Cursillo. Marilyn was licensed as a Reader to the Clifton Team Ministry in 2003-2010 where she had a varied ministry. She was highly involved in funeral ministry and pastoral care as well as regularly leading services, preaching and leading house groups. Marilyn now worships and preaches at St Luke's, Gamston

**Saturday
17 November**

**'JOHN DONNE: A Man of Parts -
A Man of Contradictions'**

John Moses

John Donne was a man of parts - a poet, a propagandist, a preacher; but he was also a man of contradictions - a restless, passionate, worldly, self-seeking man who became in due course one of the great preachers of the English Church, and who in his later poetry and in his sermons spoke of the priority of God, of love, of death, of judgement, and of Christian hope.

It is perhaps the contradictions that are so compelling. He holds up a mirror so that we might see ourselves; and he comes down to us as one of the church's many exponents of the paradox of grace.

Dr John Moses, who is a retired priest living in Southwell, will lead this Quiet Day, which will follow a traditional pattern with three addresses and ample scope for silent reflection. His book on John Donne - *One Equall Light* - was published by Canterbury Press in 2003.

ALL QUIET DAYS

**10.00 am - 4.00 pm
UNLESS OTHERWISE
INDICATED**

***(COFFEE FROM 9.45 am)
Cost £17.50 per day***

*Tea and coffee included;
Please bring a packed lunch*

*Book using Booking Form,
which will be sent on request.*

Full payment must be enclosed with Booking Form

Saturday **10.00 am - 3.00 pm (maximum 10 people)** **Jane Wyles**
31 March **'A Poetry Workshop with a difference'**

Jane writes: 'Time to share a love of poetry; from the classics to the lesser known and our own work. If you have never written poems or think it is not for you, let me convince you otherwise. Explore your creativity through simple observation and enjoyable writing exercises - and expect a few surprises!' Bring some poems or one of your favourite things, perhaps a photograph.

Jane Wyles is Deputy Editor of C Magazine, the Diocesan publication. Jane started writing poetry when she was 10 and has published a collection of poems and photographs called 'You, Me, God & Stuff', which she sold for charity. Another anthology, 'Song of the Ladybird' will be available shortly.

Tuesday **'One Step Backward, Two Steps Forward'** **Clive Andrews**
24 April
Marcel Leaver

**A Retreat can be a significant way forward to Advancing
both our Spiritual and Secular lives.**

We shall be considering the pressures faced by many people today and the instant decisions which often seem to be demanded. Our 'Role Model' for going on Retreat is of course Jesus and so we shall be considering his life-style and his teaching to help us to live life better and in 'greater abundance'.

The Revd Clive Andrews is a retired Anglican Priest, who, prior to ordination had worked in Industry and Commerce. As a priest, Clive has served in Leicester Diocese as their Ecumenical Industrial Chaplain. For 19 years he has worked in the Southwell and Nottingham Diocese as a parish priest with the majority of that time as Priest in Charge and Rector of 5 rural parishes in the Retford Deanery. Clive also has had 20 years experience as a Sports Chaplain with a professional football club. He is now Chaplain/Warden of Sacrista Prebend Retreat House, and lives in Edwinstowe with his wife Sue.

Did you know....

... we can help you plan your own In House Parish Quiet or Away Days?

... we offer individual day retreats?

... that the Lancelot Andrewes Room is available for Group Meetings and can accommodate up to 18 delegates, with hospitality?

... Sacrista Prebend is a Member of the 'Quiet Gardens Movement'?

... that an essential part in the running of Sacrista Prebend is our team of willing volunteers? Could you help?

The house is available

- for individual people to spend days in prayer and reflection;
- for parish groups to come for days of prayer or study;
- for bed and breakfast accommodation,
- especially for pilgrims and searchers.

Summer at Sacrista August 2012

Subjects and Dates to be announced

10.00 am ~ 4.00 pm
Lunch included

**Tuesday
4 December**

**‘Journeying with the Magi:
an Advent Quiet Day’**

Graham Pigott

Advent is often associated with waiting, yet for the Magi it was a time for journeying, waiting by day and travelling by night, by faith, by a star, into an unknown land, seeking a new born king to honour and worship. This Quiet Day is an invitation to journey with them, letting their seeking illuminate our own journey deeper into the mystery of Christ, as child and king, God and man, Christ come and coming.

The Revd Canon Graham Pigott is a retired Anglican priest who served in the Diocese for many years, developing spiritual direction and the Southwell-Natal Diocesan Link while vicar of St Paul’s Wilford Hill. He now lives in Derbyshire and continues to accompany others, lead quiet days and retreats, as well as develop his interests in art and printmaking.

Contemplative Prayer

Mondays in term time 7.30 pm till just after 8.00 pm

Each gathering begins with a very short introduction leading into a **full half-hour of silence**, and closing with a brief prayer. This is open for anyone who would like to experience this reflective kind of prayer.

Further details from Susan Moses; phone 01636 814880

*Coffee will be available before and after the meeting for those who would like it.
Donations towards the cost of coffee and of Sacrista Prebend will be appreciated.*

**Thursday
17 May**

**‘a green Thought in a green shade’ ...
some reflections about nature and spirituality
in the poetry of Andrew Marvell**

Jenny Derbyshire

Andrew Marvell was born the son of a clergyman in 1621; he was brought up in Hull and studied at Trinity College, Cambridge. For many years he was a Member of Parliament. He died in 1678. Much of his delightful and profound poetry was not published until the ‘Miscellaneous Poems’ of 1681.

T.S. Eliot famously described Marvell’s Metaphysical wit as having ‘a tough reasonableness beneath the slight lyric grace’. We shall be reading together some of Marvell’s poems, including ‘On a Drop of Dew’ and ‘The Garden’. There will be time for silent prayer and meditation.

Jenny Derbyshire is a Reader at Southwell Minster. She read English at Newnham College, Cambridge, and was trained in Spiritual Direction at Worth Abbey. For many years she taught English Literature in Comprehensive Secondary Schools and Colleges of Further Education.

**Tuesday
12 June**

‘The Woman at the Well’

Marcel Leaver

Marcel writes: ‘I love the woman at the well - why? Because she keeps coming back. What is the purpose of her coming and going? Does she expect anything to happen at the well? Are her responses much the same as ours? Will we find our real name at the well?’

Sit a while at the well, as we seek to encounter our self-God relationship - and what will you take from the well?’

Marcel Leaver is Lay Reader at St Peter’s Church, Ravenshead. Marcel finds Quiet Days inspirational and healing, and feels drawn to develop this ministry by leading Quiet Days.

**Saturday
7 July**

**‘Now You See Them.....
The Disappearing Christians of the Holy Land’**

Stephen Need

This day will focus on the Christians of the Holy Land, their background, traditions and beliefs. It will address questions such as: ‘Who are the Christians in Israel and the Palestinian Territories today?’, ‘What is the history of Christianity in the Holy Land?’ and ‘What theological traditions unite and separate these Christians?’ The day will also outline the political context in which the Holy Land’s Christians now live and consider the reasons for their diminishing numbers. There will be plenty of time for discussion and reflection.

The Revd Dr Stephen W. Need was born and grew up in Nottingham and has taught Theology in several institutions in the south of England. He was recently Dean of St George’s College, Jerusalem for 6 years (2005-11) and previously Course director (1999-2001). He was ordained in St George’s Cathedral in Jerusalem in 2008 and served as Assistant Priest there (2008-11). He has led many groups in the Holy Land since 1987 and has recently returned to England as Priest in Charge of Stock and West Hanningfield in the Diocese of Chelmsford.

**Tuesday
11 September**

**‘Living the Gospel in South Africa,
past and present’**

Vincent Ashwin

South African Christians have much to teach us in England. The Church was at the forefront of the struggle to bring a peaceful end to apartheid, and now campaigns to help those with HIV and AIDS and speaks out for shanty-town dwellers. Anglicans have a proud place in the history of the ‘Rainbow Nation’, and their view of God’s Kingdom of justice and peace is based on the scriptures. As well as public figures like Desmond Tutu, lay people and clergy in ordinary parishes are continuing to show that the work of the Church is mostly for those outside its walls. On this day we will share their vision and their spirituality.

The Revd Canon Vincent Ashwin is a retired priest living in Southwell. The ‘Africa bug’ bit him in his gap year, 1961/2, when he went to a school in Swaziland, (and taught English to Nelson Mandela’s sons!) He returned to Southern Africa for seven years of parish ministry in the 1970s, also leading theological education there with his wife Angela. In 2007 he was a member of the team which visited our link diocese of Natal.

Drop in Days

First Wednesday of each Month

An opportunity to pause for prayer and personal reflection
- come for all or part of the day. Bring your own lunch or
join us for a light lunch after the Eucharist.

Coffee and tea provided.

No charge, but donations welcome.

No need to book.

10.00 am - 4.00 pm with Eucharist at 12.15 pm