



Hello. If you would like to send me any information for the May 2023 newsletter, please send it by 25th April. Thank you!

ST JOHN PASSION

Tuesday 4 April, 7.30 pm

Tickets: £25, £18 & £10

On Tuesday 4 April 2023 at 7.30 pm in Hereford Cathedral, Hereford Cathedral Choir will be performing J S Bach's St John Passion, accompanied by the period-instrument orchestra Marches Baroque.

The performance, which also features a distinguished line-up of soloists, tells the story of the arrest and crucifixion of Jesus according to the account in St John's Gospel.

The cathedral choir's annual Holy Week performances of Bach's Passions have become a fixture in Hereford's musical diary in recent years, along with its biennial performances of his Christmas Oratorio.

Geraint Bowen, Director of Music at the cathedral, and conductor of the performance, said: "The forces which we are using – our cathedral choir and a small orchestra playing on period instruments – produce a sound which would

have been familiar to listeners in Bach's time, and which bring out the intensely dramatic qualities of this much-loved work, first performed in Leipzig almost 299 years ago. It is always inspiring to see how our choristers – some of whom are as young as 8 – engage with this wonderful music. I'm looking forward to it immensely."

The soloists joining the cathedral choir are David de Winter (Evangelist, tenor), Gareth Brynmor John (Christus), Rebecca Hardwick (soprano), Martha McLorinan (mezzo-soprano) and Malachy Frame (bass).

Tickets cost **£25 (front nave), £18 (rear nave) and £10 for individuals aged 25 and under (rear nave)** and are available to purchase online at www.herefordcathedral.org or from the Cathedral Shop either in person or on the phone (01432 374 210).

This concert has kindly been supported by the W A Cadbury Charitable Trust and Hereford Cathedral Perpetual Trust.

Here is an update from Vennture about their Winter Provision:

"Funding was secured for Vennture to work with the homeless; using The Merton Hub as a check in for the Night Shelter, a centre for medical checks and a source of support, linking individuals with other agencies and assisting with applications for long term accommodation. Relationships with agencies have been built upon and the benefits to the individuals are noticeable. Support at The Merton Hub has already come from:

- Turning Point
- Opticians - including free spectacles.
- District Nurses
- Hairdressers

The health care checks which have been carried out by the Vennture medical Intern team helped to identify several underlying medical concerns. All checks are voluntary and from the feedback, people feel more cared for. Following health care checks, Vennture is able to create tailored support plans for the individuals at the Night Shelter.

What do our Individuals say about the Winter Provision service?

“It really helps employing strong staff who have open mindedness, there feels like there is so little judgement.” [Night Shelter Guest]

“The linkworkers were absolutely awesome... Vennture made me feel at home and I appreciated the health checks - my blood pressure was way over the scale, but I thank them for taking the time to do this, really beautiful people.” [Merton Hub Individual]

City Praise

The next City Praise will take place on 30th April at Hereford Cathedral.



Journeying is an ecumenical, non-profit seeking, Christian organisation offering pilgrim-holidays and day walks in Britain and Ireland.

The Journeying team are supported by a circle of

Please note - this newsletter strives to share a wide

friends who contribute to thinking about the walks and planning them. Do consider joining this wonderful team! For more details, please visit the community page of the website:

<http://www.journeying.co.uk/about/ourcommunity>



SAVE THE DATE! Dementia Matters Here is planning a range of activities in Herefordshire during Dementia Action Week 2023. 15th May-21st May.



If there is anyone willing to act as a steward on the day and if there is anyone who would be interested in sharing a bible passage, or a 1-minute reflection, please contact: revd.loisbeynon@gmail.com

- **Free CTE webinar on the 18th April 2023 at 11am from CTE's Group for Evangelisation on the theme of 'The Church as an Evangelising Community.'** Chaired by Trey Hall the Director of Evangelism and Growth at the Methodist Church in the UK; we bring a range of speakers to share on the theme of the church as an evangelising community. These include Dr Alison Kolosova who lives in Russia and is an Orthodox Christian

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working at the University of Tartu in Estonia. Revd Mawethu Ncaca is a South African Episcopalian Priest ministering in North Carolina. Revd Dr Jeff Conklin-Miller is Vice Principal for Mission, Learning Lead and Tutor in Evangelism and Missiology at Cliff College and Dr Jay Mātenga, Director of the Global Witness Department for the World Evangelical Alliance. To find out more and book [here](#) .

Rural Ministry Course 25th - 26th April 2023

The Rural Ministry Course is designed for **lay and ordained church leaders across the denominations entering a rural appointment**, and those already in rural ministry who **feel the need for a 'refresher'**.

There will be workshops led by practitioners, and includes sessions on understanding rural contexts, mission and growth, leadership, farming and work with children and young people in the countryside.

The Rural Ministry Course continues to develop & offer a unique **rural, ecumenical**

focus which we're well-known for here at the ARC. All are welcome to book on & join us, whether involved in lay or ordained rural mission and ministry. We look forward to meeting you in 2023.

"The most excellent course I've done in the church. Thank you so much for the information and, more importantly, the inspiration".

For more details and to book please click below:

[Rural Ministry Course - The Arthur Rank Centre](#)

ORTHODOX CHURCHES UK/ROE
The Doctrine and Christian Unity Commission of the Baptist World Alliance

One Earth, One Love

A conversation between Orthodox and Baptist scholars on care for the planet and the climate crisis

Regent's Park College, Oxford
Thursday 27 April 2023
and online (Zoom)

2.00 pm – 3 pm BST
3.00 pm – 10 pm CET
9.00 am – 4.00 pm ET (USA)

Speakers include:
Pi John Behr, Regius Professor of Humanity, University of Aberdeen
Paul S. Fiddes, Professor of Systematic Theology, University of Oxford
Bruce V. Foltz, Emeritus Professor of Philosophy, Eckerd College, USA
Brandon Galaher (Chair), Associate Professor of Orthodox Christian Studies, University of Exeter
Jeremy Howell, Director of the Program for Theology, Ecology, and Food Justice, George W. Truett Theological Seminary, Baylor University
Peter Perleff, Senior Law Lecturer, Brunel University
Elizabeth Theodoroff, Senior Research Associate, Institute for Orthodox Christian Studies, Cambridge
John Weaver, formerly Principal, South Wales Baptist College

Also: Wednesday 26 April 2023, 2.00 pm – 9 pm BST, at Regent's Park College and online (Zoom):
One Earth, One Love: an interfaith colloquium between Jewish, Christian and Muslim scholars marking the publication of:
Loving The Planet. Interfaith Essays on Ecology, Love and Theology

Participation is free on both days, but registration is essential:
[One Earth, One Love: A Full-day event exploring love for the planet & others Tickets](#)
[Wed 26 Apr 2023 at 12.00 | Eventbrite](#)
The timetable for 27 April is attached to this flyer

One Earth, One Love: A two-Day Colloquium
Day 2: Thursday 27 April 2023

Note: The timetable for Wednesday 26 April can be found on the eventbrite website when registering. Registration covers two days, though you may of course choose to attend for only one, at part of one.

Chair: Prof. Brandon Galaher, Associate Professor of Orthodox Christian Studies, University of Exeter
Prof. Paul S. Fiddes, Professor of Systematic Theology, University of Oxford

2.00 pm BST = 3.00 pm CET (Central European Time) = 9.00 am ET (Eastern Time) = 6.00 am PT (Pacific Time)
"Holy compact": sacrament, matter and love for all creation in the Orthodox tradition".
By Elizabeth Theodoroff, Senior Research Associate, University of Aberdeen and Associate Lecturer at the Institute for Orthodox Christian Studies, Cambridge.
Followed by discussion.
3.00 pm BST. Short break for refreshment

3.15 pm BST = 4.15 pm CET = 10.15 am ET = 7.15 am PT
"Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you." Climate change as a wake-up call: a Baptist perspective". By John Weaver, formerly Principal, South Wales Baptist College, Cardiff, and one time lecturer in Geology, University of Derby.
Followed by discussion of the two first papers.
4.30 pm BST. Break for refreshment.

5.00 pm BST = 6.00 pm CET = 12.00 pm ET = 9.00 am PT
"The fashion of this world is passing away." Theology after the tipping point".
By Fr. John Behr, Regius Professor of Humanity, University of Aberdeen and Metropolitan Professor of Orthodox Theology at the Vrije Universiteit of Amsterdam.

Response by Paul S. Fiddes, Professor of Systematic Theology, University of Oxford and Principal Emeritus, Regent's Park College, Oxford (Baptist)
Response by Peter Perleff, Senior Law Lecturer, Brunel University and Director of the Religion, Law and International Relations Programme, Regent's Park College, Oxford. (Orthodox)
6.30 pm BST. Break for dinner

7.30 pm BST = 8.30 pm CET = 2.30 pm ET = 11.30 am PT
Two papers followed by discussion:
1. "His tabernacle was around him": prolegomenon to a symbolic ontology of creation." By Bruce V. Foltz, Emeritus Professor of Philosophy, Eckerd College, USA (Orthodox).
2. "Towards a priority ecclesiology: A Baptist vision of ecological hope." By Jeremy Howell, Director of the Program for Theology, Ecology, and Food Justice, George W. Truett Theological Seminary, Baylor University (Baptist).

A useful resource: Paul S. Fiddes (ed.), *Loving the Planet. Interfaith Essays on Ecology, Love and Theology*. Fount Publications Oxford, £15.00/£12.25. Available on Amazon.

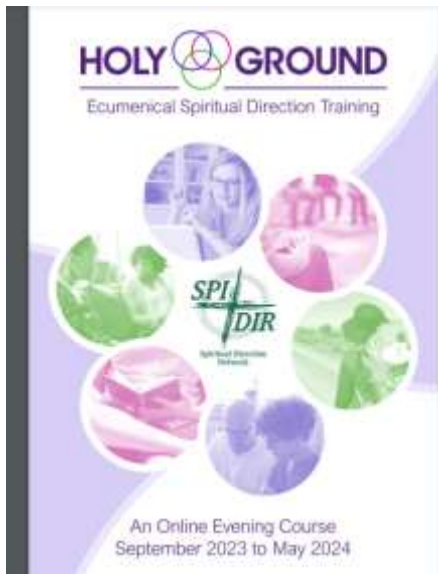
Open Meeting

Speaker: Mark Melluish
Talk: How can the Churches Together in Herefordshire Join Together in Mission?

Includes worship, marriage, and refreshments

26th May 2023, 7pm at The Great Hall, The Palace, Hereford HR4 9BL

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN HEREFORDSHIRE



COURSE PURPOSE
 This course is a comprehensive spiritual direction training for Christian ministers and lay people. It is designed to equip participants with the skills and knowledge to provide spiritual direction to others. The course is delivered online and is suitable for anyone with a Christian faith.

COURSE CONTENT
 The course will cover the following topics: the role of spiritual direction, the spiritual direction process, spiritual direction in different contexts, and the spiritual direction journey. The course will also include practical exercises and reflections.

COURSE DATES
 The course will run from September 2023 to May 2024. It is an online evening course.

ecumenical reflection and conversation on the subject. Revd. Dr. Callan Slipper, the new SfES Chair will give a keynote address as part of our day together and the venue for the event will be at the London Jesuit Centre, Mount Street, Mayfair W1K 3AH.

Further details including booking information will be sent to you after Easter but in the meantime, please **save the date.**

The Salvation Army Anti-Trafficking & Modern Slavery Team are on the road! During 2023, we are holding 9 events across the country to celebrate & champion our amazing volunteers, but to also raise awareness of Modern Slavery & Human Trafficking. Anyone is welcome to attend and we have free tickets on sale via our Eventbrite page. Please click [here](#) to purchase a free ticket. Please also see the attached which confirms the dates and locations of our events & also a short video about the Roadshow!

The event will consist of the following:-

- To start, we will be celebrating & championing our current volunteers. Come and join us and*

see how we value our amazing volunteers!

- We will then break for some food & drink. This is a chance for everyone to mingle, chat and get to know each other!*
- Later on we will be hosting a 'What is Modern Slavery' workshop to raise awareness of Modern Slavery, during this session you'll be able to learn more about what modern slavery is, you'll be able to hear from some of our current volunteers & hear about the work The Salvation Army do to support survivors of Modern Slavery!*

Please share with your family, friends & all your networks!

The Society for Ecumenical Studies in partnership with the Centre for Catholic Studies, University of Durham is planning a day event in London on **Saturday, 23 September** entitled a *Tent of Learning*. This event will be a follow on from the symposium exploring the contribution that receptive ecumenical learning might make to the Catholic synodal pathway on Synodality which is being held in Durham in June. It will offer an opportunity for further



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to get to the land! Finishing the road is a huge milestone and we are so grateful to all our supporters and volunteers to have helped us to achieve this.

CT in Ewyas and Harold are running a Good Friday service on the 7 April at 10:30 at St Michael's Ewyas Harold.

There is another service taking place on Easter Sunday 30 April at 6:30pm. Taize Prayer at Dore Abbey.

St Peter and St James Church in Hereford invite you to join them on the Castle Green for 6.15am on Easter Sunday (9th April) as we celebrate the Risen Son at the rising of the sun. There will be sharing of bread and wine (GF & non-alcoholic), prayer for our city and region, and lighting of Easter Candles for those who wish to participate. All are welcome to attend.

The Eternal Wall team were very excited to visit our land on a cold yet sunny day last week, which also marked the 6th anniversary since we received the word from God about the provision of our Heavenly Land.

We were thrilled to walk along the completed road leading to where the entrance of Eternal Wall will be in a few short years. Gone are the days of trudging through muddy fields

To get a sneak preview of our latest update video, with highlights from the day, follow this

link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5L5XpeX7hYc>

