

The Christian Community

In Great Britain and Ireland

STROUD

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Michaelmas 2011 – Passiontide 2012

The Act of Consecration of Man

(See inside - special times for Christmastide)

Sundays	:	10⁰⁰
Tuesdays (<i>Not 11th Oct; 21st Feb</i>)	:	7³⁰
Thursdays (<i>Not 13th Oct; 23rd Feb</i>)	:	10⁰⁰
Saturdays (<i>1st & 3rd Sat. of the month</i>)	:	8³⁰

Children's Services

(Note there is a unique Children's Service on Christmas Day)

Sundays	:	9⁰⁰ for 9¹⁵ (8:45 for 20/11 & 11/12)
Christmas Day	:	9⁴⁵ for 10⁰⁰ (Note later time)

Contemplation on our beautiful new altar cup

The more we become aware of the plight of mankind and of the earth, the more there awakens in our human soul the wish and longing to unite once more with the Divine Ground of existence, out of whom flowed all that there is. This longing will can be offered up, it can be poured into the altar cup and lifted up to the Divine World. There it is received, together with our straying and failings, so that this cup becomes the one out of which He drinks in the garden of Gethsemane. Thereby He takes into himself our souls' struggles, transforming them through His presence. Thus it becomes the cup of the Holy Grail out of which each of us receives his healing strength, and his deep faith in our path of becoming.

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REGULAR EVENTS

Carrying Group (Mon 19 ³⁰)	3/10, 7/11, 5/12, 9/1, 13/2, 5/3
Community Support (Mon 16 ³⁰)	17/10, 14/11, 12/12, 16/1, 13/2, 12/3
Confirmation lessons	Contact one of the priests
Festival Group (Sat 9 ³⁰ -10 ³⁰)	19/11, 17/12, 18/2, 24/3
Finance Group (Fri 8 ⁰⁰)	18/11, 13/1, 16/3
Friday pm (Fri 15 ⁰⁰ - 17 ⁰⁰)	Weekly – for all – tea, cake, chat
Garden Day (Sat 10 ⁰⁰ - 16 ⁰⁰)	22/10, 19/11 (cleaning), 4/2, 10/3
Gathering for the Dead 17 ³⁰	Last Saturday of every month except 30/12
Matthew Gospel Study (Thurs 11 ¹⁰)	6/10, 20/10, 3/11, 17/11, 1/12, 15/12, 19/1, 2/2 16/2, 1/3, 15/3, 29/3
Members meetings (Wed 20 ⁰⁰)	9/11, 11/1, 14/3
New Development (Thurs 20 ⁰⁰)	6/10, 3/11, 8/12, 12/1, 9/2
Oaklands Park services (Sun 10 ⁰⁰)	16/10, 13/11, 11/12, 1/1, 29/1, 26/2

PRIEST ABSENCES

10 Oct – 14 Oct	Synod Botton
17 Oct – 27 Oct	EK - holiday
27 Jan – 7 Feb.	EK - Further training in Stuttgart
20 March – 24 March	EK & AM at British Synod in Canterbury

*Erhard's day off is Wednesdays
Aaron's day off is Fridays*

Feel free to contact Erhard or Aaron if you wish to:

- Have a consultation
- Prepare for a special sacrament
- Become a member
- Learn to serve

Contacts

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Community Support Group	Larry Leighton	01453 755370
Flowers	Ingrid Skodbo	07772 421347
Music	Christopher Hudson	01453 889238
New Development Group	Peter Ramm Simon Charter	01453 839019 01453 755614
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Michaelmas

(Sept)

Thu 29th 10⁰⁰ Consecration of the new cup followed with the Michaelmas Act of Consecration of Man

11¹⁵ “**How does Michael relate to Christ?**” Michaelmas Study

Michaelmas Conference

with Johannes Steuck

‘Dragon’s Milk – Dragon’s Blood’
Meeting the polar adversary powers in our time
Fri 30th Sept – Sun 2nd Oct

Fri 30	19 ³⁰	‘Introductory Talk’ £5/£3
Sat 1	14 ³⁰ - 18 ⁰⁰	Artistic activity and content on theme Refreshments provided £15
Sun 2	11 ³⁰	‘Just when you thought it was safe...’ The third Adversary Power Talk by Aaron Mirkin

October

Sat 1 13⁰⁰ **Marriage of Thomas Le Cornu and Katalin Tóth**

Sun 2 9³⁰ *After the children service the children can make a bread dragon for the afternoon festival:*

Michaelmas Family Festival

Sunday 2nd Oct from 16⁰⁰

We will meet at the church at 16⁰⁰ and warm up with some songs and then head off down the road to meet the Lodgemore Dragon!! We will have a bring-and-share supper with more singing and a dragon taming story told by Hazel Straker and a game or two in the dragon’s lair – after we have conquered him of course. Wear wellies and practical clothes for battle.

Sun 9 11³⁰ **‘It’s just a Question of Destiny...’**
Talk & Conversation on Destiny Learning by *Ulrike Schauss*

Sun 16 11³⁰ **‘The Healing Will’ – Anthroposophical Medicine**
Talk and Conversation with *Dr. Marianne Allan*

(Oct)

Sun 23 11³⁰ **Baptism of the son of Jonathan Ringer and Katya Baczko**

Sun 30 9³⁰ *After the Children service the Children will get help carving a pumpkin lantern; bring a pumpkin!*

11³⁰ **'Children of Bolivia'**

Presentation by Janet Westgarth

Bolivian wool-crafts will be on sale as fund-raising for the Bolivian social project that Janet is involved with.

Mon 31 17⁰⁰ **Pumpkin Party** (*fire, Chinese lanterns, story, pumpkin soup, stick bread, learn some trick or treat songs and more*)

19³⁰ Spirit of Peace Meeting (Stroud)

November

4th – 6th November - **National Community Meeting** in Stourbridge.

“Christ the Helper in the Depth of our Soul.”

The truth will make you free

See special program

Sun 6 11³⁰ **”Touching the Veils between the Worlds”**
Talk and conversation with Zambodhi Schlossmacher

Wed 9 20⁰⁰ **Members Meeting:** *The last anointing*

Sat 12 10³⁰ **The famed Norwegian artist Edvard Munch**
Through Darkness to Light
Talk with slides by Bernard Nesfield-Cookson

Sun 13 11³⁰ **Open Community Forum**

16⁰⁰ **Remembrance Day Celebration** *including a Eurythmy performance and Christian Community Choir with Hugh Barton.*

Sun 20 8⁴⁵ **Introduction to the Children Service for 6 and 7 years old children** (note earlier time!)

11³⁰ **“The experience of those who have died in the writings of Virginia Woolf”** *Talk by Christopher Hudson*

Mon 28 19³⁰ Spirit of Peace (Stroud)

(Nov)

ADVENT

Sun 27 11³⁰ The Genealogy according to Matthew:
From Abraham to David *Talk by Aaron Mirkin*
16⁰⁰ **Advent Spiral** (children’s festival)

December

Sun 4 11³⁰ The Genealogy according to Matthew:
From David to Babylon *Talk by Erhard Keller*

Sun 11 8⁴⁵ **Children Service with Santa Lucia Festival** (*earlier!*)
11³⁰ The Genealogy according to Matthew:
From Babylon until the Christ *Talk by Aaron Mirkin*

Sun 18 11³⁰ **The Genealogies according to Matthew and Luke**
Talk by Erhard Keller

16⁰⁰ **Community Christmas Carol Concert** with The Christian Community Choir under Hugh Barton *including Benjamin Britten’s “A Ceremony of Carols”*

Sat 24

Christmas Eve

10⁰⁰ Preparing tree and community spaces for Christmas.

CHRISTMAS – 12 HOLY NIGHTS

Christmas Day

Sat 24 from 23⁰⁰ Sitting quietly at the Christmas tree before the Midnight service – open to all who wish.

Sun 25 0⁰⁰ Midnight Service
8⁰⁰ Dawn Service
10⁰⁰ Special Christmas Service for the Children
11⁰⁰ Morning Service

Mon 26 10⁰⁰ Act of Consecration of Man
11¹⁵ **“Ox and Ass”** Celtic and Roman Christianity at the Crib
Talk by Aaron Mirkin

Tue 27 10⁰⁰ Act of Consecration of Man
11¹⁵ **“Brutus of Troy”**
Talk by Gordon Woolard

- (Dec)
- Wed 28 10⁰⁰ Act of Consecration of Man
 11¹⁵ **“St Anselm of Canterbury - scholar, churchman and thinker”**
 Talk by Andrew Lloyd
 16⁰⁰ **‘The Legend of St. Bride of the Isles’**
 A dramatic reading of this special story by Sibylle Eichstaedt with Hebridean singing by Susanne Steffen & Ingrid Skodbo.
- Thur 29 10⁰⁰ Act of Consecration of Man
 11¹⁵ **From Celts to Roman at Lydney Park**
 Talk by Ken Watson
- Fri 30 10⁰⁰ Act of Consecration of Man
 17³⁰ Gathering for the Dead (instead of Saturday)
- Sat 31 10⁰⁰ Die Menschenweihehandlung (Act of Consecration of Man celebrated in German)

New Years Eve (for the whole family)

- Sat 31 16³⁰ Supervised Crafts for the children until 18⁰⁰
 17⁰⁰ **New Year’s Address** at the altar
 ~18⁰⁰ Bring and Share supper
 ~19⁰⁰ Carols and story at the tree
 ~20⁰⁰ Lead pouring

January 2012

- Sun 1** 10⁰⁰ Act of Consecration of Man
 11¹⁵ **“The Stars of 2012”**
 Talk by Hazel Straker
 17⁰⁰ **“The Dreamsong of Olaf Åstenson”**
 Introduced and sung by Simon Blaxland-deLange
- Mon 2 10⁰⁰ Act of Consecration of Man
 11¹⁵ **“Members of God’s Being”**
The Heavenly Hierarchies in our Daily Lives
 Talk by Tom Ravetz
- Tues 3 10⁰⁰ Act of Consecration of Man
 Wed 4 10⁰⁰ Act of Consecration of Man
 Thur 5 10⁰⁰ Act of Consecration of Man
 11¹⁵ Conversation: What will 2012 bring?

(Jan 2012)

EPIPHANY

- Fri 6 10⁰⁰ **Epiphany / Three Kings** Act of Consecration of Man
Sun 8 11³⁰ **“Putting things together - in The UK and Middle East!”**
 Talk by Jane Ozanne (Director of Spirit of Peace)
- Wed 11 20⁰⁰ Members meeting: *The words of the baptism*
- Sun 15** 11³⁰ Update on the process to build a new church
Sun 22 11³⁰ **“Thomas Carlyle and Goethe”**
 Talk by Anna Meuss
- Sun 29**

February

TRINITY

- Sun 5** 11³⁰ **Saving Our Selves? The Money Question in Economics.**
 Talk by Arthur Edwards
- Sun 12**
Sun 19 11³⁰ Servers’ meeting
- Mon 20– Fri 24 Erhard & Aaron at British synod in Canterbury
No services on Tues 21 and Thurs 23

Sun 26

March

- Sun 4** 11³⁰ Progress report New Church Project
 Sat 10 15-18 **Annual Congregational Gathering**

PASSIONTIDE

- Sun 11** 11³⁰ **“The portal” Opening of the Exhibition of paintings**
 by Marielle Uprichard
 Wed 14 20⁰⁰ Members Meeting: *Sacramental Consultation*

Music Conference

with **Rev. Lothar Reubke** - 16th to 18th March.
 See extra programme

Looking ahead: The Confirmation will be on Easter Monday