

The Christian Community

In Devon

Movement for Religious Renewal

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*Despite the troubles of our world,
I have kept the love
Of the inner life in which
I was raised,
And man's hope in love.
In our inner life there is
A single colour,
As in an artist's palette,
Which provides the meaning
Of life and art.
It is the colour of Love.*

Marc Chagall

Dear friends,

welcome to this new programme of services and events of The Christian Community in this area and beyond. We are looking forward to celebrating the sacraments and festivals as well as to the studies, talks, conversations and artistic contributions.

On May 21st there will be a Regional Conference together with the Bristol and Stroud congregations and we hope that some of you can come to this.

Please take a look at our website www.thechristiancommunity.co.uk and make young people aware of the Youth Camp and Youth Festival www.iyfestival.org as well as the Children's Camp and initiatives in the Stroud area.

This programme leads us to the end of my first year with you in Devon and we are still in the process of getting to know each other and how we can go forward together. As of September we could begin with a new theme to study regularly and I am open to hear your suggestions regarding this.

After our recent Maintenance Report we are inviting contributions to cover expenses to carry out the necessary work on our building. There will also be work days once a month to which you are warmly invited.

Our finances balanced last year thanks to a legacy of £2,000 as well as your regular monthly contributions to which we are hoping to add some more friends.

When we consider ourselves as friends, are we asking: "Where do we belong spiritually?" Or: "Where do we long to be?" How can we express this?

with warm greetings,

Sabine Haus