

The Christian Community

Movement for Religious Renewal

Devon

Programme for

Summer - Michaelmas - November 2016

‘Trembling I sit day and night,
my friends are astonished at me,
Yet they forgive my wanderings. I rest
not from my great task!
To open the Eternal Worlds,
To open the immortal Eyes
Of man inwards into the worlds of Thought,
Into Eternity
Ever expanding in the Bosom of God,
the Human Imagination,
O Saviour pour upon me thy Spirit of
meekness and love!
Annihilate the Selfhood in me: be thou
my life!
Guide thou my hand ...’

William Blake, Book of Job

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Dear friends of The Christian Community in Devon,

The summer days are drawing in as we are gathering the fruits and seeds of the year. New plants have been sown and existing ones tended around our building in Chapel Street, housing our chapel, community rooms and guest-rooms as well as the priest's accommodation. Much maintenance work has been undertaken on the building and surrounding walls with the untiring help of our stalwart maintenance team as well as some professional help, which has cleared our fund for this purpose.

Looking ahead we still need to address the heating of the chapel which at present is inefficient to the point of not fulfilling its function. Robert Rose could replace the underfloor gas heating with electric heating, which would cost around £1,100 to £1,500. We also need to replace two sets of servers' vestments (Michaelmas and Lent/funerals) which would cost around £300 to £400 including materials and sewing. In addition to this extra expenditure, for which we are inviting donations, we are hoping to increase our regular monthly income to meet the monthly expenditure. This does currently not balance and our projected deficit for the year is £3,500 (with a proposed reduction of our payment to the Central Funds and a break from our payments to the car replacement pool, which would otherwise increase our deficit to £6,000 this year).

Some friends have moved on and our regular contributions are much reduced. *We are hoping that new friends will join us and start to contribute with a monthly Standing Order and Gift Aid if possible, while we would like to ask our current donors to review their contributions and increase them if possible. One off donations are also very welcome any time or at events, as are contributions for visits, conversations and Consultations.*

We are working on reducing our costs and have negotiated a better deal for our energy bills, but other expenditure needs to be met if we want to carry on with our work.

We thank all of you who are supporting our work here and elsewhere and look forward to The Christian Community having a home in Devon in the future.

With warm greetings and best wishes, also from the Council,

Sabine

August 2016

No Wednesday Services during August

Sunday 7th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.30	<i>Practising the Art of Conversation: Listening, Acknowledging, Speaking out of our own experience</i> With Rev Sabine Haus
Sunday 14th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.30	<i>Impressions of Tanzania including Hekima Waldorf School</i> Slides and commentary by Sarah Peryer following a recent visit A fundraising event for the Hekima Waldorf School, Dar es Salaam
Sunday 21st	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.30	<i>Practising the Art of Conversation</i> With Rev Douglas Thackray
Sunday 28th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.30	<i>Conversation</i> Preparing our Meeting with Rev T Ravetz

September 2016

Sunday 4th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.30	<i>Where are we in the biography of our congregation and where do we want to go?</i>
		Meeting with Rev Tom Ravetz
Wednesday 7th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
Sunday 11th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.30	Council Meeting
Wednesday 14th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
Saturday 17th	10-12	Work Morning in house and garden
Sunday 18th	9.00	Service for Children (as of age 7)
	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.30	<i>The Bowl of the Sun</i>
		Reading of the Play with Jenny Tanser
Wednesday 21st	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
Sunday 25th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.30	<i>What is the language of Michael?</i>
		Talk preparing for Michaelmas (SH)
Thursday 29th		Michaelmas Day
	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man

Michaelmas tide

October 2016

Sunday 2nd	9.00	Service for Children (as of age 7)
	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.30	<i>Celebration of Michaelmas</i> Bring and Share Meal Everyone invited!
Wednesday 5th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
Sunday 9th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.30	Council Meeting
Wednesday 12th	No service (synod)	
Saturday 15th	10-12	Work Morning in house and garden
Sunday 16th	9.00	Service for Children (as of age 7)
	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.30	Study of the Creed (1): <i>The Father God</i>
Wednesday 19th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
Sunday 23rd	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.30	Study of the Creed (2): <i>The Son God</i>
Wednesday 26th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
Sunday 30th	9.00	Service for Children (as of age 7)
	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.30	Study of the Creed (3): <i>The Spirit God</i>

(Annual Meeting of The Christian Community in Manchester 28-30 October, for details see notice board)

November 2016

Sunday 6th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.30	Council Meeting
Wednesday 9th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
Saturday 12th	19.00	Remembering those who have died
Sunday 13th	9.00	Service for Children (as of age 7)
	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.30	<i>How can we remember and build community with those who have died?</i>
		Preparation for Whitsun Conference 2017
Wednesday 16th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
Sunday 20th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.30	William Blake – His life and poems
		Talk by Neil Franklin and Poems shown in Eurythmy with Christopher Cooper (speech) and Raphaella Cooper & eurythmy ensemble
Sunday 27th		1st of Advent

Gospel readings for this period

Sunday, August 28		Mark 7:31-37
Sunday, September 4		Luke 10:1-20
Sunday, September 11	...	Luke 17:5-24
Sunday, September 18	...	Matthew 6:19-34
Sunday, September 25		Luke 7:11-17

Michaelmas

Thursday, September 29		Matthew 22:1-14
Sunday, October 2		Matthew 22:1-14
Sunday, October 9		Ephesians 6
Sunday, October 16	...	Revelation 12:1-12
Sunday, October 23	...	Revelation 19:11-16
Sunday, October 30		Revelation 1:10-20
Sunday, November 6		Revelation 14:1-20
Sunday, November 13	...	Revelation 15:1-8
Sunday, November 20	...	Revelation 21:1-27

Advent

Sunday, November 27		Luke 21:25-36
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Areas of Responsibility

Treasurer	Christopher Cooper	01803-866 817
Accounts	Cathy Day	
Council	Anne Acland, Christopher Cooper, Cathy Day, Sabine Haus, Mike Morris, Rory Valentine	
Maintenance	Steve Eyles and Rory Valentine, Gordon Woolard	
Cleaning	Ashley Towey	
Vestry	Stephen Eyles, Servers	
Vestments	Helen Franklin and ?	
Ironing	Helen Franklin and ?	
Servers	Rory Valentine	
Bread	?	
Music	Anne Acland and Robert Byrnes and ?	
Flowers	Raphaella Cooper and Kitty Roberts & ?	
Plants	?	
Correspondent	Christopher Cooper	
Library	Ros Bourne	
New Books	Sabine Haus	
Guest rooms		
- bookings	Sabine Haus	01364 64 42 72
- laundry	Ros Bourne and Steve Eyles	
- cleaning	Ashley Towey	
- occasional help	?	

Would you like to help with any of these tasks?

Please speak with one of us to see how.

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Christenings, Marriages and Funeral Services,
Confidential Conversations and Sacramental Consultations
by arrangement

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