

# The Christian Community Stourbridge

*Movement for Religious Renewal*

*St. John's to Michaelmas 2017*



*Painting and Poem by Johannes Moora*

*The white paper is too perfect to touch.  
She said "Be blind, let your left hand guide".  
So he covered his eyes  
And his hand commanded him to imperfection.  
And he cried.  
There was home,  
When he opened his eyes,  
Each colour, a tone, a subjunctive ingress,  
The rush and resistance of delight and terror,  
The accession of form and of valediction.  
Instance, from which to come and go,  
As drops of blood habilitated in the abandonment of snow.*

## *Saint John's Tide*

### *June*

#### **Towards an Understanding of Islam St. John's Conference with Dr Chris Hewer**

including

<b>Saturday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	9.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	13.00	St. John's family festival in the garden with fire, songs and food
<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man

*Please see separate leaflet for details*

Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	8.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	17.00	Rosie Phillpot's 70 <sup>th</sup> birthday tea party with some stories from Rosie's life
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.00	Gospel Study: Mark 6,30-46 (Pisces)

### *July*

Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup>	9-12	Gardening and Maintenance Morning
<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.30	<b>'Christ's Death and Descent into the Earth And the Signs of the Twins and Cancer'</b> Talk by <i>Erhard Keller</i>
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.00	Gospel Study: Mark 6,47-54 (Aries)
<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	9:15	Children's service with story
	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.30	<b>'The coming about of St. John's Tide'</b> Talk by <i>Louise Madsen</i>
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup>	17.00	Reading for the Dead
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.30	<b>'Lazarus'</b> Talk by <i>Erhard Keller</i>
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.00	Gospel Study: Mark 6,55-7,37 (Taurus)

*Trinity*

<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.30	<b>'I am, and the seven I AM statements in the Gospel of John'</b> Talk 1 by <i>Siobhán Porter</i>

Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.30	<b>'I am, and the seven I AM statements in the Gospel of John'</b> Talk 2 by <i>Siobhán Porter</i>

### *August*

Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.30	<b>'Overcoming Death with the Heart Forces of Leo'</b> Talk by <i>Erhard Keller</i>
	15.00	Concert for Soprano and Guitar with Katie Gilbert and Sue Whittacker
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.00	Gospel Study: Mark 8,1-9 (Virgo)
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup>	9-12	Gardening morning
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.30	<b>'I am, and the seven I AM statements in the Gospel of John'</b> Talk 3 by <i>Siobhán Porter</i>
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.00	Gospel Study: Mark 8,10-26 (Libra)
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup>	18-21	Garden house warming party at 34a West Street
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.30	<b>'Alfred Heidenreich, the Arrival of The Christian Community in England'</b> Talk by <i>Siobhán Porter</i>
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup>	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.00	Gospel Study: Mark 8,27-33 (Scorpio)

### *September*

<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.30	<b>'The coming about of Ruskin Mill'</b> Talk by <i>Barbara Foster</i>
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	8.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.00	Gospel Study: Mark 8,34-38 (Sagittarius)
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	9:15	Children's Service
	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man

	11.30	<b>‘The Lord of the Heavenly Forces upon Earth and the Working of Virgo’</b> Talk by <i>Erhard Keller</i>
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	8.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.00	Gospel Study: Mark 9,1-13 (Pisces)
<b>Saturday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.00</b>	<b>Die Menschenweihehandlung (in German)</b> Marking the 95 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Founding of The Christian Community
	10-12	<b>Cleaning the Church Workshop</b> With <i>Ingrid Knowles</i>
	17.00	Reading for the Dead
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.30	<b>‘Stanley Drake’</b> Talk by Rosemary Martin
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	8.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.00	Gospel Study: Mark 9,14-30 (Aries)
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10-1	Yard sale - in the car park; Cafe in the community room
	17.00	Reading for the Dead
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.30	<b>‘The first Seal of the Apocalypse’</b> Talk by <i>Siobhán Porter</i>
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	8.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.00	Gospel Study: Mark 9,31-10,31 (Taurus)

### *Michaelmas*

Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.15	<b>‘Michaelic Courage’</b> Talk by <i>Johannes Moora</i>
	15.45	Michaelmas Festival for families

### *October*

<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	9:15	Children’s service
	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.30	<b>‘Castaway: My Life in Pictures’</b> Opening of the exhibition of paintings By <i>Klair Norton</i>
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	8.00	The Act of Consecration of Man

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>      10.00    The Act of Consecration of Man  
                          11.00    Gospel Study: Mark 10,32-45 (Gemini)

**Michaelmas conference with Reverend Roger Druitt**

Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	19.00	<b>'Prayer in the Act of Consecration of Man'</b> Talk by <i>Roger Druitt</i>
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Act of Consecration of Man
	11:15	<b>'How Prayer Integrates with the Hierarchies'</b> Talk by <i>Roger Druitt</i>
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11:30	<b>'Prayer and the Adversary Powers'</b> Talk by <i>Roger Druitt</i>

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>      8.00    The Act of Consecration of Man  
 Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>    10.00    The Act of Consecration of Man  
                          11.00    Gospel Study: Mark 10,46-13.39 (Cancer)

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>**    10.00    The Act of Consecration of Man  
                          11.30    **'Judgment in the Sign of Scales'**  
                          Talk by *Erhard Keller*

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>      8.00    The Act of Consecration of Man  
 Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>    10.00    The Act of Consecration of Man  
                          11.00    Gospel Study: Mark 14,1-31 (Virgo)

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup>    17.00    Reading for the Dead  
**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>**    10.00    The Act of Consecration of Man  
                          11.30    **'The second Seal of the Apocalypse'**  
                          Talk by *Siobhán Porter*

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>      no service  
 Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>    no service

Priests' times away:

30/6 -1/7	Erhard in Ilkeston
30/6- 4/7	Siobhán in Botton/Malton
5/7- 22/7	Siobhán on holiday
8/7	Erhard in Manchester
14/7-15/7	Erhard in Ilkeston
22/7-23/7	Erhard in Ilkeston
3/8-6/8	Siobhán in Botton/Malton
27/7-12/8	Erhard on holiday
19/8-20/8	Erhard in Ilkeston
1/9-2/9	Erhard in Ilkeston
31/8-4/9	Siobhán in Botton/Malton
9/9	Erhard in Manchester
16/9-17/9	Erhard in Ilkeston
30/9-1/10	Erhard in Ilkeston

5/10-8/10	Siobhán in Botton/Malton
13/10-14/10	Erhard in Ilkeston
23/10-27/10	Synod in Edinburgh
28/10-29/10	Erhard in Ilkeston
3/11-5/11	Erhard in Devon
11/11	Erhard in Manchester
17/11-20/11	Siobhán in Botton/Malton

<b>Gospel Readings</b>	<b>June 2017 – November 2017</b>
<b>St. Johns Tide</b>	
Saturday, 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Mark 1:1-11
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Mark 1:1-11
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Matthew 3:1-12
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	John 1:19-28
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Matthew 11:1-15
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Mark 8:27-37
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> July	Matthew 7:1-14
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> August	Luke 15:11-32
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> August	Luke 9:1-17
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> August	Luke 18:35-43
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> August	Mark 7:31-37
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Luke 10:1-20
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	Luke 17:5-24
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	Matthew 6:19-34
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	Luke 7:11-17
<b>Michaelmas</b>	
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	Matthew 22:1-14
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	Matthew 22:1-14
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> October	Matthew 25:1-13
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	Revelation 12:1-12
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Revelation 19:11-16

Dear Congregation

We had a lovely sunny festive Whitsun weekend in the North, (Botton and Malton congregations) lots of people turned up for the services and talks, and we had a beautiful Whitsun festival in the church in Botton on Whitsunday evening. Siobhán goes one weekend per month and holds services in both places. Malton are keen to expand the congregation and are researching ways of doing that, many come from the Croft Camphill Community, and a number come from further afield, driving in from York and Hebden Bridge. In Botton there is a good strong congregation with many attendees. Siobhán hopes to start children's services in September.

Many of the members in both Botton and Malton show an interest in and often ask about Stourbridge, wondering how we all are and what we are doing and studying here. Perhaps at some stage in the future we could think of hosting a festive meeting weekend in Stourbridge with members of our four outlying congregations coming here for a visit.

Johannes Moora writes: Our little choir has made a modest but happy beginning. There will be one more rehearsal for St. John's songs this Thursday 22nd June. We would like to continue with Thursday evening rehearsals after the summer break beginning 7th September. Our ideal would be to give contributions of chorales or anthems for the festival services. Thank you to those of you who have already supported this. Let's try to build on this and encourage singers to join. My contacts are Tel: 01384 594718, and [jcmoora@aol.com](mailto:jcmoora@aol.com)

This programme starts with a conference led by Dr. Chris Hewer focusing on the teaching of Islam. It is unusual for a Christian Community to look at another religion and one can question whether that is right. Should we not rather focus on our own striving? On the other hand in this time of globalisation where civilisations become more and more mixed and interdependence increases, there arises an ever greater need to learn about other cultures and beliefs in order to help a peaceful coexistence. Such a learning and interest for 'the other' is not always easy but it can also help to become clearer of one's own path and direction. Please see the detailed programme for further information on the conference.

On the 13<sup>th</sup> of August Sue Whittacker (guitar) and Katie Gilbert (soprano) will give a concert including: Benjamin Britten's Folksongs; songs by John Dowland; South American music including Bachianas Brasilieras by Villa-Lobos; a selection of songs by Schubert. "Sue is currently a student at Birmingham Conservatoire. Musical activities include playing in the Black Country Guitar Quartet, and leading Elmfield School's adult choir. Accompaniment and duet work is a particular interest, and it has been a great pleasure to work on the current programme with Katie." "Katie Gilbert has completed her first year of her MMus in Vocal Performance at Birmingham Conservatoire. She has previously appeared as a soloist for NewChoir and Iffley Music Society in Oxford, and for a concert of Michael J Smith works in Newcastle upon Tyne. She has also done numerous solo recitals in Birmingham, Oxford and Newcastle. Katie also has a thriving school and private teaching practice, and has worked leading community singing groups."

On 26th August there will be a house and garden warming party at 34a West Street. Siobhán and Johannes are so happy and grateful to have this lovely house to live in and we'd like to recognise that by asking you to help us 'warm' it. So let's hope it is warm weather so we can all enjoy the garden too. 6 - 9pm bring and share.

On Saturday the 16<sup>th</sup> of September we will celebrate the 95<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of The Christian Community. Ingrid Knowles, who you may know from previous cleaning workshops and talks, will lead a cleaning session on that day to thoroughly brighten up our sacramental and community spaces. There is plenty to do and she hopes that many of you can join her so that all can be done. This is also an opportunity for you to ask all your questions on holistic cleaning. Ingrid will bring along cleaning materials. Wouldn't this be a worthy activity for the anniversary? Please do join.

On Saturday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of September we will hold a yard sale to fundraise towards our piano. Please collect all kinds of things that can be sold and bring them to the church on that morning or drop them off earlier. Cakes are also welcome!

At our Michaelmas conference Rev. Roger Druitt will share from his wealth of experience in the field of prayer and meditation. Roger has worked as Christian Community priest in many English congregations for over 45 years and lives in Forest Row.

The Annual Meeting of The Christian Community will take place in Canterbury on the 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> of November 2017.



Usually on Saturday mornings between 9 and 12 Louise Madsen tends to our garden around the church. Whenever Siobhán and Erhard are here, they join in. Everyone is welcome to join in as and when you can!

Greetings Siobhán and Erhard

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