

The Christian Community Stourbridge

Movement for Religious Renewal

November 2017 to Epiphany 2018



Red Madonna by Klair Norton

“This image was given to me in inspiration, and it seemed to me to link to images of the Madonna and Child, signalling that we are each of us called to give birth to the Christ within us – to birth the divine potential of the child that is in danger of being suffocated by fear”

from the Exhibition “Castaway: My Life in Pictures”

Regular Services

Sundays	10:00	The Act of Consecration of Man
Tuesdays	8:00	The Act of Consecration of Man Except on 24 th October and during the Holy Nights
Wednesdays	4.15 - 5.30	Religion Lesson
Thursdays	10:00	The Act of Consecration of Man Except on 26 th October

The Sunday service for the children will be held at 9:15 on
12/11, 3/12, 25/12, 7/1, 4/2, 11/3

October 2017

Sunday 29 th	11.30	'Seals of the Apocalypse' Talk by <i>Siobhán Porter</i>
Tuesday 31 st	16.00	Pumpkin Party with bonfire in the garden

November 2017

Thursday 2 nd	11.00	Gospel Study: Mark 14,32-42 (Libra)
Sunday 5 th	11.30	'Finding the Freedom to Die' Talk by <i>Louise Madsen</i>
Thursday 9 th	11.00	Gospel Study: Mark 14,43-15,19 (Scorpio)
Saturday 11 th	16.00	Martinmas Festival
Sunday 12 th	11.30	Remembrance morning Contributions welcome
	15.00	Cello Concert BACH, HINDEMITH, HENZE, SALLINEN, VAN AS By <i>Joris Boon</i>
Thursday 16 th	11.00	Gospel Study: Mark 15:20-41 (Sagittarius)
Saturday 18 th	17.00	Reading for the Dead
Sunday 19 th	11.30	'The Sting of Scorpio and the Healing Spirit' Talk by <i>Erhard Keller</i>
Thursday 23 rd	11.00	Gospel Study: Mark 15:42-16:20 (completion)
Saturday 25 th	9-12	Gardening morning
Sunday 26 th	11.30	Opening of the exhibition of paintings by Darshan Yoriko Takui and Georgie Britton

Advent

Sunday 3 rd	11.30	‘Communities whose members feel the Christ within themselves; in the light of Sagittarius’ Talk by <i>Erhard Keller</i>
	16.00	Advent Spiral
Saturday 9 th	15.00	"Dodici Corde & Friends" concert Christmas 1817, a Festive Afternoon in the Regency Drawing Room
Sunday 10 th	11.30	‘The Seasons will be Shaken; Waves of Panic will Grip Human Hearts’ Talk by <i>Erhard Keller</i>
Wednesday 13 th	16:15	St. Lucia Festival
	19.30	‘Christmas Carol Concert’ With the <i>Elmfield Community Choir</i>
Saturday 16 th	17.00	Reading for the Dead
Sunday 17 th	11.30	‘Standing before the Son of Man’ Talk by <i>Siobhán Porter</i>
Sunday 24 th	11.00	Setting up for Christmas Eve

Christmas and Twelve Holy Nights

Sunday 24 th	16.00	Shepherds’ Pageant followed by carols around the tree, crafts activities for children and a bring and share meal
Monday 25 th	Midnight	The Act of Consecration of Man
	8.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	9.15	The Christmas Service for Children
	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	13.00	Christmas dinner in the community room
Tuesday 26 th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
Wednesday 27 th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.15	‘I AM the Bread’ Talk by <i>Siobhán Porter</i>
Thursday 28 th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.15	‘I AM the Light’ Talk by <i>Erhard Keller</i>

Friday 29 th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.15	'I AM the Door' Talk by <i>Siobhán Porter</i>
Saturday 30 th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	15.00	'The Christmas Carol' by Charles Dickens Dramatic Presentation by <i>Colum Treadgold</i>
Sunday 31 st	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.30	'I AM the Good Shepherd' Talk by <i>Erhard Keller</i>
	20.00	Service with Sermon for New Year's Eve
<i>January 2018</i>		
Monday 1 st	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.15	Hopes and Intentions for 2018 (Conversation)
Tuesday 2 nd	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.15	'I AM the Resurrection and the Life' Talk by <i>Siobhán Porter</i>
Wednesday 3 rd	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.15	'I AM the Way, the Truth and the Life' Talk by <i>Erhard Keller</i>
Thursday 4 th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
Friday 5 th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.15	'I AM the True Vine' Talk by <i>Siobhán Porter</i>

Epiphany 2018

Saturday 6 th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	16.00	"The Epiphany Witch" A Three Kings play where the three kings and their pages take the Christmas tree away and leave gifts for the children
Sunday 7 th	11.30	Congregational Meeting
Saturday 13 th	17.00	Reading for the Dead
Sunday 14 th	11.30	'Bending our Knees we may Hope' The last sentence of our creed related to Capricorn Talk by <i>Erhard Keller</i>

- Sunday 21st 11.30 **‘Transforming the outer World’**
Talk by *Louise Madsen*
- Sunday 28th 11.30 **‘The Musical Zodiac’**
Talk by *Alan Stott*
- February 2018*
- Friday 2nd Candlemas Festival at Riverside House
- Sunday 4th 11.30 **‘Why do we Baptise our Children?’**
Talk by *Erhard Keller*
- Thursday 8th 11.00 Weekly Gospel Study
- Sunday 11th 11.30 **Open conversation**
- Thursday 15th 11.00 Weekly Gospel Study
- Sunday 18th 11.30 **‘Transforming the inner World’**
Talk by *Louise Madsen*
- Thursday 22nd 11.00 Weekly Gospel Study
- Saturday 24th 9-12 Gardening Morning
17.00 Reading for the Dead
- Sunday 25th 11.30 **Server’s Meeting**

Looking forward:

From the 5th to the 8th of March 2018 the Synod will be meeting in Stourbridge (who can offer a bed to one of the visiting priests and who would be willing to help with the catering?)

Dear Congregation:

...the weekend of 3rd to 5th November is the Annual Meeting in Canterbury. The theme is “The Will to Heal” for more information look on our website. Siobhán is going and has four places in her car. Please contact her if you are going, with or without a vehicle, and she will coordinate transport and consciousness as to how many we are from Stourbridge....

...we will celebrate St. Martin's with the children this year with a lantern walk on Saturday 11th November. All are welcome to join us, look out for a real beggar with a little fire, and does anyone know anyone who owns a white horse?? Please contact Siobhán....

...a refurbished 6ft 6inch Danemann grand piano that has been standing in one of Jonathan’s workshops since he removed it from Brierley Hill Civic Centre is currently being refurbished by the piano tuner and will be replacing the old upright we have at the moment. This piano will be on loan until we have raised the £3000, which it costs. Every donation and fundraising initiative for the piano are very welcome! Hopefully we will have more concerts again...

...on 23rd and 30th November and 14th December at 7.00pm in the church and community room we will have Advent and Christmas gatherings with singing, tales, and refreshments. Everyone welcome all ages and ability....

...new festival, Santa Lucia, Wednesday 13th December 4pm. All are welcome to come and share in the singing, the saffron bread and the story...

...on the same day the Elmfield Community Choir will bring their Christmas Carol Concert to our church...

...on December 25th at lunchtime we will have a traditional Christmas dinner with all the trimmings, and some carol singing round the tree. This will be held in the community room at Baylie Street. Please contact Siobhán who is collecting names, and making plans if you'd like to join us....

...Siobhán is planning to attend this year's ordinations in Stuttgart. They will be on 17th and 18th February. It is an impressive celebration in the big Stuttgart Mitte church, and the music and singing is very beautiful, powerful and memorable. If anyone would like to join Siobhán please let her know. Siobhán will already be in Stuttgart the week before but is happy to come to the airport to meet anyone wanting to come. Plans should be made soon as accommodation gets booked up quickly...

...religion lessons for children aged 8 and above have started on Wednesday afternoons from 4.15 to 5.30, please contact Siobhán for more details....

...the Thursday gospel study of the Mark gospel is coming to a completion. In February we will start anew with preparing the gospel reading for the coming Sunday....

Priest's time away:

23/10 -26/10	Synod in Edinburgh
28-29/10	Erhard in Ilkeston
3-5/11	Siobhán in Canterbury for Annual Community Meeting
3-5/11	Erhard in Devon
11/11	Erhard in Manchester
17-20/11	Siobhán in Botton/ Malton
17-18/11	Erhard in Ilkeston
25-26/11	Erhard in Ilkeston
8-9/12	Erhard in Ilkeston
8-11/12	Siobhán in Botton/ Malton
16-17/12	Erhard in Ilkeston
26/12	Erhard in Ilkeston
29/12-2/1	Siobhán in Botton/ Malton
5-6/1	Erhard in Ilkeston
9/1-28/1	Siobhán Holiday
20-21/1	Erhard in Ilkeston
27/1	Erhard in Manchester
2-5/2	Siobhán in Botton/ Malton
2-3/2	Erhard in Ilkeston
6-16/2	Erhard on Holiday
12-21/2	Siobhán in Stuttgart for CPD

17-18/2	Erhard in Ilkeston
2-3/3	Erhard in Ilkeston
2-5/3	Siobhán in Botton/ Malton
5-8/3	Synod in Stourbridge

Sunday, October 29	Revelation 1:10-20
Sunday, November 5	... Revelation 7:9-17
Sunday, November 12	... Revelation 10:1-11
Sunday, November 19	... Revelation 21:1-27
Sunday, November 26	Revelation 22: 8-20

Advent

Sunday, December 3	... Luke 21:25-36
Sunday, December 10	... Luke 21:25-36
Sunday, December 17	... Luke 21:25-36
Sunday, December 24	... Luke 21:25-36

Christmas

Sunday, December 25	
Midnight	... Matthew 1:1-25
Dawn	... Luke 2:1-20
Morning	... John 21:15-25

Epiphany

Saturday, January 6	... Matthew 2:1-12
Sunday, January 7	... Matthew 2:1-12
Sunday, January 14	... Luke 2:41-52
Sunday, January 21	... John 2:1-11
Sunday, January 28	... John 5:1-18
Sunday, February 4	... Matthew 20:1-16
Sunday, February 11	... Luke 8:1-18
Sunday, February 18	... Luke 18:18-34
Sunday, February 25	... Matthew 4:1-11

Office bearers:

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Cleaning: Ryan Walker

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