

# The Christian Community

MOVEMENT FOR RELIGIOUS RENEWAL

**Forest Row**

**Programme for June-November 2019**



## COMMUNION SERVICE

### THE ACT OF CONSECRATION OF MAN

**Sundays .....10 am**

**Thursdays.....9 am**

**Fridays..... 9 am**

**Saturdays ..... 9 am**  
**(No Fridays or Saturdays in July & August)**

## The Sunday Service for Children

### **Sundays at 9.10am**

for 7 - 14 year olds. We (children, parents, and priest) meet in the Community Room at 09:10 am to practice the song. Then we all meet again in the Community Room after the service, to hear a story.

*On Sunday 30th June & Sunday 29th September the Children's Service will be held at 11.20am in order to facilitate the festival*

**No children's Service from 14 July until recommencing 8 September**

### **LITTLE ONES GATHERING (age 1-6)**

#### **Sundays at 9 am (once a month)**

a short story-time with pentatonic song and verse in a Kindergarten setting for small children and parents

**8th September; 6th October; 3rd November**

### **EVENING SERVICE WITH SERMON**

Dedicated to those who have died.

Saturdays at 6pm:

**6<sup>th</sup> July, 3rd August, 7th September, 5th October, 2nd November**  
preceded by Reading for those who have died at 4.30pm.

## REGULAR EVENTS

### Tuesdays

**Conversation Group.** 10.30am following coffee from 10am.

### Wednesdays

**Eurythmy** – 8.50 – 9.50am Newcomers with some experience welcome. Contact Glenys Waters (01342) 824141. £8 per session.

### Thursdays

**Open Conversation Group**– 10-11am On religious, spiritual and general topics followed by coffee.

**Choir Rehearsals** – 7.15 – 8pm most Thursdays Contact Simon Blaxland de Lange (01342) 810965 for details.

**The Gospel Study Group**– 8pm. Currently, we are working on the Gospel of John.

**Open Conversation on Art** –7th July; 29<sup>th</sup>August; 10<sup>th</sup>October; 21st November 5.30pm

### Appletree Parent and Child Groups

Thursday & Fridays 9:30 - 11:30.

Contact: Katherine Small: 07811 342 082

email: [appletreeparentandchildgroup@gmail.com](mailto:appletreeparentandchildgroup@gmail.com)

These groups are for families with children aged birth to 3 years. They are a perfect place to make friends and feel supported in a nurturing and gentle Steiner/Waldorf setting. We celebrate the seasons with beautiful crafts, stories, festivals and songs. Katherine and Thora, your group facilitators look forward to welcoming you and your little ones.

### Gathering for pre-school children

in the Children's Room before the Children's Service

For age group 1-6. This is an initiative for all young children and their families. A short 15 minute gathering for the children, including story, verse, music and song. This will take place once a month, generally on the 1st Sunday of the month. Older children who would normally attend the Children's Service are welcome to sit in as well. Afterwards, a Children's Service will take place for the older children (age 7-14). After that, there is no further story or gathering.

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**The word unheard is...the world**

*(Ts Eliot from 'Ash Wednesday')*

If the lost word is lost, if the spent word is spent  
If the unheard, unspoken  
Word is unspoken, unheard;  
Still is the unspoken word, the Word unheard,  
The Word without a word, the Word within  
The world and for the world;  
And the light shone in darkness and  
Against the Word the unstilled world still whirled  
About the centre of the silent Word.

Dear members and friends of The Christian Community in Forest Row,  
welcome to our programme of events for the coming year until Advent.

This year, we have been approaching the mystery of The Word. What is meant by *The Word*? In Holy Week, we gave our attention to the so-called 'last words from the cross'. In this way, we tried to prepare ourselves properly for Easter, the central festival of Christianity. We tried to creatively live into the dying *words of The Word*, in order to feel the newness which is Resurrection.

With this in mind, we wish to continue deepening our relationship to The Word in this current programme.

In doing so, we wish to look at the past, and at the future. We are planning two conferences for this programme; one in July on the theme of Ancient Greece; and one in the Autumn on the question of evil.

Firstly, we turn our attention to a key period in the past of human history. It can be a great help to understand what Christianity really is or may be, if we return to the thinking and perception which originally met the Logos as it manifest in flesh and blood. It was the spirit of *Ancient Greece* which originally formed the kind of soul that could perceive the Christ.

If we are able to return to the thinking and perception that the ancient Greeks and their subsequent culture (Hellenism) achieved, then we can begin to see Christianity in its pristine new form as it appeared to those at the very beginnings of Christianity. We may have a feeling of being present at the birth of the being of Christianity. It can be as if we witness its birth, as if we were there. This 'original witnessing' can potentially clarify much about Christianity that remains unclear to us.

Our first conference will centre about the unique culture of ancient Greece. Dr. Andrew Welburn, an authority on the ancient world, will join us for this to speak on Hellenism.

On the front cover, you see a picture of the 'charioteer of Delphi'. This is a votive statue that was found at the Apollonian sanctuary of Delphi. Apollo was a sun-deity. He overcame the python-dragon at Delphi, and his oracular sanctuary was built there in the landscape where his sun forces were strongest. In the picture, you see an upright youth. His posture reveals a striking equanimity and poise. His form is one of self-possession. His eyes are awake and calm. The eyelashes are like the corona around his sun-like eyes. His head is prominent, his body a flowing robe; and he is strong armed, able to harness the strength of his horses. In this way, he is able to make the 'sun-journey' through life. His chariot represents that journey - the magical wheels are images of the sun. His feet are 'easy of the weight of earth'. And so he travels and progresses through life as if carried by the sun.



Apollo was the Greek name for that angel-being whom we celebrate at Autumn, Michael. His uprightness, his calm strength, and youthful forces are images of what Michael wishes us to awaken to. We will need these qualities in this present Michaelic age to face our python-dragon: evil.

And so we turn to the future.

At Michaelmas, we plan a weekend conference where we try to find our word in the face of evil. If we have learnt something from our past and what Greek culture offers us, then we may become like that charioteer; calm, upright and strong as we harness the unbridled power, master it, guide it, and so 'win' our human race - that is, attain our humanity.

If we are unable to do this, then The Word, as TS Eliot formulated it, 'remains unheard, and the world whirls unstilled about the centre of the silent Word'. This *unstilled whirling* which may grip the world is that which we call evil. It obscures The Word - but it awakens us to our capacity to actively hear The Word: the silent Word which waits for us to be able to listen before it will speak.

We also offer on this programme, four evenings with Rev. Tom Ravetz, called 'How can the spirit help?' Tom will be presenting themes which have occupied theology, in a vernacular and thinking that we are all familiar with. This will take place in Autumn as part of this Michaelmas impulse.

In the Summer, we have an evening with a local Speech Recital Group who will speak for us the word of the Apocalypse.

Throughout, we have our usual programme of local guest speakers and musicians whose science, artistry and creativity are manifestations of that Word which wishes to be heard and spoken.

Finally, many thanks to Pearl Goodwin, who has given much help recently.

With warm greetings

Luke Barr

on behalf of your priests,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Luke Barr". The ink is dark and the background is a light, textured surface.

Luke Barr

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tom Ravetz". The ink is dark and the background is a light, textured surface.

Tom Ravetz

**Demonic possession in the  
Gospels:  
"The Destiny of Man is his  
daemon" (Heraclitus)**



Exploring the link between the ancient pagan mysteries and demonic possession in the Gospels: What is the significance of these cases of possession? What relevance may they have for us today?

**An evening talk on Friday 20th September at 8 pm**



## Little ones gathering in The Christian Community

Dear parents!

We are offering something for the smaller children and their parents in this community.

As you may know, we offer a Children's Service which takes place on Sundays for the children aged 6-14. However, up until now, there has not been anything similar for the smaller children. Therefore, we would like to offer a pre-school aged children's family gathering. This would be for the age range of 1-6.

This takes place once a month, usually on the first Sunday of the month, and will begin at 9 am. Times and dates are to be found in the programme.

In a Kindergarten setting in our children's room, we have a small 'service' for the little ones. This is not a ritual, but only follows a regular pattern, designed for small children. Firstly, the parents and children wait outside until the bell rings, and then they come in and can sit on the floor or on little chairs, or with their parents on the bigger chairs. Seating is in a semi-circle, and around the story-teller, who sits by a lit candle, with a decorative background. The story-teller begins with some music and singing, and then tells a seasonal or festival story appropriate for the age group. Then, there is a verse, and once more, music, before ending.

All of this takes perhaps a quarter of an hour, as it cannot go on too long for the little ones. Afterwards, there is the chance for the parents and children to continue to mingle in the Community Room for half an hour, with refreshments. In the meantime, the bigger children will then have their Children's Service - and on that day, there will be no storytime after the service.

All are welcome to come: parents with their small children, but also the bigger children who would normally attend the Children's Service may sit in, if they wish. Grandparents, of course are also welcome!

Primarily, we hope that this little 'service' on a Sunday will give the children a little Sunday gift of magic: of wonder, reverence, and awe. We hope that this may meet what lives naturally in the soul of the child; and that on this day, the day of the Sun, with its warmth and light and generosity, they will develop a feeling for the experience of the essence of Christianity: that it is not merely about external religious observation - but a living experience of warmth, light and love as the foundation for the great mystery of freedom. We hope that this will provide a healthy foundation for all that they may later do in their lives, as they take up the tasks which are theirs.

For more information, please contact: Rev. Luke Barr:

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or Katherine Small: 07811 342082.



## Calendar of Events

### 16th June

Sunday, 11:30 am

#### **Our living heart**

A talk by *Dr. Philip Kilner* on his research into the human qualities of the heart.

### 23rd June

Sunday, 11:30 am

#### **Metanoia - a change of heart and mind**

A talk to prepare us for St. John's Tide by Rev. *Tom Ravetz*. **Metanoia** is the word that John the Baptist used to prepare for the coming Christ. It is often translated as 'repent', which has moralistic overtones. 'To change one's heart and mind' is a truer rendering.

### 24th June

Monday, 10 am

**St. John's Day:** Act of Consecration of Man

### 28th June

Friday, 8 pm

#### **The Apocalypse of John**

Recited by a local group of Speech Artists with an introduction by *Rev. Pearl Goodwin*. The first 6 chapters.

### 30th June

Sunday, 11:30 am

**St. John's Festival for all.**  
**Children's Service at 11:20 am**

### 7th July

Sunday 11:30 am

#### **Belvoir Duo violin concert**

**Violin:** Christiana Campbell

**Piano:** Tigran Grigoryan

Debussy Sonata in G minor

Beethoven Sonata no.1 in D Major.

**13th July**

Saturday, 8 pm

**Zagreb Eurythmy Ensemble**

(See their full programme towards back)

**21st July**

Sunday, 11:30 am

**Members Meeting.** In the Community Room.

Introduced by Rev. Luke Barr

1:30 pm

**Baptism of Lasse Jakob Barr**

## **Friday 26th - Sunday 28th July**

### **The legacy of Ancient Greece**

Now among those who were going up to worship at the festival, there were *some Greeks...* they came to Phillip and said to him 'Sir, *we wish to see Jesus.*' Jesus answered them, 'the hour has come when the glory of the Son of Man is revealed'. John 12:20-23

**How Greek culture prepared the human soul to see the Christ;  
and revealed the Son of Man**

In this weekend, we will explore various facets of Hellenist culture. The aim will be a deeper understanding of the time and conditions into which the appearance of the 'Son of Man' took place. Doing so may help us to better grasp what the essence of Christianity may be.

With contributions from, amongst others, **Dr. Andrew Welburn, Tom Ravetz, Luke Barr & Pearl Goodwin.** A full detailed programme will appear closer to the time.

**11th August**

Sunday, 11:30 am

**Open congregational Meeting**

All are welcome to attend

**18th August**

Sunday, 11:30 am

**Prayer and Meditation:  
two approaches to the spirit**

Talk with exercises led by *Rev. Tom Ravetz*

**30th August**

Friday, 8 pm

**Emil Nolde: Illuminating life**

Talk with slides by art historian *Deborah Ravetz*

**1st September**

Sunday, 11:30 am

**Sacred Geometry: an introduction**

Illustrations and exercises with *Daniel Docherty* of Emerson College. Daniel is a geometer with an insatiable passion for meaningful pattern. He is a long time student of Keith Critchlow; co-founder and senior tutor at Sacred Art of Geometry Studios, Emerson College. As well as teaching internationally, Daniel is a visiting tutor at The Prince's Foundation School of Traditional Art, London

**4th September**

Wednesday, 7:30 pm

**Living with the death of a child**

A talk with **Rev. Jan Tritschel**, Dresden.

In German and English.

Having worked intensively with the theme, both professionally and personally, Jan Tritschel offers an evening of reflection and conversation on the theme of suffering the death of a child. Further conversation can take place on the Thursday. Jan also offers to talk about the Grimm's fairy tale, 'Mother Holle' and its pictures of reincarnation, during his visit.

**8th September**

Sunday, 9 am

**Little Ones Gathering for ages 1-6**

**Please note: No services from 12-14 September**

**15th September**

Sunday, 11:30 am

**Reflections on Athens**

report of 'a pilgrimage' by *Luke Barr*

**20th September**

Friday, 8 pm

**Demonic possession in the Gospels**

Talk by *Rev. Luke Barr* as part of the approach to this year's Michaelmas theme

**22nd September**

Sunday, 11:30 am

**Fundraising Piano concert:**

**Julian Broughton**

With sonata's by Haydn and Beethoven

**Friday 27th - Sunday 29th September**

**Michaelmas Weekend**

**'Evil and the love of God'**

Our Michaelmas conference this year turns to the theme of evil. With contributions from Tom Ravetz, Luke Barr & Pearl Goodwin, and others. A detailed programme of events and talks will appear closer to the time.

**29th September**

10 am

11:30 am

12 Noon

**Michaelmas**

The Act of Consecration of Man

Children's Service

**Festival outside**

**Piano concert inside with Martin Skampa,  
Prague**

**5th October**

Saturday, 11 am-

12:30 pm

**Implicit with simplicity**

With Vicki & Paul Storey

A prose and poetry recital as fundraiser for the Medical Fund.

**6th October**

Sunday, 9 am

**Little Ones Gathering for ages 1-6**

**13th October**

Sunday, 11:30 am

**Members Meeting**

Members have an opportunity to reflect on recent events in the church; to raise questions and topics for general discussion; to offer ideas or thoughts on the future.

**18th October**

Friday, 8 pm

## **The Blue Rider I**

**Saluting the past - preparing for a new adventure**

(Jawlensky & Kandinsky)

Presentation with slides by art historian  
*Deborah Ravetz*

**25th October**

Friday, 7:30 -9:30 pm

## **How can the Spirit Help? I**

**Finding confidence in life - how do we know that we are lovable?**

Presentation, discussion and exercises with  
*Rev. Tom Ravetz*

**27th October**

Sunday, 11:30 am

***Clocks go back!***

## **The expansion that is 'old age'**

Reflections and conversation on the enigma of ageing. *With Rev. Pearl Goodwin*

**3rd November**

Sunday, 9 am

**Little Ones Gathering for ages 1-6**

**8th November**

Friday, 7:30 -9:30pm

## **How can the Spirit Help? II**

**Living with change - dealing with the pain of transformation**

Presentation, discussion and exercises with  
*Rev. Tom Ravetz*

**9th November**

Saturday, 10 am -  
5pm

**'Dying Awareness Day'** in the church.

With talks and open forums, grave talk café's etc. With various contributors. A detailed programme will appear closer to the time.

**10th November**

Sunday, 11:30 am

**Learning by Dying**

Conversation on the theme of death.

**15th November**

Friday, 8 pm

**The Blue Rider II**

**Saluting the past - preparing for a new adventure**

**(Klee, Macke, Marc)**

Presentation with slides by art historian  
*Deborah Ravetz*

**16th November**

Saturday, 10:30 am-  
12 Noon

**Saturday Club**

Activities, games, singing, stories and service  
for children aged 7-14

**17<sup>th</sup> November**

Sunday, 11.30am

**Spiral and Labyrinth**

A presentation further to the theme of  
'sacred geometry' and as preparation for  
Advent with *Kira Orsak* from Emerson college

**22<sup>nd</sup> November**

Friday, 7:30-9:30 pm

**How can the Spirit Help? III**

**Finding connection - how can we feel the  
help of the spiritual world?**

Presentation, discussion and exercises with  
*Rev. Tom Ravetz*

**24th November**

Sunday, 11:30 am

**Spiral and Labyrinth 2**

Talk with slides by *Rev. Luke Barr*

## **29th November**

Friday , 7:30-9:30 pm

### **How can the Spirit Help? IV**

**Living a good life- how do we know what to do in an age of freedom?**

Presentation, discussion and exercises with  
*Rev. Tom Ravetz*

## **30th November**

Saturday, 6 pm

**'Becoming'** Close of Day with sermon on  
the eve of Advent

### **Art Exhibitions**

**5th July- 11th August**

**Margaret Shillan**

**16th August - 22nd September**

**Esme Howard**

**27th September - 3rd November**

**Mary Rose Lyons**

**8th November - 15th December**

**Erla van Dyke**



# **Zagreb Eurythmy Ensemble IONA**

**Eurythmy tour in England and Scotland**

**26.06. – 15.07.2019**

## **Heart Mysteries**

**in Forest Row Christian Community  
church on Saturday 13 July**

**8pm**

### **PROGRAM**

**Georg Friedrich Händel Preludij iz sonate u B-duru**

**Allegro**

**Henry Wadsworth Longfellow The Arrow and the Song**

**Dora Pejačević Ljiljan**

**William Shakespeare It was a lover and his lass**

**Felix Mendelssohn Lieder ohne Worte, op. 85, No. 3, Es-dur**

**Rudolf Steiner The fairy tale about love and hate**

**César Franck Coral in E flat Major from Prelude in b minor**

**Novalis Zueignung (Dedication)**

**Sergei Rachmaninoff Prelude in C-sharp Minor, Op. 3, No. 2**

**William Shakespeare True love (Sonnet 116)**

**Sergei Rachmaninoff Moment Musicaux, Op. 16, No. 4**

**Heinrich Seidel Der Karpfen und das Huhn**

**Charlie Chaplin The Spring Song**

**Shel Silverstein Long-Leg Lou & Short-Leg Sue**

**Astor Piazzolla Tango**

## **Gospel Readings**

Sunday, June 16 ..... Romans 8:5-17

Sunday, June 23.....John 3:1-21

### **St John's Tide**

Monday, June 24 ..... Mark 1 :1-11

Sunday, June 30 ..... Mark 1 :1 -11

Sunday, July 7 ..... Matthew 3 :1-12

Sunday, July 14 ..... John 1:19-28

Sunday, July 21.....Mark 8: 27-37

Sunday, July 28 ..... Matthew 7: 1-14

Sunday, August 4 ..... Luke 15:11-32

Sunday, August 11 ..... Luke 9:1-17

Sunday, August 18 ..... Luke 18:35-43

Sunday, August 25 ..... Mark 7:31-37

Sunday, September 1..... Luke 10:1-20

Sunday, September 8..... Luke 17:5-24

Monday, September 15 ..... Matthew 6:19-34

Tuesday, September 22 ..... Luke 7:11-17

### **Michaelmas**

Sunday, September 29..... Matthew 22:1-14

Sunday, October 6 ..... Matthew 25:1-13

Sunday, October 13 ..... Ephesians 6:10-20

Sunday, October 20 ..... Revelation 12:1-12

Sunday, October 27 ..... Revelation 19:11-16

Sunday, November 3.....Revelation 4:1-11

Sunday, November 10 ..... Revelation 7:9-17

Sunday, November 17.....Revelation 14:1-13

Sunday November 24.....Revelation 21:1-8

## **Funerals**

**Hugh Baker + 25:02:2019**

## **Baptisms**

**Finlay Michael Johnson 16:03:2019**

**Holly Alice Iveson Iggulden 16:03:2019**

**Mattis Ben Lieberman 16:03:2019**

**Lyra Rose Kitson 16:03:2019**

## **Services in Canterbury**

For details of services and events in Canterbury, see the separate programme in the church or visit

<https://canterburychristiancommunity.wordpress.com/>

Provisional dates are

1st September

12th October

10th November

## **Upcoming Priest Absences**

Luke Barr will be away 5-24 August holiday;

9-13 September & 21-26 October on work related trips

Tom Ravetz will be away 8-26 July holiday

The priests will be at the synod in Stroud 28th October - 1st November

## Directory

Church/Priest Trainee/ Community helper		01342 825436
Book Stall	Vincent Gordon	01892 770651
Choir	Simon Blaxland de Lange	01342 810965
Congregational Council	Evelyne Muller	01342 823959
	Margaret Turner, Rosanne White, Mike Small	
Finance Group	Simon Couldry	01342 823891
	Luke Barr, Inger Gordon, Tom Ravetz, Mike Small	
Library	Christina Lines	07800 505796
Parent and Child Group	Katherine Small	07811 342 082
Second Hand Books	Karin Gearing	01342 823036
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Coffee Rota	<b>Vacancy</b>	
Community Support Network	Evelyne Muller	01342 823959
Exhibitions	Manning Goodwin	01342 810069
Festivals Group	Luke Barr	01342 823135
Flowers	Susanne Fuller	01342 824320
Funeral Support Group	Michael Roberts	01342 824257
Gardening	John Marking	01342 823956
Ironing	Rosanne White	01825 712423
Maintenance Church	John Marking	01342 823956
Maintenance Priests' Housing		
Memorial Garden Maintenance	Michael Roberts	01342 824257
Music	<b>Vacancy</b>	
Music for Children's Service	Richard Alton	01342 322822
Reception Volunteers	Karin Gearing	01342 823036
Servers	Antoinette Reynolds	01892 771011
Training of new servers	Margaret Turner	01342 457456
Servers for Children's Service	Stuart Purdy	01342 823230
Ushers	Gerard van Dyck	01342 822579
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## General Enquiries

Call the church during the opening times on 01342 825436

## OPENING TIMES

VISITORS ARE WELCOME

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 10 am - 1 pm and 3 pm - 5 pm,  
Saturday 10 am - 1 pm, Wednesday 10 am - 12 am

Subject to alteration

Closed on Mondays

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**Cover image:** Charioteer of Delphi, severe style, 470 BC

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