

The Christian Community

Movement for Religious Renewal

Devon

Programme for

St John to Michaelmas 2020



Double Rainbow
over Dartmoor

‘What lies behind us and what lies ahead of us are tiny matters
compared to what lies within us’
Ralph Waldo Emerson

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1st July 2020

Dear members and friends of The Christian Community in Devon,

We have seen many pictures of rainbows in the windows of Buckfastleigh, drawn by children in expectation of life to come after the time in the ark, maybe in the dark. The rainbow is a wonderful bridge between two worlds, the promise of old that we will not be forsaken, that we will always have the Divine Presence walking with us through all the trials of life.

Since God became Human and the Son of God became the Son of Man we even have this presence walking with us through the gate of death and beyond.

During this time of change and transition we are asked to change our habits, which could be one of the greatest achievements of our life. John, the Baptist, calls on us to change our hearts and minds, to change the direction of our values and our thinking, based on the reflection of our lives and the consequences of our deeds so far. At the same time John proclaims that his baptism with water is to be replaced with one by fire and the Holy Spirit.

The inner fire and spirit of Christ work in us and through us when we open our hearts out of our own free will inviting this healing presence to guide us and show us the way forward. There is much to be learnt on this way: illusions to be put aside, mistakes to be admitted, misdeeds to be forgiven, insights to be gained, support to be given and courage to be developed.

We will explore the path between St John's-tide and Michaelmas-time in our conversations and gospel studies after the service.

It will be wonderful to see each other again, albeit in changed circumstances at present (see notes at the end of this programme).

With hope for the future,
Sabine

St John's Tide

July 2020

Sunday 5th	10.00	The <i>Act of Consecration of Man</i>
	11.00	Conversation on our experiences during lockdown
Wednesday 8th	10.00	The <i>Act of Consecration of Man</i>
	11.00	Conversation on our experiences during lockdown
Sunday 12th	10.00	The <i>Act of Consecration of Man</i>
	11.00	Conversation on our experiences during this time of crisis
Wednesday 15th	10.00	The <i>Act of Consecration of Man</i>
	11.00	Conversation on our experiences during this time of crisis
Sunday 19th	10.00	The <i>Act of Consecration of Man</i>
	11.00	<i>Council Meeting</i>
Wednesday 22nd	10.00	The <i>Act of Consecration of Man</i>
	11.00	Conversation on our experiences and the changes to our lives
Sunday 26th	10.00	The <i>Act of Consecration of Man</i>
	11.00	Conversation on our experiences and the changes to our lives (led by Michael Young)

August 2020

Sunday 2nd	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.00	<i>The Path towards Michaelmas</i> Conversation and Gospel Study
Wednesday 5th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.00	<i>The Path towards Michaelmas</i> Conversation and Gospel Study
Sunday 9th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.00	Conversation and Gospel Study
Wednesday 12th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.00	Conversation and Gospel Study
Sunday 16th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.00	Conversation and Gospel Study (led by Caroline D'Alwis)
No Wednesday 19th Service		
Sunday 23rd	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.00	<i>The 12 sentences of our Creed in relation to the Zodiac</i> Talk by Rev Erhard Keller
No Wednesday 26th Service		
Sunday 30th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.00	Conversation: Summer harvest

September 2020

Sunday 6 th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.00	<i>Council Meeting</i>
Wednesday 9 th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.00	Conversation and Gospel Study
Sunday 13 th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
		<i>The Christian Community – then and now</i> Talk and Conversation
Wednesday 16 th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.00	Conversation and Gospel Study
Sunday 20 th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.00	<i>The School of Athens and The Disputa by Raphael</i> with Rory Valentine
Wednesday 23 rd	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.00	Conversation and Gospel Study
Sunday 27 th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.00	<i>The Seasonal Prayers : Michaelmas</i>

Michaelmas

Tuesday 29 th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.00	<i>The Seasonal Prayers : Michaelmas</i>

Gospel readings for this period

St John's Tide

Sunday, July 5		John 1:1-28
Sunday, July 12	...	Luke 3:1-6
Sunday, July 19		John 1:29-34

Trinity

Sunday, July 26		Mark 8:27-38
Sunday, August 2		Matthew 7:1-14
Sunday, August 9		Luke 15: 11-32
Sunday, August 16		Luke 9:1-17
Sunday, August 23		Luke 18:35-43
Sunday, August 30	...	Mark 7:31-37
Sunday, September 6	...	Luke 10:1-20
Sunday, September 13		Luke 17:5-24
Sunday, September 20		Matthew 6:19-34
Sunday, September 27		Luke 7:11-17

Michaelmas

Tuesday, September 29		
Sunday, October 4		Matthew 22:1-14

Please note that we may
need to change the
programme

Areas of Responsibility

Treasurer/Accounting Council	in transition to Caroline D'Alwis Rory Valentine, Cathy Day, Christopher Cooper, Caroline D'Alwis, Carole Hills, Mike Morris, Sabine Haus
Maintenance	Steve Eyles and Rory Valentine
Vestments	Caroline D'Alwis, Cathy Day
Servers Rota	Rory Valentine and Carole Hills
Attendance Rota	Steve Eyles 07792 805154
Bread	Helen Franklin
Music	Robert Byrnes, Oliver Mason and ?
Flowers	Kitty Roberts and Carole Hills
Pictures	Carole Hills and Sabine
Correspondent	Christopher Cooper and Ros Bourne
Library	Ros Bourne
New Books	Sabine Haus
Guest rooms	
- bookings	Sabine Haus 01364 64 42 72

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Holidays

July 27 -31st, August 17th -28th

Sabine can be contacted on **07968 304 131**

A new beginning!

We are very grateful to be able to open our doors again albeit in a new way.

Following guidelines and our risk assessment please note the following:

The number of participants for each service is limited and we have therefore introduced a booking system. Steve Eyles is coordinating an attendance rota. We ask you not to come if you have any flu-like symptoms or feel unwell.

Please enter by the middle door and keep 2 metres apart when walking through the passage. On entering the building either use the sanitizer or wash your hands thoroughly on the way to the chapel and also on the way out. Please exit through the door closest to the chapel. There will be a steward outside and inside the chapel and the outside door will be closed just before 10.00am. Please make sure to arrive in good time and make your way straight to the chapel in order to keep the passage way free. The chairs to be used in the chapel are marked and the steward will be at hand.

There will be no singing or sharing out individual communion at present. Everyone is invited to participate inwardly in the communion for all.

The kitchen will be out of bounds (you are welcome to bring your own water bottle), but we can make our way up the stairs one by one and sit in the big circle of chairs with the window open and have a conversation.

How wonderful it will be to see each other again and to hear our stories!