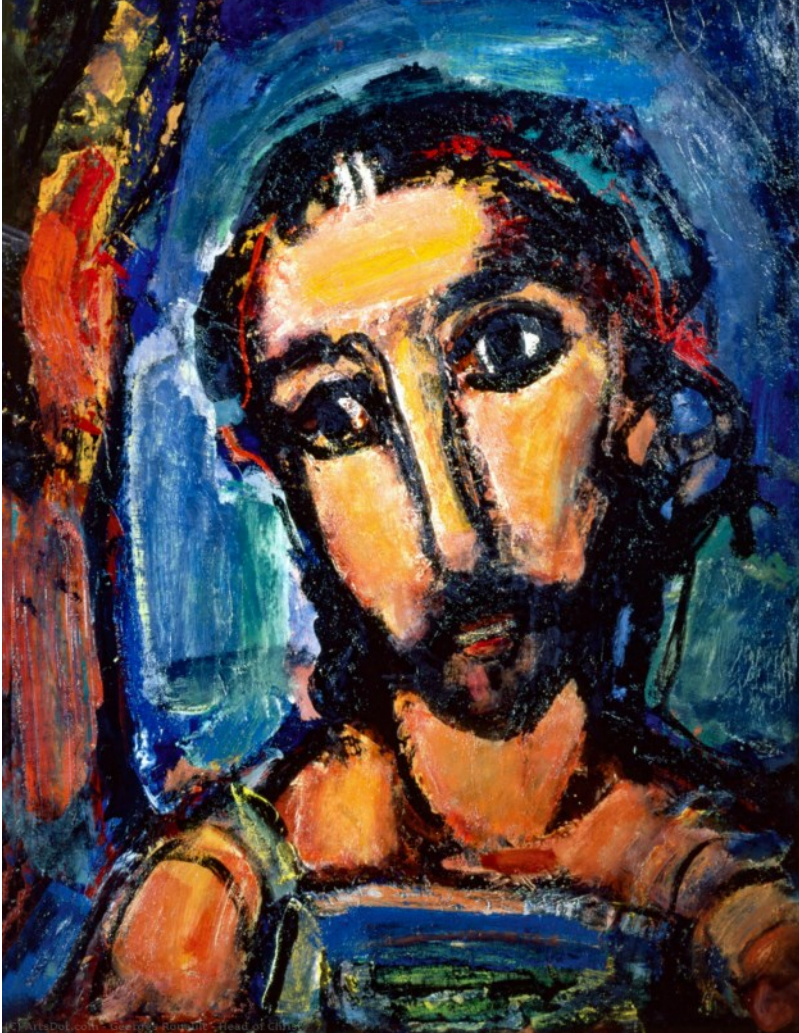


The Christian Community

MOVEMENT FOR RELIGIOUS RENEWAL

Programme for March-June, 2022



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*Knowing myself yet being someone other –
And he a face still forming... (T S Eliot: Little Gidding)*

History plays out on many levels. There is the everyday course of events, documented in newspapers and analysed by historians. There are the deeper currents, of which we sometimes catch a glimpse, when the hidden intentions of actors on the world stage become apparent. We can sense too the working of adversary powers, drawing human beings into one-sidednesses of various kinds. Then there is the deepest history of all: the story of humanity's journey with Christ since his Incarnation.

Behind all the turmoil and upheaval of the twentieth century, a decisive shift was being prepared. What had for centuries seemed a distant prophecy became reality. In many different places, in the most unexpected ways, human beings started to experience a renewed presence of the Resurrected One. This event – sometimes called the Second Coming or Reappearance of Christ – became possible because human beings were developing a new faculty of beholding.

The Christian Community was founded on the conviction that we are now living in this reality. Faced with the fact that there was no Catholic priest – let alone a bishop – to assure the 'apostolic succession', the line of descent from St Peter, its founders realised that their task was to create a future succession – to connect to Christ as he wants to manifest today.

In the still heart of the Act of Consecration of Man, when the priest breaks the bread and recalls the Last Supper, we can experience more than just a memorial. The words from the past event fill our present reality and act as a prophecy and a realisation of the future that is streaming towards us. The altar picture that we see behind the altar is intended to support this. The picture is a place of encounter.

A few years ago, Richard Heys and Monika Knight took the congregation on a journey to school our beholding. Over many months, the congregation looked at the altar space, its forms and colours, and found ways of describing what meets us in the altar picture. Unfortunately, this process did not come to the conclusion

that we had hoped for, namely creating a new altar picture. Meanwhile there has been a pandemic and much else besides, so this process has not continued.

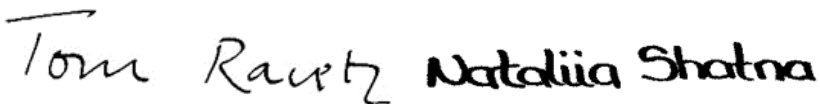
We are taking the image of Christ as a central theme in this programme, and we have asked Richard Heys to help once more. Our aim here is to become ever more the congregation that can behold the altar with the visionary power of our hearts, so that, should we decide to affirm our intention to commission a new altar picture, we will be able to do justice to what is created.

We are delighted that Roger Druitt will join us to give a workshop on **Looking for what is hidden within the beauty of plants** on 29th-30th April, and for a talk on 1st May.

We are also honoured to be hosting the Annual Meeting of The Christian Community in Great Britain, which will be on **Creating Sacred Space– Where present and future meet**, which will take place from 10th-12th June. There will be opportunities to volunteer – please see the Updates. If you would be able to offer accommodation, please let one of the priests, or Inger Gordon know.

Now that we are able to create a programme for the coming months, our weekly Update is returning to its old function, namely a brief reminder of this week's events and publicity for anything arranged at short notice and of any changes.

With our very best wishes for the coming months,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Tom Ravetz Nataliia Shatna". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style. "Tom" is on the left, "Ravetz" is in the middle, and "Nataliia Shatna" is on the right. There is a horizontal line above the "T" in "Tom".

Tom Ravetz and Nataliia Shatna

Services

The Act of Consecration of Man

Sundays at 10am, Thursdays and Fridays at 9am. Daily in Holy Week and on 5th, 6th and 7th June.

Die Menschenweihehandlung

(Act of Consecration of Man in German) is celebrated on the last Saturday of the month at 9am

The Act of Consecration of Man will be celebrated daily at 10am from 11th-18th April (Holy Week and Easter), on Ascension Day (Thursday, 26th May) and on Whitsunday (5th June) and the two following days at 10am

Evening Service for those who have died

On the first Saturday of the month at 6pm preceded by a reading group for those who have died at 4.30pm

The Sunday Service for Children is held fortnightly at 11.15am, followed by a story.

March 13th & 27th; April 10th & 17th, May 1st & 15th, June 5th & 19th. Last before summer: July 3rd

Other regular events

Tuesdays 10.30am

Conversation Group

(the church will be open from 10am and tea and coffee will be served)

The Little Ones' Gathering for pre-school children with songs, story and prayer, is held on the first Sunday of the month. 6th March 9.15am; 3rd April: please come for 11.15am; 1st May 9.15am; 5th June 9.15am

Thursdays

fortnightly at 4pm Skylarks Group. 24th Feb, 24th March, 28th April, 12th May, 26th May, 9th June, 23rd June, 7th July

7pm Choir, *8pm* Gospel Study Group

Fridays

3.35-5pm Confirmation Class

Diary

Sunday, 6th March at 11.30am

Members' Meeting

3pm The Sacrament of Baptism for

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followed by refreshments in the community room

Passiontide

Sunday, 20th March at 11.30am

Picturing Jesus

Talk by Pearl Goodwin

Sunday, 27th March at 7.30pm

Concert by Tier 3 Piano Trio

Beethoven 'Geistertrio' Op 70 No. 1

Saint Saens Trio No. 2

Saturday, 2nd April 10am-12.30pm

House and Garden morning followed by bring & share lunch

Sunday, 3rd April at 11.30am

Sowing the Easter Wheat

with Children and Adults with a story and songs in the garden

Holy Week

Palm Sunday, 10th April at 6pm

I said to my soul, be still (TS Eliot)

Evening Service for Holy Week

Monday, 11 April-Thursday, 14th April, 11am-12.30pm

'... and he a face still forming'

Deepening the Gospel Readings

followed by artistic activity led by Richard Heys

Friday, 15th April, 2-3.30pm

Contemplative Service for Good Friday

with Music played by The Hess Ensemble, Readings, Sermon and silence

Easter

Sunday, 17th April

following the Children's Service Easter Egg Hunt in the garden

11.30am 'Did not our hearts burn within us?'

Seeing Christ with the eyes of the heart

Talk by Tom Ravetz

Saturday, 23rd April at 7.30pm

'In your middle there is one whom you do not yet know'

Talk to prepare tomorrow's Confirmation—Tom Ravetz

Sunday, 24th April at 10am

The Sacrament of Confirmation

for Raphael von Zweigberk Marcus, Bruno James Grima, Sdhori Jett,
Gloria Jean Magnolia Purdy, Clara Wilkinson Löfstedt

Friday, 29th April 5-7.20pm (with a short break) and Saturday 30th April,

10.30am to 4.30pm (with a bring and share lunch)

Looking for what is hidden within the beauty of plants

Workshop with Roger Druitt and Nataliia Shatna,
with observation and sketching.

All are welcome. No skills needed.

Sunday, 1st May at 11.30am

The Good Shepherd - the Shepherd Beautiful - and our Life in Prayer

Talk by Roger Druitt

Sunday, 8th May at 7pm

Open Artistic Evening

Sunday, 15th May at 11.30am

The Living Christ

The portrayal of Christ in the work of Georges Rouault, Max Beckmann,
Marc Chagall, David Bomberg and David Jones

Slide talk by Deborah Ravetz

Ascension

Thursday, 26th May at 10am

The Act of Consecration of Man for Ascension

Sunday, 29th May at 11.30am

The Visionary Power of our Hearts

Talk for Ascension Sunday

- Pearl Goodwin

Saturday, 4th June, 10am-12.30pm

House and Garden morning followed by bring & share lunch

Whitsun

The Act of Consecration of Man will be celebrated at
10am on Whitsunday, 5th June, Whitmonday, 6th June and
Tuesday, 7th June

Saturday, 4th June at 10am

Preparing for Whitsun at with Children and adults
with a walk in the meadow and making doves

Sunday, 5th June, 11.30am-2.30 pm including a bring & share lunch

'Seeing face to face'

Community artistic creation in the spirit of Whitsun
also at 11.30am, following the Children's Service: Whitsun Story

10th-12th June, in Forest Row

Creating Sacred Spaces— where present and future meet

Annual Meeting of The Christian Community in Great Britain
The Act of Consecration of Man will be at 9am on 12th June. See
separate flyer

Exhibitions

March - Mary-Anne Patterson "My Journey Through the Night"

April - Doran Scotson - oil paintings

*May - art from the South Studio (work from some of Richard Heys'
students at Emerson)*

June - Katherine Small, South East Open Studio show

Visits to other centres

Nataliia will be in Canterbury 20th March, 18th April, 8th May, 6th June

Tom will be in Ringwood 9th April, 14th May, 18th June

Absences

Nataliia will be away for the further training 8th-17th March and for the Confirmation Retreat 5-8th of April.

Tom will be away at the Ordinations in Berlin 9th-12th March and on congregational visits in Scotland 30th March-4th April, as well as for Confirmations on 30th April-1st May, 13th-15th May and 21st-22nd May.

Gospel Readings

Sunday, March 6: Matthew 4:1-11

Sunday, March 13: Matthew 17:1-13

Passiontide

Sunday, March 20: Luke 11:14-36

Sunday, March 27: John 6:1-15

Sunday, April 3: John 8:1-12

Holy Week

Palm Sunday, April 10: Matt 21:1-11

Thursday, April 14: Luke 23:13-32

Good Friday, April 15: John 19:1-15

Holy Saturday, April 16: John 19:16-42

Easter

Sunday, April 17: Mark 16:1-8

Sunday, April 24: John 20:19-31

Sunday, May 1: John 10:1-16

Sunday, May 8: John 15:1-27

Sunday, May 15: John 16:1-33

Sunday, May 22: John 14:1-31

Ascension

Thursday, May 26: John 16:24-33

Sunday, May 29: John 16:24-33

Whitsun

Sunday, June 5: John 14:22-31

Wednesday, June 8: Luke 19:1-10

Sunday, June 12: John 3:1-17

Sunday, June 19: 1Cor 2:9-16

St. John's Tide

Friday, June 24: Mark 1:1-11

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