

# The Christian Community Stourbridge

Movement for Religious Renewal

St. John's Tide to November 2023



The Transfiguration by Raphael 1520

In all three synoptic Gospels the description of the 'Transfiguration' of Jesus is followed by the story of the boy whom no-one could heal. How are these two stories connected? Raphael painted them as if they belong together, like above and below. How can super sensible experiences lead to healing on earth? And how dramatic this healing scene is! So many riddles to ponder and explore!

# St. John's Tide

## June

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup>

### St John's Day

10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man

Erhard in Ilkeston

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>

10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man

11.15 Children's Service

11.30 **Farewell for Siobhán and Johannes Moora**

With St. John's Fire, bring and share lunch and cultural activities, lasting to around 3pm

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup>

No service (Council Meeting in London)

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup>

10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man

11.10 Gospel Study Mark 1:1-11

## July

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup>

10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man

11.30 **Pots of Gold** - A Celebration of Summer in poetry and music, by *David Donaldson* and *Joris Boon*

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>

8.00 The Act of Consecration of Man

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>

10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man

11.10 Gospel Study John 3:22-36

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>

10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man

11.30 **Goethe and the 'primal plant'**

Talk by *Maarten Ekama*

Erhard in Ilkeston

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>

8.00 The Act of Consecration of Man

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>

10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man

11.10 Gospel Study Luke 3:7-17

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup>

Last Service in Didsbury Manchester

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>

10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man

11.30 **Hob and the Elf**

Book launch by *Richard Moore*

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>

8.00 The Act of Consecration of Man

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>

10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man

11.10 Gospel Study Luke 7:18-28

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup>

Erhard in Ilkeston

# Trinity

Lori Scotchko arrives

Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man 11.30 <b>Welcome to Lori Scotchko</b>
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 The Act of Consecration of Man 9.00 St. Luke's Gospel study with Lori
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man 11.10 Gospel Study Mark 8:27-38
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup>	9.00-11.30 Gardening and maintenance morning
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man 11.30 <b>The Transfiguration and the four elements</b> Talk by <i>Erhard Keller</i>
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Children's craft activity with <i>Nigel Lumsden and Lori Scotchko</i>

## **August**

Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	8.00 The Act of Consecration of Man 9.00 St. Luke's Gospel study with Lori
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man 11.10 Gospel Study Matthew 7:1-14
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man 11.30 <b>Transfiguration and Hiroshima Day</b> Conversation with <i>Monika Knight</i> Erhard in Ilkeston
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 The Act of Consecration of Man 9.00 St. Luke's Gospel study with Lori
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man 11.10 Gospel Study Luke 15:11-32
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man 11.30 <b>Songs Old and New; Songs and Music manifesting the peripheral sounding tone</b> <i>Andrew Thompson</i> (voice), <i>Jorien van Tuinen</i> (viola), <i>Joris Boon</i> , (cello), plus sounding metal
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Children's craft activity with <i>Nigel Lumsden and Lori Scotchko</i>

Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 The Act of Consecration of Man 9.00 St. Luke's Gospel study with Lori
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man 11.10 Gospel Study Luke 9:1-17
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Erhard in Ilkeston
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man 11.30 <b>The Kabiren Mystery Centre of Samothrace, and the Ancient Sacrament of the Consecration of Man</b> Talk by <i>Lori Scotchko</i>
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	8.00 The Act of Consecration of Man 9.00 St. Luke's Gospel study with Lori
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man 11.10 Gospel Study Luke 19:35-43
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man 11.30 <b>Talk on a theme from the seminary</b> by <i>Lori Scotchko</i>
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 The Act of Consecration of Man 9.00 St. Luke's Gospel study with Lori
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup>	10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man 11.10 Gospel Study Mark 7:31-37

## ***September***

Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9.00-11.30 Gardening and maintenance morning
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man 11.30 <b>The Priest Seminary in Stuttgart: A Modern Path of Initiation, Highlights from the first-year studies.</b> Talk (and farewell) by <i>Lori Scotchko</i> Erhard in Ilkeston
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 11.10 Gospel Study Luke 10:1-20
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup>	9.15 Children's service followed by story 10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man 11.30 <b>Servers' meeting</b> Non servers welcome to share observations
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 11.10 Gospel Study Luke 17:5-24
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man 11.30 <b>My biography; exploring the unknown</b> Told by <i>Jacquie Williams</i>
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 11.10 Gospel Study Matthew 6:19-34
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man 11.30 <b>The Geology of North Wales</b> Talk by <i>Maarten Ekama</i> Erhard in Ilkeston
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 11.10 Gospel Study Luke 7:11-17

## Michaelmas

### The Formative Power of the Word

### Michaelmas Conference 2023

*For details see special flyer*

Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man
<b>October</b>	
Sunday 1st	10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man

Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	No service
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man 11.10 Gospel Study Matthew 22:1-14
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup>	9.15 Children's Service followed by a story 10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man 11.30 <b>What am I afraid of? Causes and consequences of fear.</b> Introduction and conversation with <i>Monika Knight</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
	11.10 Gospel Study Revelation 3:1-6
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Erhard in Ilkeston
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.30 <b>Two traditional Japanese Kamshibai Stories</b>
	Read and performed by <i>Ian Flynn and Kumiko Ohashi</i>
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
	11.10 Gospel Study Revelation 12:1-12
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup>	9.00 – 11.30 Gardening and Maintenance
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.30 <b>What does it mean to be a member of a ‘church’</b>
	<b>In the time of Michael?</b>
	Conversation led by <i>Erhard Keller</i>
23 <sup>rd</sup> - 26 <sup>th</sup>	No services Synod in Forest Row

## Trinity

Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.30 <b>The Self between Earth and Heaven 1</b>
	An exploration led by <i>Louise Madsen</i>
(Summertime ends)	Erhard in Ilkeston
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup>	8.00 The Act of Consecration of Man
	16.00 <b>Pumpkin party in the garden</b>
<b>November</b>	
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.10 Gospel Study Ephesians 6:10-20
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup>	9.15 Children’s Service followed by a story
	10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.30 <b>Remembering those who have crossed the threshold</b>
	Festive gathering
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 The Act of Consecration of Man
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.10 Gospel Study Revelation 4:1-11
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Erhard in Ilkeston

Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man 11.30 <b>Raphael and the beloved disciple</b> Talk with slides by <i>Rory Valentine</i>
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 The Act of Consecration of Man
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man 11.10 Gospel Study Revelation 19:1-10
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man 11.30 <b>The Father church, the Son church, the Spirit church</b> <b>Different aspects of community building</b> Talk by <i>Erhard Keller</i>
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	8.00 The Act of Consecration of Man
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man 11.10 Gospel Study Revelation 21:9-27
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man 11.30 <b>The Self between Earth and Heaven 2</b> An exploration led by <i>Louise Madsen</i> Erhard in Ilkeston
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 The Act of Consecration of Man
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man 11.10 Gospel Study Revelation 22:12-21
<b>December</b>	
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9.00-11.30 Preparing for Advent

Dear Congregation

This programme begins with the farewell for Siobhán and Johannes who have so enriched our lives in our congregation and the wider community in Stourbridge. So please join the party on Sunday the 25<sup>th</sup> of June. We will have a St. John's fire in the garden and welcome culinary and cultural contributions!

In July and August Lori Scotchko will join us for a practicum to get to know our congregational life. On Tuesday mornings there will be a Gospel study group: *It is the conscious striving to live out of our own I, or the "I AM" in us, that makes us truly healthy human beings. But much that we find in our life-of-soul today can seem contrary to this true self. Under the aspect of discerning what is "I" in us, from what is not "I" in us, we will study selected passages from the Gospel of Luke. This is collaborative group work.*

Lori is also offering a creative speech class: *"Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed..." Man's ability to speak is the Working of the Logos, the Creative Word in us. In this working group we will playfully practice speech*

*exercises by Rudolf Steiner, and culminate our efforts in the learning and speaking of sections from Paul's letter to the Corinthians 1:15 (King James translation). No prior experience required. Bring your love of the word!* Please contact Lori (0044 7473927292 or lori.scotchko@gmail.com) if you are interested to participate to find the best time. She is also keen to hear more about congregational life and individual destinies. Nigel Lumsden will come twice on a Monday to help Lori to offer some children's craft activities for the summer. Please contact Lori if you want to participate.

On 15<sup>th</sup> July there will be the last Service in Manchester. The Didsbury Methodist church, where we held our services for many years, is closing. Our congregation has dwindled partly through old age, partly through members moving away and partly because of the extensive lockdown.

For Michaelmas we have organised a big conference on the Formative Power of the Word. We hope that this is not only interesting for our congregation, but also for people from further afield. See extra programme.

Erhard (with support from Lori and Louise)

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