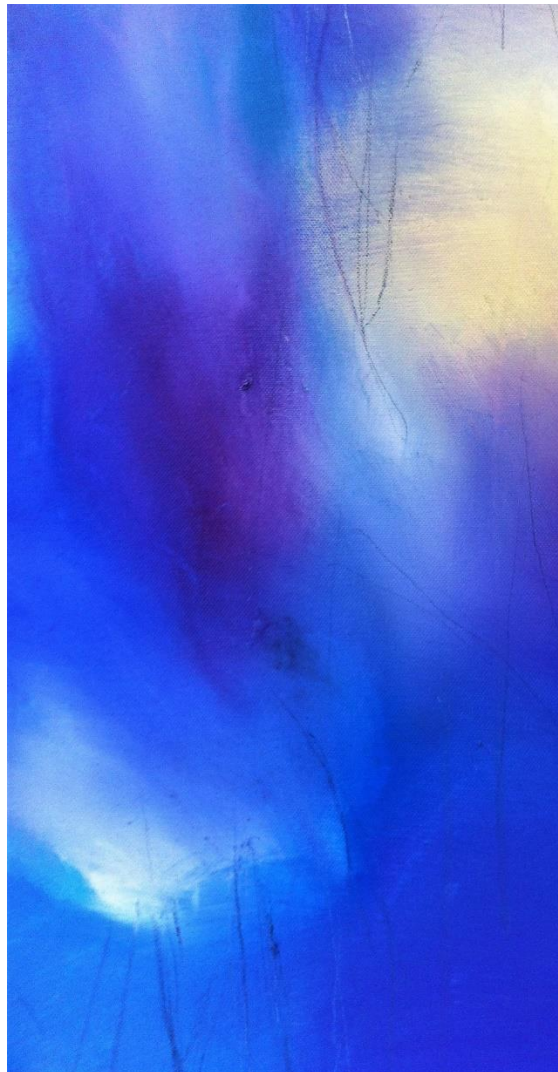


The Christian Community

Stourbridge

Movement for Religious Renewal

Passion Tide to Whitsun 2017



Lysanne Morissette

Playing around emptiness to tame the fear of heights.
Gently laying blue bridges to move on between joy and absence.
Brushing against the edges and finding space.
If emptiness contains everything we can play forever...

Passiontide

March

Sunday 19 th	10.00	Induction of Siobhan Porter by our Lenker Tom Ravetz followed by The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.30	Welcome to Siobhan Porter and Johannes Moora
Tuesday 21 th	8.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
Thursday 23 rd	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.00	Gospel Study: Mark 1, 1-8 (Waterman)
Sunday 26 th (!Summertime!)	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.30	Opening of Exhibition with Paintings By <i>Harry Scriven</i> (Induction of Selina Horn in Stroud)
Tuesday 28 th	8.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
Thursday 30 th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.00	Gospel Study: Mark 1, 9-20 (Fishes)

April

Sunday 2 nd	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.30	Congregational meeting
Tuesday 4 th	8.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
Thursday 6 th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.00	Gospel Study: Mark 1, 21-39 (Ram)
Saturday 8 th	9-12	Gardening morning
	17.00	Reading for the Dead

Holy Week

Palm Sunday 9 th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.30	'The Entering of Christ in the Sign of the RAM' Talk by <i>Erhard Keller</i>
Monday 10 st	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
Tuesday 11 nd	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
Wednesday 12 th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
Thursday 13 th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.15	'How do we answer the question, why do bad things happen to good people?' Talk by Rev. David Knight

Good Friday 14 th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	15.00	Contemplative Service with reading of the words from the cross
Saturday 15 th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.15	'Judas Iscariot: traitor or helper?'
		Talk by <i>Louise Madsen</i>

Easter

Easter Sunday 16 th of April	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.15	The Service for the Children
	11.30	Easter Festival
Easter Monday	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
Tuesday 18 th	8.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
Thursday 20 th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.00	Gospel Study: Mark 1, 40 – 3,12 (Bull)
Sunday 23 rd	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man Confirmation of Laura Gilde in Forest Row
	11.30	'Peace in Oneself, Peace in the World an introduction to the practice of Plum Village Mindfulness' Talk by <i>Vari McLuskie</i>
Tuesday 25 th	8.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
Thursday 27 th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.00	Gospel Study: Mark 3, 13-19 (Twins)
Sunday 30 th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.30	Opening of exhibition of paintings from <i>Lysanne Morissette</i>

May

Tuesday 2 nd	8.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
Thursday 4 th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.00	Gospel Study: Mark 3,20-35 (Crab)
Saturday 6 th		Introduction of Siobhan Porter to Botton/Malton
	17.00	Reading for the Dead
Sunday 7 th	9:15	Children's service
	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.30	'Luke, the 'BULL', witness of birth' Talk by <i>Erhard Keller</i>

Tuesday 9 th	8.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
Thursday 11 th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.00	Gospel Study: Mark 4, 1-34 (Virgin)
Saturday 13 th	9-12	Gardening Morning
Sunday 14 th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
Tuesday 16 th	8.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
Thursday 18 th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.00	Gospel Study: Mark 4, 35-5, 20 (Scales)
Sunday 21 st	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.30	Servers' meeting
Tuesday 23 rd	8.00	The Act of Consecration of Man

Ascension

Thursday 25 th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.15	'Christ's Abiding Power' Ascension conversation
Sunday 28 th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.30	'Ernest Simba' Talk by author <i>Catherine Cowell</i>
Tuesday 30 th	8.00	The Act of Consecration of Man

June

Thursday 1 st	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.00	Gospel Study: Mark 5,21 – 6,6 (Scorpion)

Whitsun

Sunday 4 th	9.15	The Service for the Children
	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.30	'The Whitsun Fire' Conversation
Monday 5 th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
Tuesday 6 th	10.00	Die Menschenweihehandlung (in German)

Trinity

Thursday 8 th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.00	Gospel Study: Mark 6, 7-11 (Archer)
Saturday 10 th	17.00	Reading for the Dead
Sunday 11 th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man

Thursday 15 th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man No study group
Sunday 18 th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
Tuesday 20 th	8.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
Thursday 22 nd	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man

Looking forward:

Friday 23rd to Sunday 25th Conference on Islam with Dr. Chris Hewer

Dear Congregation:

On Sunday the 19th of March we will welcome the newly ordained priest Siobhan Porter and her partner Johannes Moora. Siobhan will help carry the work here in Stourbridge but will also take on monthly visits to Botton and Malton in Yorkshire. Erhard will continue to care for our congregations in Ilkeston and Manchester, while based in Stourbridge. Siobhan was born in 1964 in England and hopefully we will hear about her life after her induction. We will have a social gathering in the church; artistic contributions welcome. Please contact Netty if you are able and would like to contribute.

This programme has been written in anticipation of Siobhan's coming. There might be changes to the programme once she has fully arrived and her initiative can be integrated. Usually I send out emails to announce these changes. If you do not read emails, please let me know so that we can inform you in a different way!

In our Thursday study group we will look at the Gospel of Mark. As background we will use the book by Hermann Beckh "Mark's Gospel: The Cosmic Rhythm" published by Anastasi.

Our next exhibition will be paintings from the different phases of Harry Scriven's life, including a few very recent productions.

This will be followed by an exhibition of paintings by the emerging Eurythmist and artist Lysanne Morissette.

Vari McLuskie who is holding workshops in our community room on Thursday evenings will give the talk about Plum Village mindfulness. This is taught and practiced by Thich Nhat Hanh and his communities around the world. It is offered to those of all faiths and none as a simple but deep way in which we can feel connected to ourselves and to the world. And so find peace in ourselves and be able to offer peace to others. Thich Nhat Hanh (known as Thay (teacher)) is a Zen Monk and renowned Peace Activist who actively campaigned for peace in his native Vietnam during the war there. Vari has received a 'lamp transmission' directly from Thich Nhat Hanh allowing her to teach and share the deep teachings of this tradition. Vari's ordained name is True Action of Loving

Kindness and she has been practicing the Plum Village path of mindfulness for 27 years.

On the 28th of May Catherine Cowell, whose husband I am, will give a presentation about the children's book "Ernest Simba", which she wrote after she had spent 3 months working in an orphanage in Tanzania. All proceeds from the sale of this book go to the charity "Forever Angels"

There will be again a **children's camp** in Oaklands Park this summer. This is led by Aaron Mirkin, the Stroud priest, together with a team of very experienced helpers. Please find more information on their website: www.cc-camps.org

The **Stroud Youth Initiative** has organised an exciting weekend for the 18th to the 22nd of April. Contributors will be Mike Chase, Jonathan Code, Arthur Edwards, Marjatta van Boeschoten, Terry Boardman and Robin Agascar. This is for the age group of 15 to 25 years old. For more information including the detailed programme see:

https://www.facebook.com/events/261432020935174/?notif_t=plan_user_joined¬if_id=1488365317908983

2nd to 6th of June 'Playing with Fire' International Whitsun Conference in Den Bosch, the Netherlands, Informative leaflets are in the foyer of the church. A group from Stroud will go to that. Also see: www.whitsunconference2017.org

If anyone has any comments, observations or suggestions regarding the running of the premises, please speak to Erhard or a member of the Council.

Erhard Keller

Priests' times away:

13/3 – 16/3	Erhard and Louise at Synod in London
16/3 – 17/3	Erhard in Ilkeston
25/3	Erhard in Manchester
1/4 – 2/4	Erhard in Ilkeston
13/4 – 16/4	Erhard in Ilkeston
28/4 – 29/4	Erhard in Ilkeston
5/5	Regional Priests meeting in Stroud
6/5 – 7/5	Siobhan in Botton/ Malton
13/5 – 14/5	Erhard in Ilkeston
20/5	Erhard in Manchester
26/5 – 27/5	Erhard in Ilkeston
12/6 – 16/6	Siobhan and Erhard at Synod in Berlin
17/6 -18/6	Erhard in Ilkeston

There will be other times when Siobhan will be in Botton and away, which will be confirmed later.

Gospel Readings**March 2017 – June 2016****Passiontide**Sunday, 19th March

Luke 11:14-36

Sunday, 26th March

John 6:1-15

Sunday, 2nd April

John 8:1-12

Holy WeekSunday, 9th April

Matthew 21:1-11

Thursday, 13th April

Luke 23:13-32

Friday, 14th April

John 19:1-15

Saturday, 15th April

John 19:16-42

EasterSunday, 16th April

Mark 16:1-8

Sunday, 23rd April

John 20:19-31

Sunday, 30th April

John 10:1-16

Sunday, 7th May

John 15:1-27

Sunday, 14th May

John 16:1-33

Sunday, 21st May

John 14:1-31

AscensionThursday, 25th May

John 16:24-33

Sunday, 28th May

John 16:24-33

WhitsunSunday, 4th June

John 14:23-31

Wednesday 7th June

Romans 8:18-29

Sunday 11th June

John 3:1-21

Sunday 18th June

John 17:1-25

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