

The Christian Community Stourbridge

Movement for Religious Renewal

Passiontide to Whitsun 2018



“Another Light” by Harold Beasley

*It's just possible-
That despite
The baying hordes
The flayed flesh
The cruellest execution-
It's just possible
That a new light
Rises in our hearts*

Words by Kevin Street

Regular Services

Sundays	10:00	The Act of Consecration of Man
Tuesdays	8:00	The Act of Consecration of Man Except 6 th March, 29 th June
Tuesdays	3.45 - 5.00	Religion Lesson
Wednesdays	4.15 - 5.30	Religion Lesson
Thursdays	10:00	The Act of Consecration of Man Except 8 th March
	11:00	Weekly Gospel study
The Sunday Service for Children will be held on 11/3; 1/4; 29/4; 20/5; 17/6		

Passiontide

March

Sunday 4 th	11.30	Opening of an exhibition of paintings by <i>Sue Bittlestone</i>
5 th - 8 th		UK and Ireland Synod in Stourbridge
Sunday 11 th	9.15	The Children's Service
	11.30	Annual congregational meeting
Sunday 18 th	15.00	Guitar concert with Danielle Saxon Reeves
Saturday 24 th	17.00	Reading for the Dead

Holy Week

Sunday 25 th (summer time!)	15.00	Palm Sunday Festival at Ashfield garden
Monday 26 th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.15	'The Events of Holy Week' Talk by <i>Siobhán Porter</i>
Tuesday 27 th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.15	'The first three steps of Christian Initiation' Talk by <i>Erhard Keller</i>
Wednesday 28 th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	19.00	Elmfield Choir concert
Thursday 29 th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man

11.15 **‘Movement, gesture and the zodiac in Leonardo da Vinci’s fresco of the Last Supper’**

An exploration prepared by *Anita Large*

19.00 **Last Supper celebration with washing of the feet**

Good Friday 10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man

15.00 **The Seven Last Words from the Cross**

Saturday 31st 10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man

11.30 **‘The Easter Saturday play by Karl Koenig’**
Performance led by *Johannes Moora*

Easter

April

Easter Sunday 10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man

11.30 **The Children’s Service followed by Easter egg hunt**

Easter Monday 10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man

Saturday 7th 17.00 **Reading for the Dead**

Sunday 8th 11.30 **‘The sign of the cross in the service - a progression’**
Talk by Louise Madsen

‘Exploring the Arthurian and the Grail stream in music’

Seminar with *Susanne Steffen*

Saturday 14th 14.30 - 17.30pm

This workshop is not only for musicians, but for people interested in music and singing. There will be bell ringing, singing, listening and exploring. The northern and western mysteries (Arthurian stream) lead us out into the cosmos; the southern and eastern mysteries (Grail stream) lead us into the inmost depth of the soul. Where in the Act of Consecration are we knights of king Arthur, where do we become grail knights? In our time we need to work with both gestures.

Sunday 15th 11.30 **‘Shared lives’**
Talk by *Dean Barnshaw*, CVT Stourbridge

- Saturday 21st 15.00 **Alma Guitar Trio** with *Rowan McConkey, Jonnie Cumming* and *Hannah Woollacott*
- Sunday 22nd 11.30 **‘All the sevens, 77’**
Biographical talk by *John Bunyard*
- Sunday 29th 9.15 The Children’s’ Service
11.30 **‘My life, so far’**
Biographical talk by *Tonie Bunyard*

May

- Sunday 6th 11.30 **‘An Extraordinary Life’**
Biographical talk by *Faith Sax*

Ascension

- Thursday 10th 7.30 **Ascension breakfast in the garden!**
11.15 Talk and outing to St. Kenelm’s well
- Sunday 13th 11.30 **‘My life’**
Biographical talk by *Kathrin Irwin*
- Saturday 19th 9.00-12.00 Gardening Morning
17.00 **Reading for the Dead**

Whitsun

- Sunday 20th 11.15 The Children’s Service
followed by **Whitsun Festival**
- Monday 21st 10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man
- Tuesday 22nd 10.00 Die Menschenweihehandlung
(in German)

Trinity

- Sunday 27th 11.30 **Open Conversation**
- June*
- Sunday 3rd 11.30 **‘Emma Oliver and the Song of Creation’**
Talk by *Sue Hale*, author
- Saturday 9th 17.00 **Reading for the Dead**
- Sunday 10th 11.30 **‘Angels’**
Talk by *Siobhán Porter*
- Sunday 17th 11.30 **‘Preparing for the St. John’s Festival’**

Looking forward:

On Sunday, 24th June, we plan to perform Karl Koenig's St. John's play.

21st - 31st July Children's Camp in Forest Row.

Friday, 28th - Sunday 30th September there will be a Michaelmas conference with James Dyson on the 12 urges and the 12 Michaelic virtues in relationship to our 12 sentences of the Creed.

The Annual Community Meeting will be held in Stourbridge on Friday, 9th – Sunday, 11th November 2018.

Dear Congregation:

On Maundy Thursday there will be a silent supper with grape juice, bread and salt, the gospel will be read at the end. After the silent supper we will do 'washing of feet' for those who wish to partake. It is a very special experience. Please let us know if you'd like to come so that we can lay a place at the table for you.

From 4th – 16th April Siobhán will be away in Spain accompanying a youth group from the Stroud Youth Initiative. They will be staying and volunteering at an Eco-village, an organic/ bio-dynamic self-sufficient community producing, among many things wine, honey and olive oil, and it has its own herd of goats for milk and cheese. There will also be time for swimming and hiking in the mountains. The village is called Los Portales and lies north of Seville.

Ascension Day is on Thursday, 10th May. We plan to have an early morning festival for the children including having breakfast in the garden as we did last year. Everyone is welcome!

In addition to this, ostensibly for the children, but energetic and keen people are welcome to join us, - a mountain ascent- to gain height and a closer look at the clouds. We will go to North Wales to climb Snowdon - the highest mountain in England and Wales. - leaving Friday afternoon (11th May) after school with an overnight stay in Snowdonia, climbing the mountain on the Saturday. For more details and to say you'd like to come please contact Siobhán.

On Sunday 24th June, St. John's day, we will celebrate midsummer with Karl König's St. John's play. The play will be

performed at Ashfield gardens, followed by the St. John's fire. There are many roles to play (some are already taken!) and there is definitely a part for every child. There will be acting, bell ringing and singing. Whether you have a specific part or not, all players and the audience can be involved as we all walk and sing together. There is a lot to do to prepare costumes and banners and organise transport and think about food. We hope to find time on Sunday mornings, nearer the time to practise the songs. If you would like to be involved, or to hear more please contact Siobhán.

In this programme 4 people offered to share stories about their lives. This is a special gift to the congregation and we hope there might be more in the next programme.

From July 21-31 there will be a summer camp for 7-14 year olds, held on a bio-dynamic farm near Forest Row. There is a poster with more details on the church noticeboard. If you would like to hear more please ask Erhard or Siobhán. If a number of our younger children wish to attend Siobhán is willing to accompany them.

Siobhán and Erhard

Priests' time away:

2-4/3	Siobhán in Botton/ Malton
5-8/3	Synod in Stourbridge
17-18/3	Erhard in Ilkeston
24/3	Erhard in Manchester
29-30/3	Erhard in Ilkeston
30/3-2/4	Siobhán in Botton/ Malton
4/4-16/4	Siobhán youth camp in Spain
7-8/4	Erhard in Ilkeston
21-22/4	Erhard in Ilkeston
4-5/5	Erhard in Ilkeston
4-6/5	Siobhán in Botton/ Malton
12/5	Erhard and in Manchester
19-20/5	Erhard in Ilkeston
28/5-1/6	Synod in Munich
1-3/6	Siobhán in Botton/ Malton
9-10/6	Erhard in Ilkeston
22-23/6	Erhard in Ilkeston

Passiontide

Sunday, March 4	...	Matthew 17:1-13
Sunday, March 11	...	Luke 11:14-36
Sunday, March 18	...	John 6:1-15
Holy Week	...	John 8:1-12
Sunday, March 25	...	Matthew 21:1-11
Thursday, March 29	...	Luke 23:13-32
Friday, March 30	...	John 19:1-15
Saturday, March 31	...	John 19:16-42

Easter

Sunday, April 1	...	Mark 16:1-8
Sunday, April 8	...	John 20:19-31
Sunday, April 15	...	John 10:1-16
Sunday, April 22	...	John 15:1-27
Sunday, April 29	...	John 16:1-33
Sunday, May 6	...	John 14:1-31

Ascension

Thursday, May 10	...	John 16:24-33
Sunday, May 13	...	John 16:24-33

Whitsun

Sunday, May 20	...	John 14:23-31
Wednesday, May 23	...	Romans 8:18-29
Sunday, May 27	...	John 3:1-21
Sunday, June 3	...	1 John 4:1-16
Sunday, June 10	...	1 Cor.12:4-13
Sunday, June 17	...	Matthew 3:1-12

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