

# **THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY**

## **Movement for Religious Renewal**



**Programme**  
**MICHAELMAS to ADVENT 2021**  
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**(help invited)**

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## *The Parable of the Wedding Feast. Matthew 22*

We often speak of Knighthood in the time of Michaelmas, as in the song: “Let me of God a fighter be, in the knighthood of the Grail!” And in a festival for children, we may bring to the children the ideal of the knight: to ever serve the Good; and test them with challenges of aim, balance and courage which can help them serve and develop knighthood in themselves. The highest ideal of the knight however is something called *Minne*, what often is simply translated as LOVE. But this love is something different than the often sentimentalized “chivalric love” of the age of knights—it is far more than anything personal. This love that the knight aims to develop is not merely a protective love for the “damsel in distress”, but rather, a far-reaching love of humanity which longs to serve the divine in each human being. It is a love seeking the essential being of the other, that which is most important and true. The knight seeks and serves that which is becoming in the other as a highest ideal and a life task.

So when we call to mind the picture of knighthood, we are not simply regressing to childhood stories or romantic images of a long-distant past. Rather, we are engaging ourselves for a new task of the Michaelic Age, set before the seeker of today, to take up a life of service to our own highest ideals. The world today would have us turn from the light of these ideals, to lose ourselves in the nonessential aspects of our busy, technological and complicated lives and to arrive at the wedding feast mentioned in the gospel reading by some other, back way which has led us to enter unprepared in our hearts, with unripe “soul garments”. But, a way is open to us today to learn to long for and strive for wholeness and connection. Our striving as knights of the modern age can prepare us to enter into a new relationship to the world and to the Spirit. The quest, after all, is not for some great technological development that can save us all, nor for a weapon which will overpower and subdue all the enemies which challenge us. Rather, the quest is for the Holy Grail—that chalice of the heart, which is open so wide that the whole world is again made whole within its golden heart.

*From the North American Newsletter*

**THE ACT OF CONSECRATION OF MAN  
is celebrated at  
51, Queen Caroline Street,  
Hammersmith  
on Sunday at 10.30 hrs  
Thursday at 10.30 hrs  
the Sunday Service for Children  
( by arrangement)**

**CALENDAR of EVENTS**

**THURSDAY 16th September**

10.30 hrs The Act of Consecration of Man  
12.00 hrs ZOOM meeting: (at Temple Lodge)  
**Impressionism and Expressionism**  
with Rev. Peter van Breda  
and Deborah Ravetz

**SUNDAY 19th September**

10.30 hrs The Act of Consecration of Man  
12.00 hrs Talk: Mercy beyond justice: –  
seeking a peace-filled future.  
Rev. Peter van Breda

**THURSDAY 23rd September**

10.30 hrs The Act of Consecration of Man  
12.00 hrs ZOOM meeting: (at Temple Lodge)  
**Modern Art**  
*with Deborah Ravetz*

## **SUNDAY 26th September**

10.30 hrs The Act of Consecration of Man

12.00 hrs Talk: The Lord's Prayer:  
Heaven's Above and Heaven's Below  
with Nigel Lumsden

# **MICHAELMAS**

## **WEDNESDAY 29th September - Michaelmas Day:**

11.00 hrs The Act of Consecration of Man

## **THURSDAY 30th September**

10.30 hrs The Act of Consecration of Man

12.00 hrs ZOOM meeting: (at Temple Lodge)

### **Ninette Sombart**

A Christ inspired art in colour, form and depth -  
a blessing for our time and the next.

Rev. Peter van Breda

## **SUNDAY 3rd October**

10.30 hrs The Act of Consecration of Man

12.00 hrs Talk: Michael bids us follow. ...  
Rev. Peter van Breda

## **SUNDAY 10th October**

10.30 hrs The Act of Consecration of Man

12.00 hrs Talk: Michaelic: Thinking - Feeling - Willing  
Rev. Peter van Breda

## **SUNDAY 17th October**

10.30 hrs The Act of Consecration of Man

12.00 hrs Talk: "Ahriman flees in terror from  
wholesome judgements". - (Rudolf Steiner)  
Rev. Peter van Breda

## **SUNDAY 24th October**

10.30 hrs The Act of Consecration of Man

12.00 hrs Talk: "Hell is empty, and all the devils are here"  
William Shakespeare  
Rev. Peter van Breda

## **SUNDAY 31st October**

10.30 hrs The Act of Consecration of Man

12.00 hrs Talk: The so-called new normal  
must include salvation.  
Rev. Peter van Breda

## **SUNDAY 7th November**

10.30 hrs The Act of Consecration of Man

12.00 hrs Talk: Death, Dying and grief in our troubled times.  
Rev. Peter van Breda

## **Remembrance SUNDAY 14th November**

10.30 hrs The Act of Consecration of Man

12.00 hrs Reading for the dead.

## **SUNDAY 21st November**

10.30 hrs The Act of Consecration of Man

12.00 hrs Talk: Creating a Christ Culture in nature:  
seeking a balanced harmony for the Earth.  
Rev. Peter van Breda

## **1st of ADVENT : SUNDAY 28th November**

**For OTHER SACRAMENTS: Baptism,  
Confirmation,  
Sacramental Consultation, Marriage,  
Anointing**

Please contact the congregational priest directly.

# GOSPEL READINGS

SUNDAY 12th September	Luke	17: 5 - 37
SUNDAY 19th September	Matthew	6: 19 - 34
SUNDAY 26th September	Luke	7: 11 - 17

## MICHAELMAS

WEDNESDAY 29th September	Matthew 22:	1 - 14
SUNDAY 3rd October	Matthew 22:	1 - 14
SUNDAY 10th October	Ephesians	6:10 - 20
SUNDAY 17th October	Revelation 12:	1 - 12
SUNDAY 24th October	Revelation 19:	11 - 16

SUNDAY 31st October	Revelation 1:1-3,	9 - 20
SUNDAY 7th November	Revelation 1:	1 - 6
SUNDAY 14th November	Revelation 7:	9 - 17
SUNDAY 21st November	Revelation 14:	1 - 13

## ADVENT

SUNDAY 28th November	Luke	21: 25 - 36
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