The Christian Community

Stourbridge

Movement for Religious Renewal

Passiontide to Whitsun 2022

The Ascension of Christ; Fresco in Great Witley church
Antonio Bellucci (1654 -1726)

Passiontide

March

Sunday 20th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.30	Guest Lecturer:
		Foundation Stone Meditation in the context of organisational life
		Talk by *Sebastian Parsons*
Tuesday 22nd	8.00	Die Menschenweihehandlung (in German)
Thursday 24th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
		Preceded by a **sermon** by *Claire Jerram*
	11.15	Gospel Study with *Claire Jerram*
Saturday 26th	15.00	**Baptisms of Ronan and Sam Kus**
Summer time!		
Sunday 27th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.30	Children's Service
		Erhard in Ilkeston
	15.00	**The Little Prince**
		Performance by *Matthew Dexter*
Tuesday 29th	8.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
Thursday 31st	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.15	Gospel Study with *Claire Jerram*

April

Saturday 2nd	9.00	Gardening and maintenance morning
Sunday 3rd	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	15.00	**Family concert organised by Pam Street**
Tuesday 5th	8.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
Thursday 7th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
		Preceded by a **sermon** by *Claire Jerram*
	11.15	Gospel Study with *Claire Jerram*
Saturday 9th		Erhard in Ilkeston

Holy Week

Palm Sunday	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.30	Family service
	14.00	**Palm-Sunday cross-making and procession**
		At Ashfield garden
Monday 11th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	18.00	**Awakening and Freedom**
		Sermon by *Siobhán Moora*
Tuesday 12th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	18.00	**The Word – a double-edged sword**
		Sermon by *Erhard Keller*
Wednesday 13th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	18.00	**Anointing**
		Sermon by *Claire Jerram*
Thursday 14th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	14.00	Hot cross bun-baking with children
	18.00	**The Ear of Malchus**
		Sermon by *Erhard Keller*
Good Friday 15th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	15.00	**Good Friday according to St. John**
Saturday 16th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.30	**Karl Koenig's Easter Saturday Play**
	18.00	**Easter Fire in the garden**
		15th-17th Erhard in Ilkeston

Easter

Sunday 17th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.30	Children's service and Easter Egg hunt
Monday 18th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
Tuesday 19th	8.00	Die Menschenweihehandlung (in German)
Wednesday 20th	14.00 -16.00	**An exploration of the Easter** theme in
		Artistic medium with *Diogenes Mock*
Thursday 21st	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.15	Gospel Study with *Claire Jerram*

Saturday 23rd	9.00	Gardening and maintenance morning
Sunday 24th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.30	**The Courage to Rise**
		Talk by Claire Jerram
Tuesday 26th	8.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
Thursday 28th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
		Preceded by a **sermon** by *Claire Jerram*
	11.15	Gospel Study with *Claire Jerram*

May

Sunday 1st	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.45	**Songs and Stories** as a farewell by
		Richard and Claire Jerram
Thursday 5th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
Sunday 8th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.30	**Annual Congregational Meeting**
Tuesday 10th	8.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
Thursday 12th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
Sunday 15th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.30	Family service
		Erhard in Ilkeston
Tuesday 17th	8.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
Thursday 19th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
Saturday 21st	9.00	Gardening and maintenance morning
Sunday 22nd	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
		Preparing the Four Elements for Transubstantiation during the Offertory
		Talk by *Erhard Keller*
Tuesday 24th	8.00	The Act of Consecration of Man

Ascension

Thursday 26th	**7.30**	**Breakfast in the Garden**
	10.00	**The Act of Consecration of Man**
	11.15	**Outing to the Great Witley baroque church**
Saturday 28th		**Erhard in Ilkeston**
Sunday 29th	**10.00**	**The Act of Consecration of Man**
	11.30	**Children's Service**

Tuesday 31st	**8.00**	**The Act of Consecration of Man**
June		
Thursday 2nd	**10.00**	**The Act of Consecration of Man**

Whitsun

Sunday 5th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.30	Family service with Whitsun Festival
		Erhard in Ilkeston
Monday 6th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.15	From Holy to Healing Spirit
		Conversation led by *Erhard Keller*
Tuesday 7th	10.00	Die Menschenweihehandlung (in German)

Trinity

Thursday 9th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
9-12 June 2022		**Annual Community Meeting in Forest Row**
Sunday 12th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
Tuesday 14th	8.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
Saturday 18th		Erhard in Ilkeston
Sunday 19th	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.30	Children's Service
	15.00	**Piano and Flute Concert**
		With *Matt Davis* and *Helen Foster*
Tuesday 21st	8.00	The Act of Consecration of Man
Thursday 23rd	10.00	The Act of Consecration of Man

Dear Congregation

It's a long time since we had such a full programme and feel relatively confident that we will be able to achieve all we have prepared.

On Saturday 26th March we will hold baptisms for Sam and Ronan Kus. Please feel welcome to come, a baptism is a community event where the children are welcomed into the community. It's especially lovely if children attend and give flowers at the end. There'll be refreshments afterwards.

In the lead up to Easter we have a performance of 'The Little Prince', a Mother's Day (27th March) treat. Matthew Dexter is an accomplished and excellent

storyteller. We urge you to take this opportunity to hear him tell this favourite classic in his very lively and creative way.

On 3rd April Pam Street has organised our annual family concert. Much preparation is happening, please do come - the preparation is so that you can enjoy the performances. Be prepared as usual to join in with some singing.

Holy week this year begins with a Palm Sunday celebration at Ashfield gardens. We are so happy to be able to join them again and celebrate together with Palm Sunday crosses and beating the bounds. All welcome. Bring and share and we will have a lovely mid-afternoon meal together.

The theme for Holy Week is relationships, human relationships and relationships to the divine spiritual world, to nature, places, and beings of the living world. Each evening sermon during Holy Week will address this theme through the events of each of the Holy Week days and the complex relationships therein.

On Silent Saturday we will have the opportunity to experience once again Karl König's Easter Saturday play in the church after the Act of Consecration.

In the evening we will have an Easter fire to anticipate the coming Easter morning. It is a symbol of light in the darkness, of the renewal of Easter, and very much signifies the end of winter and beginning of spring, although we hope it is well and truly spring-like by then as Easter is quite late this year.

Ascension Day will mark the return of our Ascension breakfast in the garden, followed by an outing to Great Witley church. There is a fresco of the Ascension on the ceiling. You will have seen a picture of this on the front of the programme. There are some other lovely surprises to be found at Great Witley. Please let Erhard and/or Siobhán know if you wish to join us.

The Whitsun festival will be a modest but hopefully strong meeting of children and adults coming together to celebrate this festival of flame and language.

You might notice that where we have a children's service or a family service on the programme we have no talks organised for afterwards. We will endeavour to have some kind of activity either musical, or a picnic, or some games for the children.

Please remember you are all welcome to attend the services and the activities afterwards. They can often be as surprising and inspiring as our adult-only gatherings.

2022 is a special year in the history of our movement. On 16th September, we will celebrate 100 years since its founding in Dornach/Switzerland.

Our Annual Conference for the whole Region – **Creating Sacred Spaces: Where present and future meet** – is intended to celebrate the life of our community and look to the future. We are particularly glad that Vicke von Behr will be with us and will hold the opening talk on **The Founding of The Christian Community in the**

Spiritual World. The meeting will take place from 10th-12th June in Forest Row. You will find more information here: tinyurl.com/CC-22-appl.

There will be an international conference: **Logos – Consecrating Humanity**, which will take place in Dortmund, Germany from 7th-11th October. Information about this is available in the congregation, and you can find out more via this link: cg-2022.org/wp/?lang=en.

Times away:

26/4 – 6/5	Erhard away
29/4 to 3/5	Siobhán away
2/5	Claire leaves
17-18/5	Siobhán, Rosie and Erhard in London for council meeting
9-12/6	Erhard and Siobhán at Annual Community Meeting Forest Row

Gospel Readings

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	…	Matthew 21:1-11
Maundy 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

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