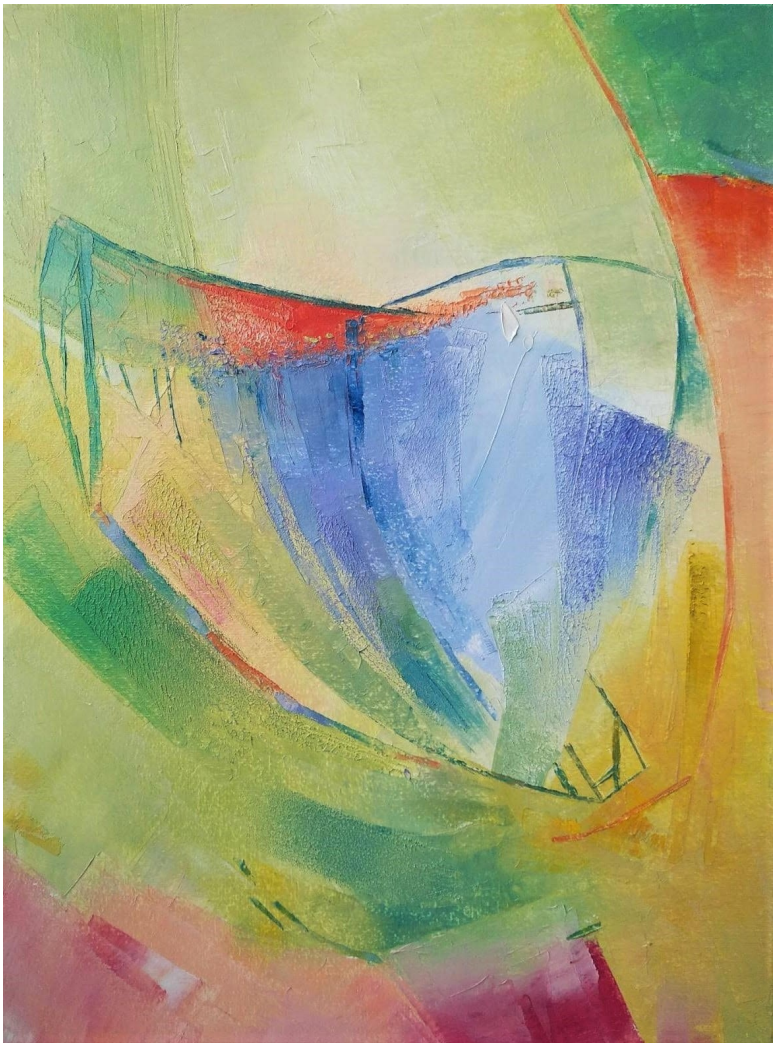
The Christian Community

MOVEMENT FOR RELIGIOUS RENEWAL

Programme for June-November, 2022



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Services

The Act of Consecration of Man
Sundays at 10am, Thursdays and Fridays at 9am.
No Friday services in July and August
Die Menschenweihehandlung
(Act of Consecration of Man in German) is celebrated on
the last Saturday of the month at 9am

Evening Service for those who have died
On the first Saturday of the month at 6pm
preceded by a reading group for those who have died at 4.30pm.
Not in August.

The Sunday Service for Children is held fortnightly at 11.15am,
followed by a story.
June: 5th, 19th;
July 3rd;
September: 11th, 25th;
October: 9th, 23rd;
November: 6th, 20th

Other regular events

The Little Ones' Gathering for pre-school children with songs, story and prayer, is held on the first Sunday of the month at 9.15am. 3rd July, 4th September, 2nd October, 6th November

Tuesdays 10.30am
Conversation Group
(the church will be open from 10am and tea and coffee will be served)
Last before summer: 5th July. Resuming again: 6th September.

Thursdays

fortnightly at 4pm Skylarks Group. June: 9th and 23rd, 7th July; September: 8th and 22nd; October: 6th and 20th; November: 3rd & 17th

7pm Choir (not in July and August)

8pm Gospel Study Group (last before summer 14th July, recommencing 8th September)

Fridays

Confirmation Class fortnightly from 14th October, 3.45-5pm, not during half term

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Diary

Saturday, 18th June, 12pm and 2pm

The Elfin Grove present Grimm's **The Queen Bee**
a fairy tale puppet play, with beautiful silk marionettes, music and song.

Sunday, 19th June, 11.30am

Peredur Eurythmy Fundraiser - Eurythmy and Music

Sunday, 19th June, 2pm and 3.30pm

The Elfin Grove present **Song of the Little Mossy Men** a fairy, table puppet play, with music and song

Friday, 24th June at 10am

The Act of Consecration of Man for St John's Tide

Sunday, 26th June, 11.30am

***Metanoia!* – Expand your mind!**

St.John's festival for all with a story, fire, dances and bring and share lunch

Sunday, 3rd July at 11.30am

Lazarus - the Father of Johannine Christianity

Talk by Aaron Mirkin, Priest in Stroud

Sunday, 10th July at 11.30am
Open Congregational Meeting

Saturday, 16th July, 10am-12.30pm
House and Garden morning

Sunday, 17th July
11.30am Visit by Luke Barr and family
4pm Concert of String Chamber Music
A concert of string chamber music performed by students based in London and Cambridge.
Programme to include:
String Quintet in G minor K.516 by W.A Mozart
Works for String Quartet
Alma Vink - violin/viola; Daphne Delfas - violin/viola; Isabelle Allan - violin/viola; Maya de Souza - viola; Seth Collin - cello

Sunday, 24th July at 11.30am
Living with the Gospels I
The divine reading or *lectio divina*
Talk and workshop with Tom Ravetz

Saturday 30th-Sunday 31st July, 2022
Living life as a priestly service
Days of deepening and discernment with
Rev Jonah Evans (Toronto) and Rev. Tom Ravetz (Forest Row)
A full programme and details of how to apply will be available in the church soon.

Sunday, 14th August at 11.30am
Living with the Gospels II
A Goethean Approach to the Gospels
Talk and workshop with Pearl Goodwin

Sunday, 28th August at 11.30am
Living with the Gospels III
The Gospels as Works of Art
Working with the mysteries of composition
Talk and workshop with Tom Ravetz

Sunday, 4th September at 11.30am
Members' Meeting

Friday, 16th September, 7.30pm
The Founding Impulse of The Christian Community and our Task at the Beginning of a new Century
Talk to mark the centenary of The Christian Community
- Nataliia Shatna

Saturday, 17th September, 10am-12.30pm
House and Garden morning

Sunday, 18th September at 11.30am
"Not I but Christ in me."
How do we treat ourselves? (Self confidence)
Talk by Liza Lillicrap

Thursday, 29th September at 10am
The Act of Consecration of Man for Michaelmas

Friday, 30th September - Sunday, 2nd October
Michaelmas Conference
The Guardian of the Sacrifice of Consecration
The Act of Consecration of Man and the New Mysteries
More detailed programme nearer the time, to include readings from the Book of Revelation by the Speech Ensemble

Sunday, 2nd October
Michaelmas Festival for All

Ioannes appeared, the baptiser in the desert, proclaiming a baptism through which men could grow their hearts and minds for the forgiveness of sins.
(Mark 1:4)

Dear congregation, dear friends,

How much effort it takes to cut down an old tree down; then we discover that even more is needed to remove the stump. Its roots, which anchored it and connected it to the soil, must now be pulled out. Then a new tree can planted, which, although it is far smaller and weaker than the old one, carries the potential, the ideal of the full-grown, healthy tree, which will once again become a home for birds and animals and expand its green crown, stretching towards the skies.

As we move towards St John's, Tide we can hear his call, a message from the future, coming towards us. 'Metanoia: change your ways, change your minds', as John the Baptist proclaimed. Why should we change? Why leave tried and tested, familiar ways, which have emerged from the wisdom of past experience?

With all the advances in technology and in society, it can feel as if in important regards we are standing still. All the helpful tools that we have gained can make life easier for us; however, they will only facilitate our evolving as humanity if we change our ways of thinking, the patterns of behaviour which become we hold so dear. The world is constantly changing; different challenges face us now than two or ten years or 100 years ago. It is important to be aware of what is happening in the world as we can learn to see what is important now and where we need new thinking. Are we stuck somewhere in the past maybe? What has become more important than it was before?

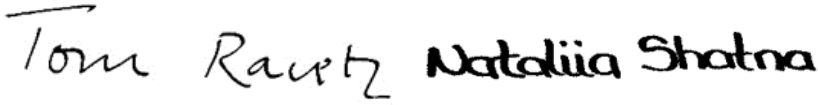
Flexibility in thinking is required from us if we are truly to meet other human beings in their innermost being, where we experience their true impulses, not only their outer side. This has become all the more crucial in our time of polarising opinions. In deeper encounters, we can experience again and again that we are more than the sum total of our opinions. Within ourselves we long for understanding, for compassion and for openness; we want to be heard and accepted. Moments of true

listening are opportunities for Christ to become part of our conversation, our encounter. This is where He wants to be and weave - between human hearts.

If we take John's message seriously, we can notice that to change our minds requires that we change our whole being: our thoughts, our feelings and our deeds. Only through such change can we become change for the world, and give the world hope for a new direction, for new ways that embody spiritual aims, which have the power to transform even physical world, which is necessary now.

Such thoughts can accompany us into the Autumn, when we will mark the moment, on 16th September, when 100 years have passed since the first time the Act of Consecration of Man was celebrated. Nataliia will give a talk on **The Founding Impulse of The Christian Community and our Task at the Beginning of a new Century.** The centenary will also be marked in the international conference in Dortmund, October 7th-11th, about which you will find more information in the church. If you would like to go, you can sign up online at tiny.one/yntk8p2x and let Nataliia know.

All true worship reflects the archetypes that exist in the spiritual world. The Book of Revelation reveals the worship at the temple in heaven. Every Act of Consecration of Man creates a temple in time as it invites us deeper and deeper into the mysteries. The Archangel Michael is the genius of this temple worship. As we prepare for the next 100 years of The Christian Community, it seems fitting to turn to the source of this Movement for Religious Renewal, namely the Temple in which the Mysteries of our time are held. We will continue this theme in November with a contribution on those who have died and their connection to the altar.



Tom Ravetz and Nataliia Shatna

Sunday, 9th October 11.30am
Seeking presence in contemporary painting
Talk by Richard Heys

Friday, 14th October at 6pm
First Parents' Evening for the new Confirmation Group

Saturday, 15th October, 10am-12.30pm
House and Garden morning

Saturday, 22nd October, 3pm
Recital - voice (Katharina Baiter) and piano (Rhyll Godber)
Full programme to be announced

Sunday, 23rd October, 11.30am
Fruits of the Logos Conference
(Talk with slides)

Sunday, 30th October at 11.30am
Open Congregational Meeting

Sunday, 6th November at 11.30am
The congregation under the altar
The Book of Revelation and the Dead
- Nataliia Shatna

Saturday, 12th November, 10am-12.30pm
House and Garden morning

Sunday, 20th November at 11.30am
The Trinity in the Book of Revelation
- Pearl Goodwin

Saturday, 26th November at 7.30pm
Evening Service to prepare for Advent

Sunday, 27th November, 4pm
Advent Spiral

Exhibitions

June - Katherine Small, South East Open Studio show
July and August - Art from the South Studio
(including Stefania Priori and Linda Churnside)
September - Salvatore Cuschera and Richard Heys
October - Jonathan Chequers
November - Work from U3A

Visits to other centres

Nataliia will be in Canterbury 10th July, 11th September 16th October, 13th November (with an evening service on Saturday, 12th November)

Tom will be in Ringwood 10th September, 15th October and 3rd December

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Other Absences

Nataliia will be at the Children's Camp 20th July-2nd August, on leave from 3rd August to 3rd September and attending the Logos Conference in Dortmund 7th-11th October.

Tom will be on leave from 27th June-9th July, at Charity meetings in Edinburgh 12th-14th July, on congregational visits to Malton and Botton Village 15th-17th July, at the International Lenkers' Conference 12th-16th September, on a visit to the Devon congregation 15th-16th October and on leave 14th-21st November.

Both priests will be attending the international synod in Dornach 19th-23rd September.

Gospel Readings

St. John's Tide

Friday, June 24: Mark 1:1-11
Sunday, June 26 : Mark 1:1-11
Sunday, July 3 : John 1:19-34
Sunday, July 10 : Matthew 11:2-15
Sunday, July 17 : Matthew 14:1-14

Sunday, July 24 : Mark 8:27-38
Sunday, July 31 : Matthew 7:1-14
Sunday, August 7 : Luke 15:11-32
Sunday, August 14 : Luke 9:1-17
Sunday, August 21 : Luke 18:35-43
Sunday, August 28 : Mark 7:31-37
Sunday, September 4 : Luke 10:1-20
Sunday, September 11 : Luke 17:5-24
Sunday, September 18 : Matt 6:19-34
Sunday, September 25 : Luke 7:11-17

Michaelmas

Thursday, September 29 : Matt 22:1-14
Sunday, October 2 : Matthew 22:1-14
Sunday, October 9 : Ephesians 6:10-20
Sunday, October 16 : Rev 12:1-12
Sunday, October 23 : Rev 19:11-16

Sunday, October 30 : Rev 3:1-6
Sunday, November 6 : Rev 4:1-11
Sunday, November 13 : Rev 21:1-14
Sunday, November 20 : Rev 22:1-11

Advent

Sunday, November 27 : Luke 21:25-36

LOGOS
Consecrating Humanity

Michaelmas Conference at the Beginning of the Second Century of the Christian Community
7th – 11th October, 2022 in Dortmund

LOGOS — Consecrating Humanity
Original beginning and goal of all development

The Sacraments
Healing and Consecration of Humankind and the World by Means of Their Transformation

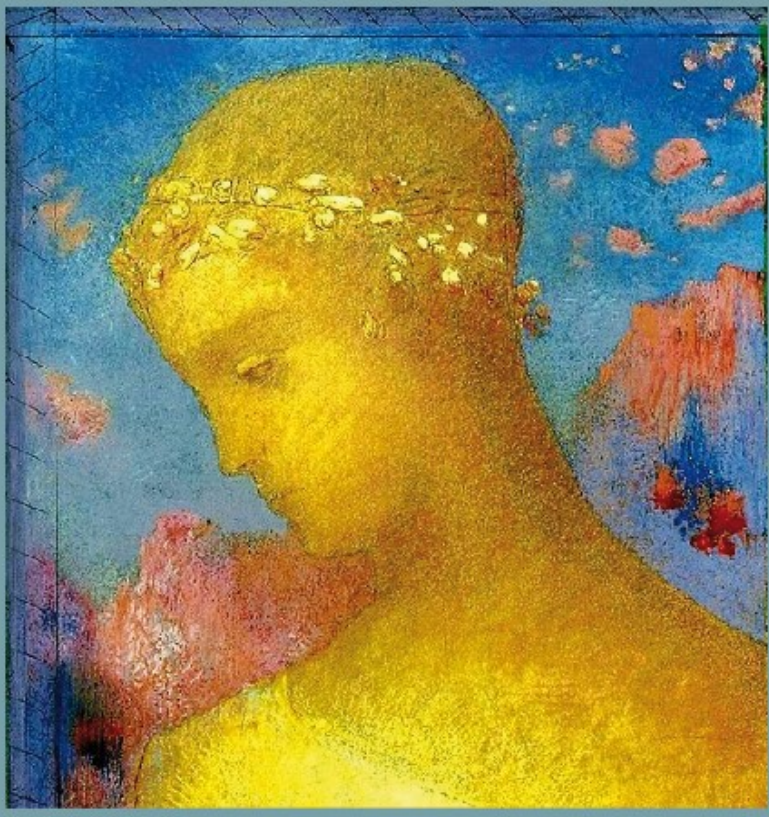
Archangel Michael
Zeitgeist and Silent Helper of Humankind

Setting forth into the second century How do we develop the forces of inspiration in a renewed Christianity?

For more information and to apply, go to tinyurl.com/CC-Logos22

Talks on Art History

Art can reach to the depths of the human and leave man defenceless against the good. - Tarkovsky



12.30pm in person and via Zoom

Friday, 10th June **Edvard Munch** (Peter van Breda)
Friday, 17th June **Paula Modersohn Becker** (Deborah Ravetz)
Friday, 24th June **August Macke** (Peter van Breda)
Friday, 1st July **The German Expressionists** (Peter van Breda)
Thursday, 14th July **Max Beckman** (Deborah Ravetz)
Thursday, 21st July **David Jones** (Deborah Ravetz)
Thursday, 28th July **Odilon Redon** (Peter van Breda)
Thursday, 4th August **Georges Rouault** (Deborah Ravetz)

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