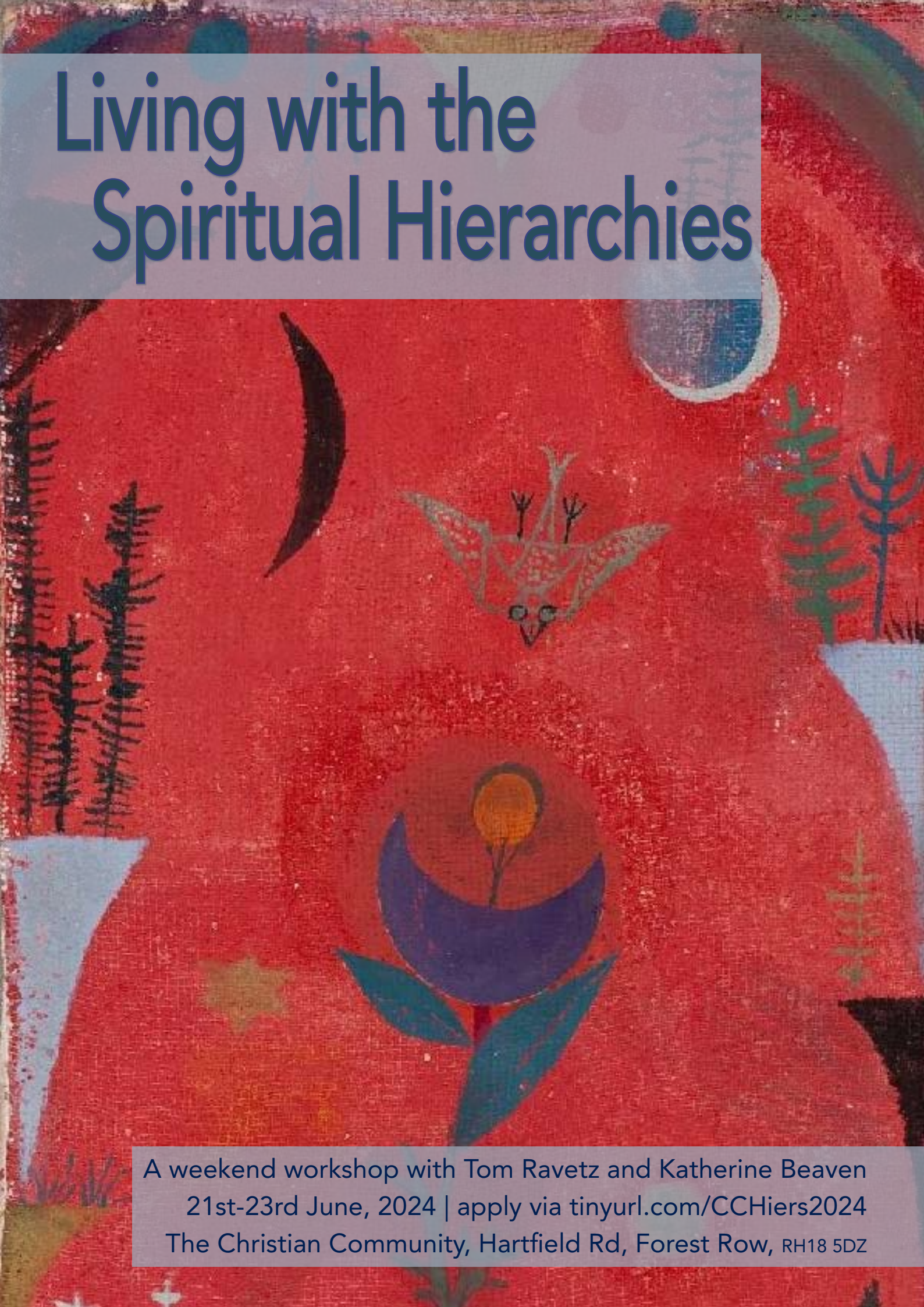


Living with the Spiritual Hierarchies



A weekend workshop with Tom Ravetz and Katherine Beaven
21st-23rd June, 2024 | apply via tinyurl.com/CCHiers2024
The Christian Community, Hartfield Rd, Forest Row, RH18 5DZ

One of the changes in human understanding over the last century has been the increasing recognition that there may be other forms of consciousness than our own. Advances in cosmology and quantum mechanics, the many near-death experiences and other moments when people experience a ‘flip’ in their consciousness (Jeffrey Kripal), suggest that the old picture of human beings as completely alone in a world of mechanical causes needs to be revised.

One of the pioneers of this new consciousness was Rudolf Steiner. His many descriptions of higher minds invite us to develop methods of knowing that allow us to see ourselves from ever wider perspectives. We can practise such knowledge through simple exercises. What we gain from understanding the spiritual hierarchies can serve to enrich our lives and deepen our experience in the Act of Consecration of Man.

Optional background reading:

- Adam Bittleston, *Our Spiritual Companions* (out of print, but often available second hand online)
- Rudolf Steiner, *The Spiritual Hierarchies* (Volume 110 in the *Collected Works*. rsarchive.org/lectures/GA110)

The Contributors

Katherine Beaven has been a eurythmist for almost 35 years and a practising eurythmy therapist for 18 years. She is always looking for new ways of approaching eurythmy and enabling others to have deep spiritual experiences through it. Her hope for this weekend workshop is that eurythmy will help us to come to a deeper experience of the hierarchies and how they work actively within us.

Tom Ravetz was ordained in The Christian Community in 1991. Alongside his work as a community priest, he writes and speaks on spiritual and theological issues. A particular focus over the last fifteen years has been living with the spiritual hierarchies. Tom has given seminars and taught courses on this topic in many places in Europe and North America.

Outline timetable
Subject to alteration

Friday, 21st June at 7pm

Opening presentation:

Living with the spiritual hierarchies
Imagining the consciousness of higher beings
Presentation, exercises and eurythmy

Saturday, 22nd June, 10am-12.30pm
with a coffee break

The guiding spirits of humanity:
Angels, Archangels and Archai
Presentation, exercises and eurythmy

Lunch break. Time for walking, journalling and reflection

3pm-4.15pm

The spirits of creation– their great work of creation and
their help in our creativity
Spirits of Form, Movement and Wisdom
Presentation, exercises and eurythmy

Tea break

4.45-6pm

Conversation

Sunday, 23rd June, 9.15am

Contemplation on the spiritual hierarchies
and the Act of Consecration of Man

10am

The Act of Consecration of Man

11.30am-1pm

The wellspring of love:
Thrones, Cherubim and Seraphim

The workshop will start at 7pm on Friday, 21st June. It will finish at 1pm on Sunday, 23rd June.

Please bring eurythmy shoes if you have them.

The tiered suggested donation covers all the instruction and breaks. Meals and accomodation are not included.

There are many places to eat nearby, as well as shops where one can buy good food. A list of friendly people offering accommodation is available on request.

Suggested donation:

Standard £60; Supporting £80; Supported £40

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