The Christian Community

Movement for Religious Renewal

Holywood Congregation

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The sacraments of The Christian Community allow us to experience the direct effect of the closeness of the risen Christ in our life. Because we are not dealing with the after-effects of a teacher who died 2000 years ago but with the experience of a divine being who has been close to us and present in our lives ever since his death and resurrection. *Rudolf Frieling*

Dear members and friends of The Christian Community,

This year we will celebrate Passiontide with an Act of Consecration of Man on Sunday 23rd of March followed by a talk and conversation about the Passiontide prayers; "Loss of the spirit".
And on the 6th of April there will be another service followed by a talk: "Healing the sickness of sin"

We will celebrate The Act of Consecration of Man on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week at 10.00 and on Good Friday at 20.00 there will be an evening service on the seven words of the cross.

On Easter Sunday, 20th April, The Act of Consecration will be followed by a talk and conversation about the Easter epistle: "The grave is empty, the heart full".
On Sunday the 4th of May there will be a talk and conversation after The Act of Consecration with the theme: "Take this into your thinking; understanding resurrection".
And on Sunday 18th of May we will have our next congregational meeting after the service.
On Friday 24/Saturday 25 May we are invited to Mourne Grange for our annual all-Ireland conference.
A detailed program for this will appear nearer the time.

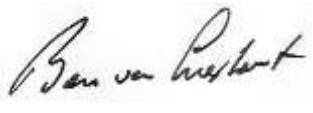
A very joyful celebration on Ascension Sunday, 1st of June: The sacrament of marriage for Diana and Thomas Baker, Act of Consecration at 10.00, marriage service at 11.30.

There is also a baptism this spring, on Saturday the 14th of June Juho and Teresa's two children, Ezra and Maisy Williams, will be baptised in Glencraig chapel.

We will have a stall at the May Day fair in Holywood on Monday the 5th of May and sell crafts and plants.
Our craft group is meeting on Sunday the 13th of April from 14.00 – 17.00 to prepare for this sale.
Fundraising is an important source of income. The price of everything has gone up over the past years but our income has not kept up with this. So this year again we expect that our account will have a large deficit.
So if you can help through a regular contribution or if you can manage to increase your contribution or help with fundraising, it all helps.

After last year's success we have again two sessions for spring cleaning and maintenance in this program, Sunday 11th May and 8th June, 14.00-17.00.

Looking ahead to the summer, the annual Christian Community camp for 8-14yr olds will again take place on the farm in Furner's Green near Forest Row from 26th July-5th August.
Information and application forms through the website: www.cc-camps.org

The International Youth Camp for 17-24 yr. olds will this year be in Austria from 28th July-11th August.
You can register through their website: www.iycamp.com

With best wishes and strength for the time ahead, yours, Ben van Lieshout