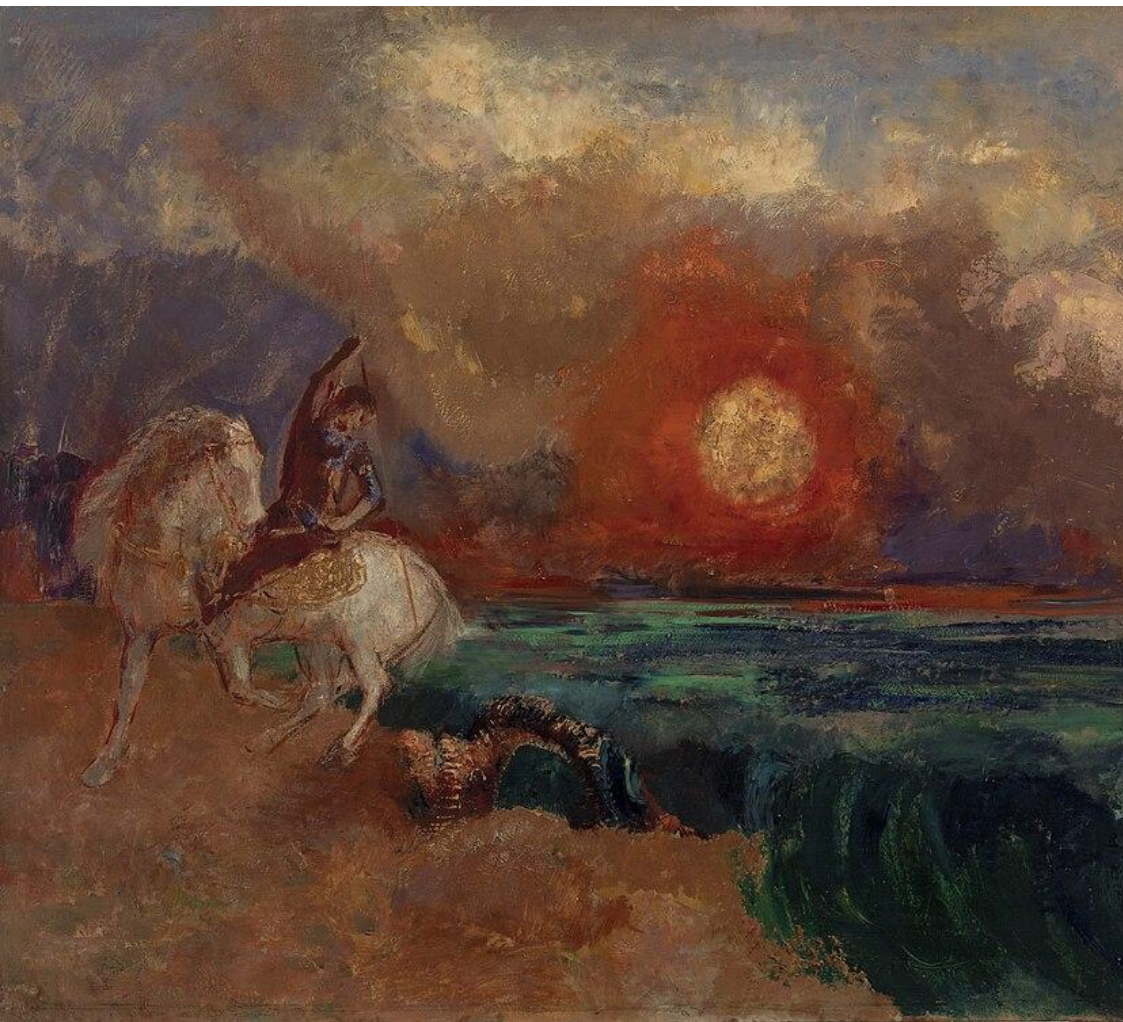


The Christian Community

Programme for June – November 2026



Dear Friends,

The programme for the coming months traces the journey from the peak of summer light into the grounding depth of autumn.

This year we will turn to the Trinity Epistle in our August **Summer School**. This prayer opens and closes the Act of Consecration of Man when there is no other festival season. It tells us that we 'feel' each of the persons of the Holy Trinity through a particular mode of our soul-life: *consciousness of our humanity, experiencing Christ, and grasping the Spirit*. We hope that these sessions will serve to deepen our experience of the Act of Consecration of Man.

Tom is intending to conduct online seminars on the same topics via the Perspectives Magazine Substack. Do check the website for more details, if you would like to take part this way.

perspectivesmagazine.substack.com/

Our August programme culminates on Sunday 30 August with a celebration of Gerard Manley Hopkins – a poet whose work uniquely captures the mystery of the divine indwelling nature.

We are very glad to welcome Reverend Patrick Kennedy, who will be co-carrying the Orientation weekend, **Called to Meaning**, from 18-20 September. Patrick will speak to the congregation on **The rescue of the human soul – meaning, purpose and the Risen Christ**. Please let us know if you would be willing to offer a bed to one of the participants on this course.

After conversations in the congregation, we decided to explore the Michaelmas Epistle with a three-part series of contemplative conversations on the Michaelmas Prayers, **Follow me!** The Michaelmas prayers are rich in resonant images, including Michael's sending in the Old Testament and the New; Treading the Powers underfoot; the Solemn Gaze; the Call; the Deed of Life and Death. We will make a list in late summer and conduct the sessions similarly to our sessions on the Creed in the Holy Nights, with contributions and contemplative conversations. The sessions will take place on three Sundays in the Michaelmas weeks.

Our second weekend workshop with an artist will take place 24-25 October when Gabriele Goehlen will join us to explore the altar painting and the festival colours with presentations and exercises.

Finally, as the light fades, the programme carries us into November, where we turn our attention towards those who have died, culminating on Saturday 7 November with our evening of commemoration at 6pm, followed by an extended evening service: **The Names in the Book of Life.**

With our very best wishes for the coming months,

Tom Ravetz and Nataliia Shatna

PS please make sure to sign up to our weekly update, which we send out by email for every Sunday. As well as a poetic contemplation on the gospel reading, we let the congregation know about new events and alterations to the programme in the Update, which is also available printed out in the church. You can sign up to the email version by sending us an email at tccinfr@gmail.com

Supporting the life of the church

Newcomers sometimes what sustains our life and work.

To keep the church running and support our priests costs around £6,500 every month.

While a small part of our income comes from room rentals, the greater part is gifted to us – mainly by individuals. We are very grateful to around ninety regular donors who give an average of £32 a month, which covers roughly half of our needs. The rest comes from collections, special donations, and fundraising events. The tax refunds that we can reclaim through Gift Aid are also a help.

All our events are open to everyone, regardless of ability to pay. At the same time, we rely on the generosity of those who attend to ensure our work can continue.

If you would like to know more about supporting us, please contact Dot Fagan via tccinfr@gmail.com or speak with one of the priests.

St John's Tide

24 JUN Wednesday

Reading: Mark 1:1-11

10am The Act of Consecration of Man for St John's

11.15am **The glancing waves of spirit**

Contemplation on the St John's Epistle with Tom Ravetz

25 JUN Thursday

9am The Act of Consecration of Man

7pm Choir

8pm The Gospel of Luke

Study group with Nataliia Shatna

26 JUN Friday

9am The Act of Consecration of Man
in the Chapel of Rest

28 JUN Sunday

Reading: Mark 1:1-11

9.10am Children's Service

10am The Act of Consecration of Man

11.30am **St John's Celebration**

with eurythmy, story, songs and dance around the fire, baking bread and bring and share lunch.

All are welcome!

30 JUN Tuesday

10.30am Conversation Group

2 JUL Thursday

9am The Act of Consecration of Man

3 JUL Friday

7.30pm **Piano recital with Louis Alvanis**

Mozart: Sonata No.13 in B flat, K.333; Beethoven: Sonata No.22 in F, Op.54;
Brinch: Sonata No.3, Op.161; Falla: Ritual Fire Dance

4·JUL Saturday

4.30pm Reading Group for those who have died (Chapel of Rest)

6pm Evening Service for those who have died

5·JUL Sunday

Reading: John 3:22-36

10am The Act of Consecration of Man

9·JUL Thursday

9am The Act of Consecration of Man

12·JUL Sunday

Reading: Matthew 11:2-15

9.10am Children's Service

10am The Act of Consecration of Man

11.30am **Stages of the Transsubstantiation**

Presentation by Nataliia Shatna

16·JUL Thursday

9am The Act of Consecration of Man

19·JUL Sunday

Reading: Matthew 14:1-12

10am The Act of Consecration of Man

23·JUL Thursday

9am The Act of Consecration of Man

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26·JUL Sunday

Reading: Mark 8:27-37

10am The Act of Consecration of Man

11.30am **Conscious of our humanity** – The experience of the Father-God

Feeling the Divine – Summer School on the Trinity Epistle with presentation and contemplative conversation I

30 JUL Thursday

9am The Act of Consecration of Man

1 AUG Saturday

(No reading Group or Evening Service for those who have died)

2 AUG Sunday

Reading: Matthew 7:1-14

10am The Act of Consecration of Man

6 AUG Thursday

9am The Act of Consecration of Man

9 AUG Sunday

Reading: Luke 15:11-32

10am The Act of Consecration of Man

11.30am **Experiencing Christ in our humanity**

Summer School II

13 AUG Thursday

9am The Act of Consecration of Man

16 AUG Sunday

Reading: Luke 9:1-17

10am The Act of Consecration of Man

20 AUG Thursday

9am The Act of Consecration of Man

23 AUG Sunday

Reading: Luke 18:35-43

10am The Act of Consecration of Man

11.30am **Grasping the Spirit through our humanity**

Summer School III

27 AUG Thursday

9am The Act of Consecration of Man

30 AUG Sunday

Reading: Mark 7:31-37

10am The Act of Consecration of Man

11.30am **A sheaf of the poems of Gerard Manley Hopkins**

Collated by Vanessa Underwood and read by members of the congregation.

With some reflections by Tom Ravetz on Hopkins' theological background.
(until 12.45pm)

1 SEP Tuesday

10.30am Conversation Group

3 SEP Thursday

9am The Act of Consecration of Man

7pm Choir

8pm The Gospel of Luke

Study group with Nataliia Shatna

4 SEP Friday

9am The Act of Consecration of Man
in the Chapel of Rest

5 SEP Saturday

4.30pm Reading Group for those who have died (Chapel of Rest)

6pm Evening Service for those who have died

6 SEP Sunday

Reading: Luke 10:1-20

9.10am Children's Service

10am The Act of Consecration of Man

11.30am **From disciples to apostles**

Contribution and conversation with Nataliia Shatna

8 SEP Tuesday

10.30am Conversation Group

10 SEP Thursday

9am The Act of Consecration of Man

7pm Choir

8pm The Gospel of Luke Study group with Nataliia Shatna

11 SEP Friday

9am The Act of Consecration of Man
in the Chapel of Rest

13 SEP Sunday

Reading: Luke 17:5-24

10am The Act of Consecration of Man

15 SEP Tuesday

10.30am Conversation Group

17 SEP Thursday

9am The Act of Consecration of Man

7pm Choir

8pm The Gospel of Luke

Study group with Natalia Shatna

18 SEP Friday

Called to Meaning

Discovering the Heart of Priesthood in a renewed Christian Life – Orientation Course in Forest Row. See poster and flyers in the church (until 20 September)

9am The Act of Consecration of Man
in the Chapel of Rest

20 SEP Sunday

Reading: Matthew 6:19-34

9.10am Children's Service

10am The Act of Consecration of Man

11.30am **The rescue of the human soul – meaning, purpose and the Risen Christ**

Talk by Revd Patrick Kennedy, North American Priests' Training

8pm **'Die Winterreise' by Franz Schubert**

BrinchKorth concert series

Song Recital with Gregers Brinch Baritone and Clive Williamson Piano

22 SEP Tuesday

10.30am Conversation Group

24 SEP Thursday

9am The Act of Consecration of Man

7pm Choir

8pm The Gospel of Luke

Study group with Nataliia Shatna

25 SEP Friday

9am The Act of Consecration of Man
in the Chapel of Rest

27 SEP Sunday

Reading: Luke 7:11-17

10am The Act of Consecration of Man

11.30am Open congregational meeting

Michaelmas

29 SEP Tuesday

Reading: Matthew 22:1-14

10am The Act of Consecration of Man for Michaelmas

11.15am **The One and the Many**

Contemplation and conversation on Matthew 22

1 OCT Thursday

9am The Act of Consecration of Man

7pm Choir

8pm The Gospel of Luke

Study group with Nataliia Shatna

2 OCT Friday

9am The Act of Consecration of Man
in the Chapel of Rest

4.30pm Meeting with next year's Confirmands and their parents

3 OCT Saturday

4.30pm Reading Group for those who have died (Chapel of Rest)

6pm **The Michael Awakening** (Daniel 12:1-2)

Michaelmas Evening Service for those who have died

4 OCT Sunday

Reading: Matthew 22:1-14

9.10am Children's Service

10am The Act of Consecration of Man

11.30am **Follow me!**

The Michaelmas Prayers I

Contemplative conversations with contributions by members of the congregation. On 4, 11, 18 October

A list with themes will be hung on the noticeboard.

3pm Michaelmas festival for families and children

6 OCT Tuesday

10.30am Conversation Group

8 OCT Thursday

9am The Act of Consecration of Man

7pm Choir

8pm The Gospel of Luke

Study group with Nataliia Shatna

9 OCT Friday

9am The Act of Consecration of Man
in the Chapel of Rest

11 OCT Sunday

Reading: Revelation 12:1-12

10am The Act of Consecration of Man

11.30am **Follow me!**

The Michaelmas Prayers II

13 OCT Tuesday

10.30am Conversation Group

15 OCT Thursday

9am The Act of Consecration of Man

7pm Choir

8pm The Gospel of Luke

Study group with Nataliia Shatna

16 OCT Friday

9am The Act of Consecration of Man

in the Chapel of Rest

17 OCT Saturday

10am **An offering for peace in a troubled time**

Please bring something uplifting: a poem, a verse, a reading, a prayer, a song or your silent goodwill as an offering towards world peace.

Please be sure to come on time.

18 OCT Sunday

Reading: Revelation 3:1-6

9.10am Children's Service

10am The Act of Consecration of Man

11.30am **Follow me!**

The Michaelmas Prayers III

19 OCT Monday

Synod Forest Row

No groups and no Thursday service this week (until 22 October)

23 OCT Friday

9am The Act of Consecration of Man

in the Chapel of Rest

24 OCT Saturday

Weekend workshop with Gabriele Goehlen

(for two days)

10am Painting exercises with the festival colours

Workshop with Gabriele Goehlen I (until 12.30pm)

25 OCT Sunday

Reading: Ephesians 6:10-20

10am The Act of Consecration of Man

11.30am **The countenance of Christ**

Workshop with Gabriele Goehlen II

1.30pm **The altar painting in The Christian Community**

Workshop with Gabriele Goehlen III

27 OCT Tuesday

10.30am Conversation Group

29 OCT Thursday

9am The Act of Consecration of Man

7pm Choir

8pm The Gospel of Luke

Study group with Nataliia Shatna

30 OCT Friday

9am The Act of Consecration of Man
in the Chapel of Rest

7.45pm **A short voyage on the sea of life**

Join us on a Voyage of Trials and Transformations with Storytelling, Songs, Music and Poetry. Ken Gibson will tell us some stories from his life combined with a tale of wonder and mystery. (until 9pm)

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1 NOV Sunday

Reading: Revelation 1:9-20

9.10am Children's Service

10am The Act of Consecration of Man

11.30am **The new life in death**

Contribution and a conversation around the theme of death with Nataliia Shatna

3 NOV Tuesday

10.30am Conversation Group

5 NOV Thursday

9am The Act of Consecration of Man

7pm Choir

8pm The Gospel of Luke

Study group with Nataliia Shatna

6 NOV Friday

9am The Act of Consecration of Man
in the Chapel of Rest

7 NOV Saturday

4.30pm Reading Group for those who have died (Chapel of Rest)

6pm **The Names in the Book of Life**

Gathering to remember those who have died in the last year followed by an evening service

8 NOV Sunday

Reading: Revelation 3:14-22

10am The Act of Consecration of Man

11.30am **The infinity of the distance between God and God**

Evil, Affliction, and Divine Love

Presentation by Tom Ravetz

10 NOV Tuesday

10.30am Conversation Group

12 NOV Thursday

9am The Act of Consecration of Man

7pm Choir

8pm The Gospel of Luke

Study group with Nataliia Shatna

13 NOV Friday

9am The Act of Consecration of Man in the Chapel of Rest

15 NOV Sunday

Reading: Revelation 21:1-8

9.10am Children's Service

10am The Act of Consecration of Man

11.30am Members' Meeting

17 NOV Tuesday

10.30am Conversation Group

19 NOV Thursday

9am The Act of Consecration of Man

7pm Choir

8pm The Gospel of Luke

Study group with Nataliia Shatna

20 NOV Friday

9am The Act of Consecration of Man
in the Chapel of Rest

22 NOV Sunday

Reading: Revelation 22:1-11

10am The Act of Consecration of Man

24 NOV Tuesday

10.30am Conversation Group

26 NOV Thursday

9am The Act of Consecration of Man

7pm Choir

8pm The Gospel of Luke

Study group with Nataliia Shatna

27 NOV Friday

9am The Act of Consecration of Man
in the Chapel of Rest

28 NOV Saturday

7.30pm Evening Service to prepare for Advent

Areas of responsibility

The people listed are the coordinators. If you feel you could help in any of these areas, please let us know.

Choir	Katharina Bues
Second Hand Books	Karin Gearing
Church maintenance	<i>Vacancy</i>
Coffee Rota	Linda Hammond, Chiara Pavan
Community Support Network	Evelyne Muller
Exhibitions	<i>Vacancy</i>
Festivals Group	Katharina Bues, Hannah Roberts, Nataliia Shatna
Finance Group	Dot Fagan, Ursula Godber, Gerard van Dyk
Funeral Support Group	Margaret Turner, Antoinette Reynolds, Linda Hammond, Meril Hope
Flowers	Christina Lines, Ursula Godber, Hannah Roberts, Maria Soper, Hrvojka Kostelic
Gardening	<i>Vacancy</i>
Ironing	Linda Hammond, Ilaria Gardeli, Meril Hope, Antoinette Reynolds
Music	Katharina Bues
New Books	Christina Lines
Reception	Karin Gearing Ria Velterop, Esther Austin, Anne Dean, Evelyne Muller
Second-hand books	Karin Gearing
Servers' rota	Ken Gibson
Supplies	Chiara Pavan
Sewing repairs	Ursula Godber
Vestry & vestments	Linda Hammond

Cover picture: Odilon Redon - *Saint George and the Dragon*

Absences

Both priests will attend the International Synod in Stuttgart, 1-5 June.
Tom will attend a Pastoral-Medical Conference in Dornach 5-7 June.

Tom will be on annual leave 27 June-18 July

Nataliia will be at the Children's Camp 22 July-1 August and on leave
2 August to 2 September.

Visited congregations:

Canterbury (Nataliia): 5 July, 13 September, 11 October, 8 November

The dates for Tom's visits to Ringwood are still to be confirmed.

Support

If you would like to make a one-off donation or a standing order, our
account details are below.

If you are a UK taxpayer, fill in a Gift Aid form which you'll find by the
collection box in the church or here: tinyurl.com/CC-FR-FRM

Account name: The Christian Community in Forest Row

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Stay in touch

The Christian Community in Forest Row has a website which
includes an online diary, where any new events will be listed. You can
find this by using this shortened link: tinyurl.com/CCFR-Home

We also send out a weekly Update by email. This contains news
about events and a contemplation on the gospel of the week or the
festival. You can sign up for this by sending us an email at
tccinfr@gmail.com.

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