

The Christian Community

Movement for Religious Renewal

Stourbridge

St. John's Tide to November 2026



Christ on the sea of Galilee [Eugene Delacroix](#) 1854, a painting that Vincent van Gogh admired

"Christ alone, of all the philosophers, magicians, etc., has affirmed eternal life as the most important certainty, the infinity of time, the futility of death, the necessity and purpose of serenity and devotion. He lived serenely, as an artist greater than all other artists, scorning marble and clay and paint, working in the living flesh. In other words, this peerless artist, scarcely conceivable with the blunt instrument of our modern, nervous, and obtuse brains, made neither statues nor paintings nor books. He maintained in no uncertain terms that he made...living men, immortals."

Letter from Vincent van Gogh to Emile Bernard, 23 June 1888

St. John's Tide

June

Wednesday 24th

St John's Day

10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man

11.15 St. John's gathering followed by

Fire, songs and bring and share lunch in the garden

Thursday 25th

10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man

11.10 Gospel Study

Saturday 27th

9-11.30 Gardening Morning with birthday cake!

Sunday 28th

10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man

11.30 Through challenge to change

Autobiographical Talk by *Rosie Phillpot*

Erhard in Ilkeston

Tuesday 30th

8.00 Act of Consecration of Man

July

Wednesday 1st

19.30 Elmfield Choir summer concert

Thursday 2nd

10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man

11.10 Gospel Study

Sunday 5th

10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man

11.30 From my Life

By Käthe Henderson

Tuesday 7th

19.30 Joint Finance Group and Council Meeting

Thursday 9th

10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man

11.10 Gospel Study

Saturday 11th

Erhard in Ilkeston

Sunday 12th

10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man

11.30 Making a Living Will

Talk and Conversation with *Kate Spohrer*

Thursday 16th

10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man

11.10 Gospel Study

Sunday 19th

10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man

Thursday 23rd

10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man

11.10 Gospel Study

Saturday 25th

9.00-11.30 Gardening and maintenance morning

Trinity

- Sunday 26th** 10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man
11.30 **From 'I am the Lord your God' to the sevenfold I – I AM**
Talk by *Louise Madsen*
Erhard in Ilkeston
- Tuesday 28th 19.00 **Beat the Devil**
A play written and performed by *Glen Williamson*
- Thursday 30th 10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man
11.10 Gospel Study
- August**
- Saturday 1st 10.00- 15.00 **Exploring Venus in the sky and within us**
Astrosophy workshop with *Ian Bailey*
- Sunday 2nd** 10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man
11.30 **Help around Death 1: Looking back at one's life**
Talk with Conversation led by *Erhard Keller*
- Thursday 6th 10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man
11.10 Gospel Study
Erhard in Ilkeston
- Saturday 8th
- Sunday 9th** 10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man
11.30 **Help around Death 2: Home Communion**
Talk with Conversation led by *Erhard Keller*
- Thursday 13th 10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man
11.10 Gospel Study
15/8 to 22/8 Erhard at Emerson College
- Sunday 16th** 10.00 **Devotional Gathering**
- Thursday 20th 10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man
11.10 Gospel Study
- Sunday 23rd** 10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man
11.30 **With Christianity comes the Individual**
Talk by *Louise Madsen*
Erhard in Ilkeston
- Thursday 27th 10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man
11.10 Gospel Study

**Embracing the Etheric,
Preparing for Christ**

a Workshop with *Gordon Woolard*
Friday 28th 7.30 to Sunday 30th 3pm

With The Act of Consecration of Man on Sunday at 10.00

See separate leaflet

Sunday 30th 19.30 **What would the world look like in Messianic times when justice and peace rule in peoples' hearts?**
Talk by Dr. *Chris Hewer*

September

Tuesday 1st 8.00 The Act of Consecration of Man

Thursday 3rd 10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man
11.10 Gospel Study

Saturday 5th Erhard in Ilkeston

Sunday 6th 10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man

11.30 **Help around Death 3: The Anointing**
Talk with Conversation led by *Erhard Keller*

Tuesday 8th 8.00 The Act of Consecration of Man

Thursday 10th 10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man
11.10 Gospel Study

Saturday 12th 9-12 Gardening and maintenance morning

Sunday 13th 10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man

15.00 Violin and Piano Concert
With Andrew Hughes and Michael Jones

Tuesday 15th 8.00 The Act of Consecration of Man

Tue - Wed Trustees Meeting in Stroud

Thursday 17th 10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man

11.10 Gospel Study

Sunday 20th 10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man

11.30 **Help around Death 4: Departing Blessing**
Talk with Conversation led by *Louise Madsen*

Erhard in Ilkeston

Tuesday 22nd 8.00 The Act of Consecration of Man

19.30 Finance Group meeting

Thursday 24th 10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man

11.10 Gospel Study

Sunday 27th 10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man

11.30 **Why do we get ill?**

Talk by Dr. *Rainer Klocke*

Michaelmas

Tuesday 29th 10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man

11.15 **To fight with courage for truth and inner peace
to heal social life**

Talk by *Erhard Keller*

October

Thursday 1st 10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man

11.10 Gospel Study

Saturday 3rd Erhard in Ilkeston

Sunday 4th 10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man

11.30 **The Canticle of the Sun of St. Francis and other Sun**

related songs - Reubke, Bach, Grieg, Fauré,
Mussorgsky and others – Concert with
Evert van Grootel – voice

Cristina Popa-van Grootel - piano

Tuesday 6th 8.00 The Act of Consecration of Man

Thursday 8th 10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man

11.10 Gospel Study

Saturday 10th 9-12 Gardening and maintenance morning

Sunday 11th 10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man

11.30 Help around Death 5: The Funeral

Talk with Conversation led by *Erhard Keller*

Tuesday 13th 8.00 The Act of Consecration of Man

Thursday 15th 10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man

11.10 Gospel Study

- Sunday 18th** 10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man
 11.30 **The Spirit searches all things -
 even the deep things of God**
 Talk by *Louise Madsen*
 Erhard in Ilkeston
- No weekday services, Synod in Forest Row
- Sunday 25th** (Summertime ends)
 10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man
 11.30 **Help around Death 6:
 The Act of Consecration for the Departed**
 Talk with Conversation led by *Erhard Keller*
- Tuesday 27th 8.00 The Act of Consecration of Man
- Thursday 29st 10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man
 11.10 Gospel Study
- Saturday 31st Erhard in Ilkeston

Trinity

November

- Sunday 1st** 10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man
 11.30 **Invited into the Divine Dance –
 contemplation on the Trinity Epistle**
 Talk by visiting Revd *Tom Ravetz*
- Tuesday 3rd 8.00 The Act of Consecration of Man
- Thursday 5th 10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man
 11.10 Gospel Study
- Saturday 7th 9-12 Gardening and Maintenance morning
- Sunday 8th** 10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man
 11.30 **Recalling those across the threshold of death
 Remembrance festival**
- Tuesday 10th 8.00 The Act of Consecration of Man
- Thursday 12th 10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man
 11.11 Gospel Study

Sunday 15th	10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man 11.30 Not I but I Am: Paul's radical emptiness Talk by <i>John Thornborrow</i> Erhard in Ilkeston
Tuesday 17 th	8.00 The Act of Consecration of Man 19.00 Finance Group Meeting
Thursday 19 th	10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man 11.10 Gospel Study
Sunday 22nd	10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man 11.30 Cello Recital With <i>Bob Davey and Alan Stott</i>
Tuesday 24 th	8.00 The Act of Consecration of Man
Thursday 26 th	10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man 11.10 Gospel Study
Saturday 28 th	9.00-11.30 Preparing for Advent Erhard in Ilkeston

Dear Congregation

On Saturday 1st of August Ian Bailey will come again and lead an Astrosophy workshop on the planet Venus. Venus is currently the bright evening star.

Gordon Woolard will come to lead a projective Geometry workshop which can lead to an experience of the etheric realm, from Friday evening 28th to Sunday afternoon 30th of August. Gordon is a very experienced tutor of projective geometry, has developed further Audrey E. McAllen's 'Extra Lessons' and teaches state school teachers in Ireland and other places about the 12 senses and other topics. He is an active member of the Devon congregation. Please book with Erhard

On Sunday evening 30th August Chris Hewer, an expert on Islamic religion and culture, will share his insight into Islamic thinking and culture

Tom Ravetz will come for a visit on All Saints Day 1st of November.

The background theme for this programme comprises several talks and conversations about the spiritual and practical help we can receive and give around death.

Warm Greetings
Erhard and Louise

Gospel Readings

St. Johns Tide		
Wednesday, June 24	...	Mark 1:1-11
Sunday, June 28	...	Mark 1:1-11
Sunday, July 5	...	John 3:22-36
Sunday, July 12	...	Matthew 11:2-15
Sunday, July 19	...	Matthew 14:1-12

Sunday, July 26	...	Mark 8:27-37
Sunday, August 2	...	Matthew 7:1-14
Sunday, August 9	...	Luke 15:11-32
Sunday, August 16	...	Luke 9:1-17
Sunday, August 23	...	Luke 18:35-43
Sunday, August 30	...	Mark 7:31-37
Sunday, September 6	...	Luke 10:1-20
Sunday, September 13	...	Luke 17:5-24
Sunday, September 20	...	Matthew 6:19-34
Sunday, September 27	...	Luke 7:11-17
Michaelmas		
Tuesday, September 29	...	Matthew 22:1-14
Sunday, October 4	...	Matthew 22:1-14
Sunday, October 11	...	Revelation 12:1-12
Sunday, October 18	...	Revelation 3:1-6
Sunday, October 25	...	Ephesians 6:10-20
Sunday, November 1	...	Revelation 1:9-20
Sunday, November 8	...	Revelation 3:14-22
Sunday, November 15	...	Revelation 21:1-8
Sunday, November 22	...	Revelation 22:1-11

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