

Formation for Life

June 2019

Upcoming Events

Please note, there are a certain number of free spaces at events at Hilfield for Brothers and Sisters, however after these are taken charges may apply.

14th-16th June 2019

Dismantling notions of Otherness – retreat weekend

In a world of increasing polarisation, of slogans like "We want our country back!" and "America first!", it's vital that the Christian Church challenges the veiled racism behind such movements. During the weekend we shall be mining the Christian tradition to find ways of challenging Xenophobia and prejudice.

Led by Jonathan Herbert. Hilfield Friary (contact Suzi)

21st-23rd June 2019

Labyrinth Retreat

An opportunity to draw aside and reflect on your life's journey as we unfold the history of the ancient form of the labyrinth and its use as a sacred space for prayer and meditation. Whether you walk the turf labyrinth by candlelight, an indoor cloth 'pebble' labyrinth, or a hand-crafted wooden finger labyrinth, follow the winding path to the still and abiding centre. Plenty here to inspire and respond to – in prayer, poetry, prose or artwork. **Leader: Kay Barrett, Veriditas labyrinth facilitator**

To book or for more details, contact: Beth Harper, Tel: 01924 481920 e-mail: bharper@mirfield.org.uk

26th June 2019

Climate Change Lobby

On 26th June there will be a mass lobby in London. Hugh hopes to take a few Hilfielders and hope others might join us. Many charities including Christian Aid are involved. Cafod already have some coaches planned. People can register to go via the Christian Aid website

- <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/campaigns/climate-change/join-climate-lobby>.

5th-7th July 2019

Food and Spirituality – retreat weekend

Led by Annand and Jessie Asir who are priests from Southern India now in posts in a parish in Battersea, London. A theoretical and practical course covering the links between spirituality and food.

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23rd-26th August 2019

Greenbelt

www.greenbelt.org.uk (contact Br Hugh)

6th-8th September 2019

Science and the Care of Creation

A weekend with Sir Ghilleen Prance FRS, VMH. The topic of Christian care of creation requires the basic understanding of both the science and the theology behind the reasons for actions. This will be a blend of science and the biblical reasons for taking better care of God's creation.

Hilfield Friary (contact Suzi)

9th-12th September 2019

Differences in Common – ARC Conference

High Leigh Conference Centre

4th-6th October 2019

Franciscan Retreat

Francis meets the Sultan; what was it about 800 years ago and what difference can it make to our work and witness in the world today?

Led by Br Clark & Br Philip Bartholomew. Hilfield Friary (contact Suzi)

24th-27th October 2019

Craft Week

Our 2nd week to come together to make and share projects whilst chatting and laughing together. Maybe think of Christmas projects to attempt? A 'time out' with like-minded people before the craziness of Christmas. **Led by Suzi Herbert.** Hilfield Friary (contact Suzi)

1st-3rd November 2019

The faithful love of the Lord never ends – retreat weekend

A creative weekend exploring this verse from Lamentations and its illustration within our lives.

Led by Lin Burton and Maggie Hooper. Hilfield Friary (contact Suzi)

5th-7th November 2019

Franciscan Studies Conference

A conference on Franciscan Study, still being organised by the Capuchins, but already confirmed are Ilia Delio, Richard Rohr, Mary Heimann, John McCafferty, and William Short.

Organised by the Capuchins at Durham University – more details to follow!

Books & Resources

Hospitality, Service, Proclamation

For many, the idea of interfaith engagement is one to be treated with scepticism. Whilst there is fierce discussion around interfaith issues at a scholarly level, this fails to make an impact on the practice of the church. And yet, an increasing number of those training for church leadership will find themselves in churches which are at the heart of diverse, and often divided, communities. *Hospitality, Service, Proclamation* seeks to demystify the interfaith project. Written for ordinands and those preparing to minister in neighbourhoods where interfaith and intercultural dialogue are essential, Tom Wilson argues that rather than a fret to churches, interfaith dialogue is an important tool for discipleship.

Tom Wilson; 2019; SCM; 9780334057994

<https://scmpress.hymnsam.co.uk/books/9780334057994/hospitality-service-proclamation>

To Heal and not to Hurt

In recent years churches have found themselves all but overwhelmed by safeguarding concerns and allegations of abuse. Rosie Harper and Alan Wilson – who share almost seventy years of pastoral ministry – have listened with increasing dismay to many of the people who have had seriously damaging experiences within the Church. *To Heal and Not to Hurt* presents 15 narrative examples of these experiences, and examines the deep institutional roots of the abusive attitudes that caused them and the Church's often equally damaging responses. It concludes with the suggestion of a calm, reasoned, and practical basis on which the Church could shape a more adequate and sustainable policy of prevention and response.

Rosie Harper & Alan Wilson; 2019; DLT; 9780232533941

<http://www.dltbooks.com/titles/2243-9780232533941-to-heal-and-not-to-hurt>

Sabbath

Deep within the woods, amid the hurry and hassle of endlessly proliferating demands – from work and loved ones, social media and new technologies, as well as by church and other organisations to which we belong – lies God's invitation to Sabbath, a clearing in which to pause, to breathe, to find light, harmony and regeneration.

In this beautiful meditation on the theme of Sabbath, Nicola Slee helps us to discover this treasure within ourselves, guided by poetry (her own and that of Wendell Berry), journal extracts and space for you, the reader, to record your own thoughts and reflections along the way.

Nicola Slee; 2019; DLT; 9780232533996

<http://www.dltbooks.com/titles/2246-9780232533996-sabbath>

If there are any events you would like added to this list or know of any resources or new books that may be of relevance to the Community, please let the new Formation for Life Coordinator know.