

# Formation for Life

September 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.

### 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> September 2019

#### Science and the Care of Creation

A weekend with Sir Ghillelan 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)

### 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> September 2019

#### Differences in Common – ARC Conference

High Leigh Conference Centre

### 28<sup>th</sup> September 2019

#### “FULL OF GRACE”

A day exploring Marian devotion as a gateway to grace, drawing on the Angelus and Rosary

Led by The Revd Alison Dummer Associate of the Society of the Sacred Cross

### 28<sup>th</sup> September 2019

#### JPIC Linking Day

10.00 for 10.30 start - finishing with Mass at 4.00

St Aloysius Church Hall, 20 Phoenix Road, Euston, London NW1 1TA

### 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> October

#### 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)

### 24<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> 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)

### 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> 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)

### 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> 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>

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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.