

Formation for Life

November 2019

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.