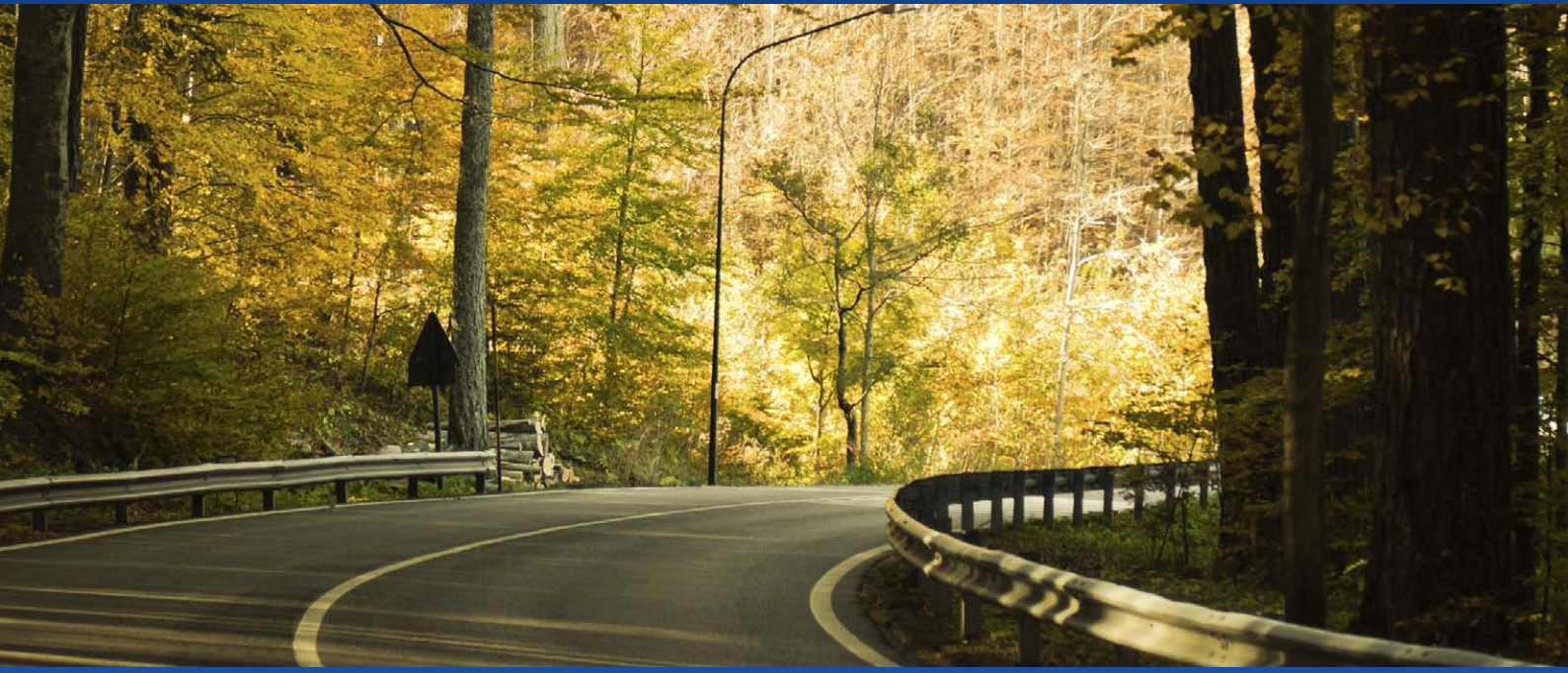


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Christian Weekends & Retreats 2012

The Lord has called us to be a Community from many different places and backgrounds. We believe that he is leading us to encounter him more frequently, more deeply, and in more ways.

Our weekends, retreats and conferences are a wonderful opportunity to meet with Jesus, and with other members of the Community, and there are many amazing testimonies of how lives have been freed,

transformed and faith deepened through this expression of our Community life.

For 2012 we have organised this programme of events in a variety of locations. Ranging from residential weekends to silent retreats, each focuses on a different theme and is led by a small team of members. All these events are an opportunity for refreshment, fellowship and renewal of faith. Everyone is welcome!

Come along

If you haven't been to one of these events before then make 2012 a year in which you experience this rich and dynamic expression of our Community life. They are times of learning, healing and great blessing and we hope you will join us.

Bring a friend

These events are great ways of introducing a friend to Maranatha. It's also a way in which we are able to bless our friends in being the healing Body of Christ together. They are always very friendly, enjoyable and times for refreshment.

Sponsor a place

Can't make it to any of these events - why not bless someone who would otherwise not be able to afford it by sponsoring a place? In this way more members of the Community are able to experience and receive what the Lord has given us for his Body.

We are One in Spirit - We are One in Jesus Christ

Weekends

A time away for teaching, fellowship, rest and healing

Rising Up As Eagles

Loreto Convent, Llandudno

30 March - 1 April | Price £120 (£130 for late bookings)

We live in stressful times! The pace of life and intensity of activities has increased hugely over recent years. It would seem that this is even more so for Christians involved in all sorts of church and related activities. It is difficult to balance family life, work and time with God. During this weekend we will reflect on God's promise through Isaiah that "Those who trust in the Lord will find new strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint" (Is. 40.31). There will be teaching, worship, quiet time, prayer and healing ministry.

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Healing - the Way of Jesus

Plymouth

29 June - 1 July | Price £25 + accommodation (non-residential)

For information contact Joy Davies on 01752 880 090

Healing is central to the life, teaching and ministry of Jesus and should be central in the life of His church today. As we face up to the brokenness in all parts of our society, Jesus calls us to reach out and heal in His Name. This weekend will include teaching, worship, quiet time, prayer and healing ministry.

A wonderful opportunity to enjoy a family weekend on the Devonshire coast.

Alone with God Together (Silent Retreat Weekend)

Loreto Convent, Llandudno

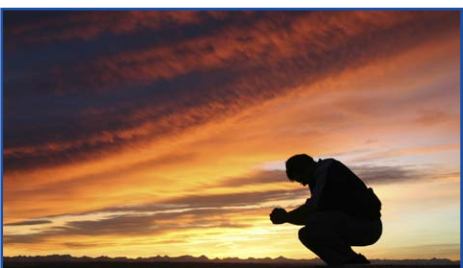
22 - 24 June | Price £120 (£130 for late bookings)

"But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another" (1 Jn. 1.7)

Many have experienced through Quite Days, 'Light out of Darkness' retreats and 'Waiting with God' a meeting with God that happens during times of contemplative silence. This weekend will be held in silence (including meal times) with short introduction sessions and plenty of space and time to be alone with Lord.

This retreat weekend will be ideal for those who have previously come to know the beauty of a contemplative and intimate walk with our Lord. It will also be accessible for those who would like to learn more about contemplative silence, as guidance will be available. God has been teaching us about solitude within the context of community. As we seek His face together we find we connect with one another in a deeper sense of UNITY; our souls receive the HEALING by a deeper knowledge of our true selves and our gracious Saviour: and we find the RENEWAL of our hearts and minds.

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Prayer - Power and Intimacy

Oblate Retreat Centre, Wistaston Hall, Crewe

27 - 29 July Price £135 (£145 for late bookings)

Prayer is the means by which we engage, through the Holy Spirit, in the heavenly realms. It is also through prayer that we commune with God who desires intimacy with us, "Come near to God and He will come near to you" (James 4.8). In Jeremiah we read "Call to Me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know". During this weekend we will explore the ways in which prayer enriches and empowers our daily lives. There will be teaching, praise and healing.

Wistaston Hall one of Cheshire's many historic buildings, is one of the most modern and comfortable Retreat Centres in the country. Peaceful gardens and scenic walks surround the house, which is conveniently situated close to the towns of Crewe, historic Nantwich and local amenities. The beautiful Cheshire plain is within a short travelling distance with its many walks and other attractions.

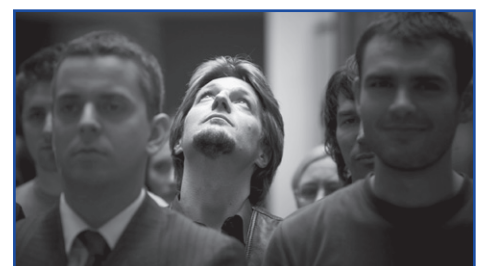
Rise Up Men of Faith

Beechwood Court, Conwy (Men only weekend)

14 - 16 September | Price £135 (£145 for late bookings)

Maranatha is holding another weekend specifically for men following the success of this event in 2008, 2009 & 2010. As God is calling His church to rise up in these end times, this weekend is an opportunity for men to come together, to share with one another in praise and testimony, to pray for God's equipping and to receive ministry. It will be a time of renewed calling, commitment and empowering for the work of God's Kingdom in this land.

Beechwood Court is situated on the lower slopes of Conwy Mountain, with magnificent views over the Conwy estuary. From its extensive grounds there is direct access onto the mountain and it is also within walking distance of the historic town of Conwy and its castle. Many people have found this to be a place where their faith has been encouraged.



Equipping the Saints

Bawtry Hall, Doncaster

19 - 21 October | Price £135 (£145 for late bookings)



When Jesus sent His disciples on their first mission He told them *“Take nothing for the journey”* (Lk. 9.3). In our call to follow Jesus and be builders of the Kingdom of God, the equipping that we need is not material but spiritual. Peter writes *“His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness”* (2 Peter 1.3). During this weekend we will examine the ways that the Lord trains and equips us to disciple others. There will be teaching, praise, prayer and worship.

Bawtry Hall is a Grade II listed Georgian manor house with modern facilities, set in seven acres of landscaped gardens with a lake and woodland walks. It is placed at the heart of an attractive market town, close to amenities and easily reached by road and offers a peaceful and friendly atmosphere away from the busyness of everyday life.

Teaching Retreats

Growing in understanding, knowing God more intimately

Out of the Courtroom and Into the Father’s House

The Ark, Flixton, Manchester

29 August - 1 September | Price £125 + accommodation

Accommodation will be provided locally by Maranatha members - £10 per night

This retreat starts on Wednesday evening and finishes after lunch on Saturday

As followers of Jesus we are already citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven, however we so often live perceiving and judging God, ourselves and others according to the ways of the world. This life-changing retreat leads us in the way of Jesus - to live as children at home in our Father’s House, secure in our relationship with Him, rather than as subjects of the world’s ‘courtroom’, bound by judgement and condemnation.



Living in the Father’s House

The Ark, Flixton, Manchester

26 - 29 September | Price £125 + accommodation

Accommodation will be provided locally by Maranatha members - £10 per night

This retreat starts on Wednesday evening and finishes after lunch on Saturday

A follow on retreat for those who have completed the ‘Out of the Courtroom and Into the Father’s House’ retreat, and who are looking to go deeper into the life in the Father’s house. Jesus leads us to discover our true identity in God rather than carrying the labels and expectations placed upon us by the world.

This retreat combines a balance of Bible teaching, quiet reflection, group sharing and prayer ministry.

Out of the Courtroom and Into the Father’s House retreat in our own words...

“ This retreat highlights how much judging other people is part of our every day life. The challenge is to recognise God as judge and step back from our selfish right to be in control at all times.

I had lived my whole life judging and condemning myself. The ministry of this teaching has set me free to live in the freedom of a child of God. I know that I am totally forgiven and loved.”

“ This teaching has changed my life. I was hiding in fear and shame because of my past. Now I see myself in a totally different way - I believe more as God sees me - and I can hold my head up and speak to others, which I could not do before.

This conference is a must for anyone who is serious about walking in a deeper relationship with God.”

Contemplative Retreats

Deepening our listening, knowing our Father's voice

Light Out of Darkness 'Stepping out in Faith'

16 - 20 April | Douai Abbey, Woolhampton, Reading | Price £210

1 - 5 October | Loreto Centre, Llandudno | Price £210

This retreat helps Christians of all backgrounds to learn how to listen to God, recognise His voice, reflect on His words and share their experiences. It is conducted in contemplative silence within a framework of teaching and sharing.

Please note: this retreat is very popular so early booking is advised.



NEW for 2012 - Light Out of Darkness 2 'Building with the Spirit'

11 - 15 June | Boars Hill, Oxford | Price £210

8 - 12 October | Loreto Centre, Llandudno | Price £210

This retreat builds on the material in Light out of Darkness 'Stepping out in Faith'. It covers the last part of the book and aims at a development of depth and a deeper spirituality. It, therefore, follows on from the first retreat but could also serve as a refresher for those who have done 'Light out of Darkness' before 2011 and it does include parts of the course not covered in those previous retreats. A deeper encounter with God transforms our lives and enables us to walk in new freedom and light.

Please note: Early booking is advised.



Waiting with God in the Desert

8 - 13 October | Loreto Centre, Llandudno | Price £230

This retreat is primarily for those who have already made a 'Light out of Darkness' retreat and who desire to consolidate what they have already experienced and move more deeply into contemplative prayer, so as to become contemplative in action.

Please note: this retreat is very popular so early booking is advised.

The Boars Hill Carmelite Priory, situated to the south of Oxford, is set in beautiful surroundings and is a place of quietness for those seeking spiritual refreshment.

Douabi Abbey is situated on high ground in the Berkshire countryside overlooking the beautiful Kennet valley towards the distant Hampshire downs, and is within easy reach of London, the South-West, & Midlands.

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To come on a Maranatha weekend or retreat

Call the office on 0161 748 4858 or email info@maranathacommunity.org.uk or visit our website www.maranathacommunity.org.uk to download a booking form.

Maranatha weekends and retreats in our own words...



Spending time with other men who are also wanting to be closer to God was an exciting and refreshing time. God spoke to us about walking with authority and being His united church. I would strongly recommend this weekend to all Christian men.

It was really, really what I needed. The Lord..lifted me out of the doldrums and gave me back a proper perspective on life.



I was with friends I had never met before. A time to listen and share God's love for us.

I went for relief of stress. I came away set free.

The healing is still going on and on.

Yet another example of the Body of Christ in action. Praise God.



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