

# maranatha



## Christian Weekends & Retreats and Teaching Retreats 2014

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 2014 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 Maranatha 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 2014 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 2014

A time away for teaching, fellowship, rest and healing

## Rising up as Eagles *Living in Freedom and Abundance*

The House of Bread at The Mill, Shipston-on-Stour  
28 - 30 March | Price £125 (£135 for late bookings)

Jesus promises His followers freedom and fullness of life. Yet many struggle, under the pressures of life bound by woundedness, expectations of others and a lack of true understanding of what it means to live as a citizen of the Kingdom of God. This weekend will provide teaching and healing ministry in the context of worship and fellowship for those who aspire to live as God intends.

*The House of Bread @ The Mill is a Christian retreat and conference centre, set in the beautiful Cotswold countryside. It is the home of a small Christian community who live in the rhythm of prayer and worship. It is set in the beauty and tranquility of rural England, a mile and a half from the historic town of Shipston-on-Stour.*



## More Love, More Power *Growing together in the likeness of Jesus*

Emmaus Retreat Centre, Swords, County Dublin  
20 - 22 June | Price 205 Euros or £180  
(215 Euros or £190 for late bookings)

The oneness of God's people brings blessing and healing, not just for ourselves but also those around them. Unity in the Body of Christ brings transformation. As we gather from different parts of the UK and Ireland for this special weekend, we look forward to the healing and blessing of Jesus for ourselves, our families, our communities and our nations, as we deepen our oneness with and in Him.

*Emmaus is ten minutes from Dublin Airport and three minutes off the M1. It rests in the beautiful setting of rural mature grounds which offer quiet tree-line pathways, landscaped gardens and a river walk. The sound of birdsong and the profusion of wildlife all add to the beauty and tranquility of the place. Here God and nature dwell in harmony. This beautiful setting and the relaxed atmosphere at Emmaus will leave you refreshed and invigorated.*

## Jesus our Personal Trainer *Discipleship for the 21st century Christian*

The Oblate Retreat Centre, Wistaston Hall, Crewe  
25 - 27 July | Price £150 (£160 for late bookings)

When Jesus calls us to follow Him, He tells us to do what He does; in fact He says "Anyone who has faith in me...will do even greater things" (Jn 14.12). Fundamentally however, to follow Jesus means to become like Him. This weekend will be an exciting exploration of the key to Christian discipleship - a living relationship with God the Father. There will be worship, teaching, quiet time, prayer and healing ministry.

*Wistaston Hall, is one of Cheshire's many historic buildings, and one of the most 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 traveling distance with its many walks and other attractions.*



## Prophets Alive! *Seeing and responding to the signs of the times*

Beechwood Court, Conwy  
12 - 14 September | Price £145 standard, £157 en-suite (£155 & £167 for late bookings)

Jesus is alive in His people - His Body - today. As our head, Jesus calls us to live as a prophetic demonstration of His continuing presence in the world, giving witness to the Kingdom of God. This weekend will include teaching on issues of importance for the Church and the world today, in addition to worship, quiet reflection, prayer and healing ministry.

*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.*

# Communing with God

*Hearing the still small voice in a noisy world*

Loreto Convent, Llandudno

17 - 19 October | Price £130 (£140 for late bookings)

As followers of Jesus we have received amazing promises from God, yet all too often we are beset by circumstances which appear to rob us of joy and fulfilment. Jesus was only able to finish His mission on earth by living in constant communion with God the Father. This weekend will provide opportunity to pursue stillness and a deeper relationship with God in the context of worship, fellowship, teaching and ministry.

*The Loreto Centre nestles under the Great Orme, close to the West Shore with views across the sea to the Welsh mountains. With its quiet welcome and attractive gardens, it is an oasis of peace, giving opportunity for rest and refreshment.*



## Teaching Retreats 2014

Growing in understanding, knowing God more intimately

### Out of the Courtroom & into the Father's House

The Ark, Flixton, Manchester

5-8 February 2014 | 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

12 - 15 February 2014 | 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...

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*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.*

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*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.*

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# Contemplative Retreats 2014

Deepening our listening, knowing our Father's voice

## Light Out of Darkness 'Stepping out in Faith'

7 - 11 April | Boars Hill, Oxford | Price £230

15 - 19 September | Loreto Centre, Llandudno | Price £230

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.**



## Light Out of Darkness 2 'Building with the Spirit'

13 - 17 October | Loreto Centre, Llandudno | Price £230

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

15 - 19 September | 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.

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*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.*

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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](mailto:info@maranathacommunity.org.uk) or visit our website [www.maranathacommunity.org.uk](http://www.maranathacommunity.org.uk) to download a booking form.

## Maranatha weekends and retreats in our own words...

*This was a unique opportunity to place ourselves in God's loving arms and for Him to speak directly to us, right where we are. For God's light to illuminate whatever darkness we are in and have Him speak that darkness into light.*

*If you want a better life and relationship with the Lord then do this retreat.*

*I was challenged to become a lover with His love. I was blessed out of my socks!*

*I thought that I knew how much God loved me..., but WOW I am going home a changed man. I recommend this retreat.....Believe me it is a life changing experience.*

*In an ever busy world there is a vital need to step out for a while and reflect on life's real purpose and spiritual direction.*

*Life-changing and liberating. I now understand what working out my own salvation really means....taking time out to meet with and get to know our Father in places that we did not expect to meet Him in...*

*It doesn't matter where I am, God the Father is waiting for me to sit and dine with Him. He gave me hope in the midst of my darkness as I search for Him and sit still and wait patiently for Him.*

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