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Maranatha Retreats & Resources 2016 Contemplative | Teaching | Refreshment

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 retreats, weekends and quiet days are a wonderful opportunity to meet with God, and with other members of the Community. There are many amazing testimonies of how lives have been freed, transformed and faith deepened through this expression of our Community life.

For 2016 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 2016 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. They also enable us to experience 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 consider enabling someone less well off to attend 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

Stepping out in Faith a Light out to Darkness retreat The House of Bread at The Mill, Shipston-on-Stour 18 - 22 April | Price £265

By striving for goodness and a Christian way of living we often suppress our frailty. Our humanity embraces good and evil, light and dark. If we ignore the darkness it will oppress and control our inner self. By facing our darkness we can be transformed to greatness. Judas didn't allow Jesus to transform his darkness. Peter faced his own failure and allowed Jesus to embrace him. This is the challenge of Light out of Darkness.



Our five day retreat combines teaching, sharing and contemplative silence to bring a deeper knowledge of both yourself and God.

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 tranquillity of rural England, a mile and a half from the historic town of Shipston-on-Stour.

"I hadn't previously experienced anything of the height, depth, and width of God's love for me until this retreat."



An Oasis in the Stress of Life

Yealmpton Community Methodist Church, Plymouth 10 - 12 June | Price £40 (£50 for late bookings) £20 if coming for Saturday only. (This is a non-residential weekend so local accommodation costs

maybe incurred)

In His pattern for creation and in His commandments, God emphasises that rest is an essential part of Godly living. In these days of global turbulence and ever-increasing pressures He reminds us, through the Psalmist, that He is the Creator and Lord of all, instructing us: "Be still, and know that I am God". He also, as a Good Shepherd, knows our needs: "He makes me lie down in green pastures...He restores my soul." This weekend retreat gives an opportunity to take God at His Word. We will enjoy quietness, Biblical reflection, worship and ministry in fellowship with Christian brothers and sisters travelling the same road.

Yealmpton (pronounced 'Yamptun') is a village and civil parish in the English county of Devon. It is located in the South Hams on the A379 Plymouth to Kingsbridge Road and is about 8 miles (13 km) from Plymouth. Its name derives from the River Yealm that flows through the village.

"You will have an unforgettable experience of Jesus' love for you."

Sharing Laughter, Sharing Life

Cloverley Hall, Calverhall, Whitchurch, Shropshire Friday 12th - Monday 15th August | Prices -

Staying in the house			<u>Camping (incl all meals)</u>			Day Visitors (inc meals)		
Age:	0-4	Free	Age:	0-4	Free	Age:	0-4	Free
	5-9	£45		5-9	£38		5-9	£15
	10-12	£90		10-12	£45		10-12	£15
	13-16	£100		13-16	£80		13-16	£25
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En-suite room £21 per room

This weekend is an opportunity to enjoy fellowship, fun and worship as part of God's family. It is particularly aimed at providing time for those of different generations to 'share life' at a centre in beautiful Shropshire countryside, which has facilities for all, including an outdoor heated swimming-pool. The programme will give time for relaxation, games, outings as well as family prayer and worship.

You can choose to stay in the main house or in the grounds which offer space for camping or caravans. The full weekend will start with the evening meal on Friday 12th August and finish at 10am on Monday.

All bedding and hand-towels are provided for those staying in the house. You are required to bring your own bath-towel. Room allocation is prioritised according to booking date so early booking is advisable.

Please note - Families with children are responsible for ensuring their safety around the facilities.

Tucked away in the corner of North Shropshire, Cloverley Hall Christian conference centre offers peace and quiet, yet remains easily accessible by road and rail. The grounds provide a safe haven for all, with the opportunity to enjoy the sports facilities or simply relax in the Shropshire countryside.

Intimacy with God

Emmaus Retreat Centre, Swords, County Dublin 16 - 18 September | Price €190 or £145 (€200 or £155 for late bookings)

Jesus reveals to us a God who is passionate to be intimately known by those who belong to Him. He is a loving Father, but also a tender Lover, who constantly woos us. This weekend retreat, in the land of saints and scholars, will draw on the teachings and prayers of the saints and Early Church fathers as well as contemporary Christian thinkers. It is a wonderful opportunity to respond to God's advance of love.

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-lined 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.

"It is good to be with Christians of any denomination to be able to concentrate on God in silence or listening to music without distractions...One also benefits from sharing with others, bringing you closer to God."

"Living in the fast lane we all need time out in silence with God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit, prioritising prayer. Come and enjoy the peace and the presence of God combined with prayer and teaching."



Building with the Spirit a Light out to Darkness retreat

Loreto Centre, Llandudno | 17 - 21 October | Price £275

This retreat builds on the material in 'Stepping out in Faith'. It covers the last part of the 'Light out of Darkness' book: 'Building the temple' and aims at a development of depth and a deeper spirituality. It therefore follows on from the first retreat, but also serves as a refresher for those who have done 'Light out of Darkness' before 2011 and it includes 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.

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.

"If you fully embrace Light out of Darkness it will change your life and you will have a smile all the time."

> "If you are thinking of doing a retreat just go ahead, do it and savour the benefit of it afterwards. Go and be open to the move of the Holy Spirit."

Quiet Days Guided silence, listening, intimacy with God

Huddersfield, First Saturday of alternate months: 5th March, 7th May, 2nd July, 3rd September, 5th November, 10am-4pm. Info: Peter Jackson 01282 438964 or peterhjackson@talktalk.net

If you would like to host a Quiet Day in your area, please contact the Maranatha office.

Out of the Courtroom and into the Father's House

This teaching retreat is currently being developed for wider use. We believe that it remains a very important teaching for the Body of Christ and are exploring the possibility of running two-day retreats in different locations. For further information, please contact the Maranatha office.

To come on a Maranatha retreat or weekend Call the office on 0161 748 4858 or email info@maranathacommunity.org.uk or visit our website www.maranathacommunity.org.uk for online booking.



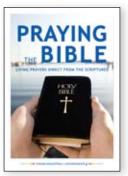
Pray With Us

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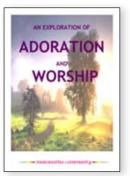
Why not join our nationwide prayer network and be part of our loving Christian community? We can help and support your prayer life too. Call us for a chat on 0161 748 4858. We have an extensive choice of prayer materials for you to download free of charge at: www.maranathacommunity.org.uk

These and other prayer publications can also be purchased online or from our bookshop. Call 0161 747 5672 or e-mail shop@maranathacommunity.org.uk

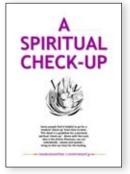
Here are some of our most popular prayer resources:



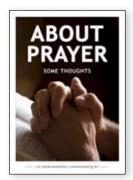
Personal prayers from scripture brought to new life



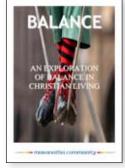
Exploring worship and adoration of the Lord through prayer



A check-list to strengthen us in the Lord's service



Exploring the nature of prayer and offering guidance



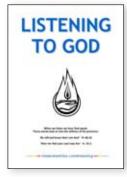
Exploring the meaning of 'balance' in Christian living



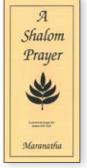
Warnings in scripture to hear and submit to God's word



A pilgrimage of prayer via the Book of Psalms



Christian leaders offer guidance on listening to God





A book of living prayers rooted in the New Testament



Hearing God's personal word for you in the scriptures



The beautiful guiding prayer of Maranatha, read by millions worldwide. Available in nine languages and as an audio CD