

maranatha

# 'Waiting with God in the Desert'

Contemplative Retreat

An opportunity to learn how to experience  
God's real presence in contemplative silence

Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June to Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2013



**Carmelite Priory,  
Boars Hill,  
Oxford OX1 5HB**

This retreat takes place in contemplative silence with teaching and sharing sessions during the day. The event is arranged by the Maranatha Community - a growing movement of Christians in all the churches, who are committed to unity, renewal and healing.

## WAITING WITH GOD IN THE DESERT

This retreat is for those who have experienced 'Light out of Darkness' retreats (or equivalent), and feel drawn to journey further into silence with God. Less structured than 'Light out of Darkness', and with more time alone with God, this silent retreat helps us to deepen our relationship with God and to be open to His gift of contemplative prayer.

Comments from previous retreatants include:

*"This for me has been a powerful retreat. I have come to the end of the week realising my prayer journey is only just starting. You have shown us a beautiful and prayerful way to draw close to the Father's heart and to experience His love more deeply. As we do that, this will not only be life changing but also profoundly healing".*

*"An opportunity to go deeper in one's relationship with God. The silence was a great blessing. One is with others but also to be alone with God - that is a very safe way to go forward".*

*"The experience of the retreat has been incredibly enriching. In this new form of prayer I found a deeper relationship with Father God in His invitation to gaze at Him as He gazes at me".*

*"I hope that contemplative prayer will become my way of life".*

The retreat will be run from **Monday 12 noon until after lunch on Friday. Cost £210**

## BOOKING FORM

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*(commencing at 12 noon on Monday & finishing after lunch on Friday)*

**at The Carmelite Priory, Boars Hill, Oxford OX1 5HB**

Name.....

Address .....

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Tel No.....

Email address.....

*All accommodation is in single rooms*

*Please tick if you have any special dietary requirements. The Centre will then prepare specific meals for you to meet these requirements.*

Vegetarian (no meat or fish)	
Vegetarian (will eat fish)	
Vegan	
Diabetic	
Other (please specify)	

Enclosed cheque (non-refundable deposit £40/total £210) £.....payable to Maranatha Community. *(A clear 5 days notice needs to be given if you are unable to attend in an attempt to find a replacement participant)*

Please return booking form to Mrs Sylvia Middlemist, 19 Bromley Avenue, Flixton, Manchester M41 6HZ Tel: 0161 755 3422 or 0161 747 5672  
email: [sylvia@maranathacommunity.org.uk](mailto:sylvia@maranathacommunity.org.uk)

### Carmelite Priory

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

