

maranatha



“Living as sons and daughters of God” (Romans 8:14)

Jesus makes it clear that to follow Him means that we no longer live as the rest of the world. He calls us to live as citizens of the Kingdom of God by being transformed, in our thinking and behaviour, by His Holy Spirit in us. This is not only a personal call, but the call to be one with all believers as the visible Body of Christ in the world.

The 2010 programme of Maranatha Community Weekends, and Teaching, Contemplative and Prayer Retreats provides an opportunity whereby through worship, teaching, fellowship and ministry, Christians from all traditions are encouraged and enabled to enter more fully into the life and freedom of God's Holy Spirit.

Christian Weekends and Retreats for 2010

Come along

If you haven't been to one of these events before then make 2010 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 of what the Lord has given us for his Body.

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

Anglicans - Baptists - Catholics - Episcopalians - Methodists - New Churches - Orthodox - Pentecostals - Presbyterians - Salvationists - URC

Weekends

A time away for teaching, fellowship, rest and healing



Being Formed in the Image of Christ

Beechwood Court, Conwy

26 - 28 Mar | Price £120 (£130 for late bookings)

God has chosen to reveal Himself in the person of Jesus. Followers of Jesus are called not only to do what He did but to be His Body, bearing the fruit of His Spirit – love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control, in the world. In the beautiful and tranquil surroundings of Beechwood Court we will share together what this means for our lives today in a society which is increasingly turning its back on Jesus.

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 a place where their faith has been encouraged.

Living in the Power of God's Spirit

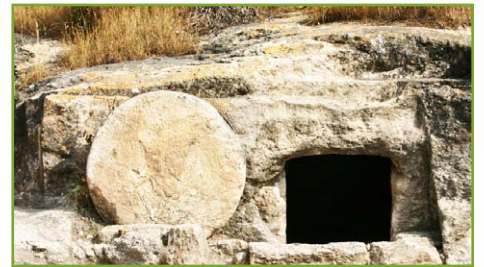
Plymouth

11 - 13 Jun | Price £23 + accommodation (non-residential)

For accommodation and information contact Joy Davies on 01752 880 090

Jesus gives us the power to live as He lived, doing the things He did. The gifts of His Spirit are the manifestations of living in oneness with the Spirit of Jesus – not for ourselves but for the glory of God. Includes a children's programme.

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



Joining Heaven and Earth in Worship

Prayer Centre at St. Joseph's, Freshfields, Formby

23 - 25 Jul | Price £100 (£110 for late bookings)

As we live according to God's Spirit rather than by the ways of the world, our daily lives become an offering of worship to the Lord. Jesus said that the Father is seeking true worshippers who will worship Him in Spirit and Truth. This weekend will be an exploration of how we can each live this life of worship.

The centre is set in beautiful pine woods near Formby Point. The sea is within walking distance and there is plenty of bird and animal life around. A special relaxing place to spend a few days.

Turning Stress into Opportunity for Healing

Bawtry Hall, Doncaster

17 - 19 September | Price £120 (£130 for late bookings)

We are living in an age of stress and pressure and many are suffering the physical and mental consequences. During this weekend we will explore the way in which God can use even the stresses in our lives to bring healing, "We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him.." (Rom 8.28)



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.



Listening to God

Loreto Centre, Llandudno

22 - 24 October | Price £110 (£120 for late bookings)

Jesus' life was marked by His constant listening to the Father. He made it clear that He did nothing on his own. During this weekend we will pursue closeness in our relationship with Jesus and the Father that will enable us to hear His voice.

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

Growing in understanding, knowing God more intimately

Out of the Courtroom and Into the Father's House

Yealmpton Community Methodist Church, Yealmpton, Plymouth

27 - 30 Oct | Price £120 + accommodation (non-residential)

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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

13 - 16 Oct | Price £120 + accommodation

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

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 teaching is life changing, it exposes the complex & subtle ways in which "judgement" operates in our lives, The message is simple & profound and I believe the key to walking in true freedom as children of God... it sets us free! Though it is still a work in progress! Highly recommended both on an individual & church wide/corporate level.

Christine, Lancashire

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“For me this retreat was a profound experience that has been extremely beneficial in my spiritual growth. As a result I am still undergoing spiritual heart surgery and healing. “

Roger, Shropshire

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Prayer Retreats

Meeting God in prayer – listening, contemplating, receiving and sharing

Prayer Week 1 'Repentance and Healing'

8 - 15 May | Price £200 inc. meals and accommodation

Prayer Week 2 'Praying for the Church and our nation'

18 - 25 Sep | Price £200 inc. meals and accommodation

Kalah House, Helmsdale, Scotland



Over the past 12 years Kalah House has hosted two Weeks of Prayer each year for the unity, renewal and healing of the Church of Christ and this nation. The first Week of Prayer will focus on the way in which God brings healing and revival of faith through the repentance of His people. True repentance can only come through the conviction of the Holy Spirit and an awareness of God's overwhelming loving kindness, mercy and grace. The second Week of Prayer will be dedicated to praying for the Church and the Nation. During each of these weeks there will be worship, teaching and fellowship, with a 24-hour rota of prayer, and also free time to enjoy the countryside.

Kalah House is a purpose built retreat house situated in the outstanding beauty of the Highlands, amidst heather-covered moorlands, in the beautiful and tranquil setting of Sutherland. It overlooks the River Helmsdale and is near to the old fishing port of Helmsdale.

Contemplative Retreats

Deepening our listening, knowing our Father's voice



Light Out of Darkness

25 - 30 Apr | Douai Abbey, Woolhampton, Reading | Price £230

4 - 9 Oct | Loreto Centre, Llandudno | Price £230

This five-day 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.

Waiting for God in the Desert

25 - 30 Apr | Douai Abbey, Woolhampton, Reading | Price £230

4 - 9 Oct | Loreto Centre, Llandudno | Price £230

This five-day 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.**



Douai 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.

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.

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...

“ This retreat (Out of the Courtroom) was about revelation from start to finish. I understood that we live our daily lives as in a courtroom scenario; continually gathering evidence to use in a judgmental way. As I surrendered the judgment seat of my heart to Jesus, I felt liberated by His grace and mercy. Jesus invites us in to the freedom of His Father's house - He is the only One who is able to carry us across the threshold.

Kate, Shropshire ”

“ I would recommend the prayer week of retreat and training to anyone interested in Life Prayer. We all have so much to learn from each other, the blessings flow both ways, not only to the person receiving but also to the people praying. I myself feel very blessed. At the start of the week I knew only three of the twelve taking part but by the end of the week I had a whole new set of friends who cared.

Evelyn, County Down ”

“ “It wasn't what I was expecting”. ‘That's what you've said about every Maranatha retreat or conference you've been on’ I was told by a friend. Maybe that's because it sums up very well what a Maranatha Weekend is all about - allowing God to do what He wants, being willing to listen to what He's saying and to allow the structure and content to fit in with His agenda.

Heather, Manchester ”

“ 30+ men met at the Loreto Centre in Llandudno. There was immediate agreement from the start that we were to expect much more than a pleasant weekend of fellowship. There was a united sense of urgency to pray, to hear God and to be ready to respond to His leading over the weekend. There was a strong sense of the Presence of God as we spent time listening.

John, Liverpool ”