



## **St Benedict's Centre Newsletter**

### **August 2021**

It has been wonderful to welcome groups back to the Centre in June and July this year. We have had a gentle but mixed programme easing us back into a rhythm of quiet days and learning opportunities.

The Living in Love in Faith course ran on Thursday mornings and those who participated are now looking forward to leading groups in their own contexts. We plan to run this course again in September on Thursday evenings. See page 6 for details.

We are running the Pastoral Principles as a day course on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September. This is an ideal way to experience the course if you are thinking of running it in your church or if you would like to do it away from your parish. See page 7 for details.

**Woman to Woman** provided much needed refreshment and reflection for women wanting to explore the spiritual impact of the menopause. The day was filled with laughter and some tears, deep conversation and worship.

**Not looking but Seeing** was a first exploration into running a photography day. It was very well received, and we hope to run it again either one evening before the daylight fades or on a Saturday to enable more people to attend. Watch this space and our other methods of communication for more information.



# August

August has traditionally been a quiet month at the Centre. This year we remain open for people to book study/personal retreat rooms including some Saturdays. (7<sup>th</sup>,14<sup>th</sup>,21<sup>st</sup>) Please contact Jane at the Centre [bookings@stbenedictscentre.org](mailto:bookings@stbenedictscentre.org) if you would like to book.

## Pure Gold

9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> August daily 10am -12 noon

Led by Rev'd Caroline Glass



St Benedict's Centre present 'Pure Gold' A Summer School event.

Our first summer school at St Benedict's Centre is an opportunity to increase our knowledge of the bible. Many of us are aware of how little we really know of the bible. We are also aware that however

much we know, the bible always has more to show us.

Come and join us as we discover more about how the bible fits together and how it speaks to us today.

Cost £25 just for the course (mornings only) or £10 per day if you would like to spend the whole day at the Centre working further on the morning session.

Spaces are limited for the whole day option so book early.

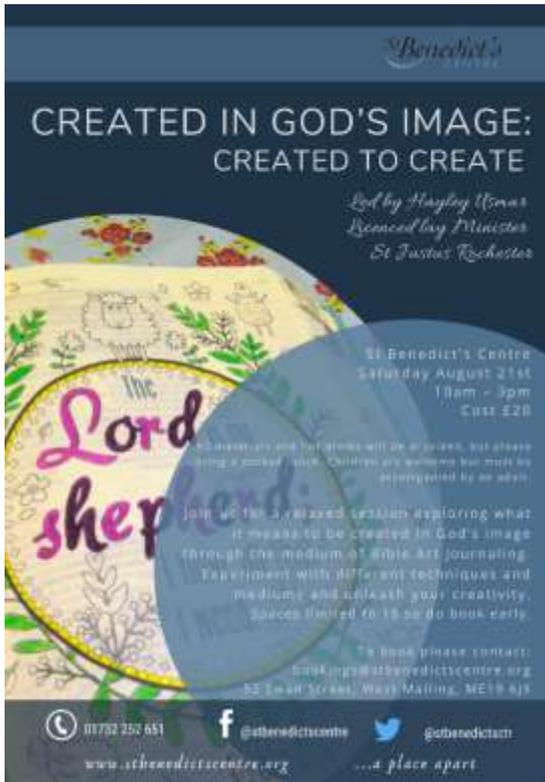
To book or further details contact:

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# Created in God's Image: created to create

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> August 10am -3pm

Led by Hayley Usmar



This is a day course exploring new ways of understanding scripture through our own art.

Hayley Usmar is a Licenced Lay Minister in Rochester Diocese with a wealth of experience in bible journaling and art. She will lead us through the day encouraging creativity and

teaching new techniques.

This day is suitable for children accompanied by adults but places are limited so book early.

Cost: 320 including hot drinks and all the art materials

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## September



**LIVING** **Living in Love and Faith**  
**IN LOVE** 7 for 7.30 -9.30 pm Thursdays  
**& FAITH** 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>

An opportunity to experience the Living in Love and Faith Course. This is particularly suitable for those who are planning to lead it in parishes.

Led by Rev'd Jane Winter Diocesan LLF Advocate

Cost £10 to cover refreshments

To book: [bookings@stbenedictscentre.org](mailto:bookings@stbenedictscentre.org)

# Pastoral Principles Course



Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>  
September 9.30 for  
10am – 3.30pm

A day to explore the  
Living in Love and Faith  
Pastoral Principles  
Course.

Led by Rev'd Jane  
Winter Diocesan LLF  
Advocate, Rev'd Dr  
Joel Love LLF chaplain.

The Pastoral Principles  
guide how we engage  
with Living in Love and

Faith materials. They are useful when dealing with any difficult or contentious matter where disagreement may be strongly held.

The day is for those who would like to lead the course in their own church communities. We will explore each of the five sessions and the five different learning activities of the course.

Please bring your own lunch, hot drinks will be provided. Cost for the day £10

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## Day Guests



So many people have appreciated the opportunity for a day apart in the current challenges of ministry.

You can book an individual study/retreat room for £10. This includes hot drinks, the use of the beautiful grounds and the opportunity for private prayer in the pilgrim chapel.

To book your day of rest and retreat contact:  
[bookings@stbenedictscentre.org](mailto:bookings@stbenedictscentre.org).

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