



St Benedict's Centre Newsletter

April 2022

We are delighted to have welcomed quite a few visitors at the Centre in the first few months in 2022, and to see our events being well-attended.

There is still more on offer in the second half of Lent and beyond. Our Live Lent course on Monday afternoons continues with two further sessions, and there are several days centred on creativity in personal and corporate worship, another administrators' day as well as our usual monthly Walk with Jesus.

We look forward to welcoming you at one or more of these events in the near future. Please do share this newsletter with your friends and churches. The events can also be found on our website programme page: <https://stbenedictscentre.org/programme/>

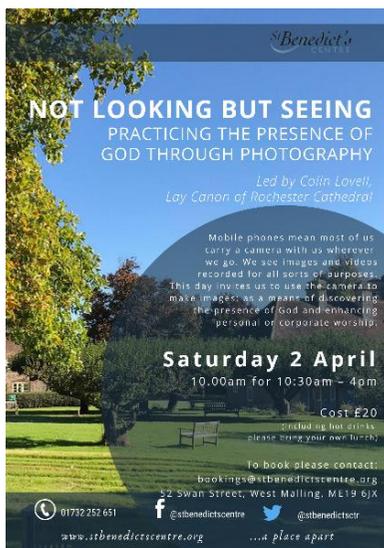
Forthcoming events at the Centre

Weekly Wednesday Eucharist

All are welcome to join us in the Pilgrim Chapel for a Eucharist held every Wednesday 12.15 – 12.45pm.
No need to book.

Not Looking but Seeing

Saturday 2nd April; 10am for 10.30-4pm



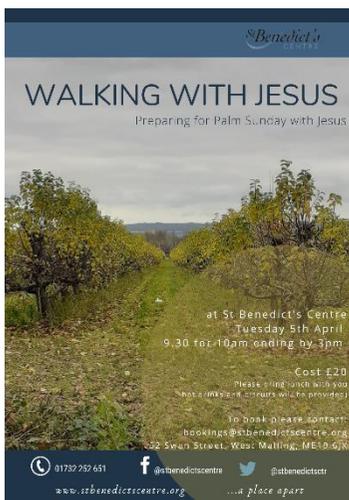
Led by Colin Lovell, Lay Canon of Rochester Cathedral.

Mobile phones mean most of us carry a camera with us wherever we go. We see images and videos recorded for all sorts of purposes. This day invites us to use the camera to take images as a means of discovering the presence of God and enhancing personal or corporate worship.

corporate worship.

Walking with Jesus

Tuesday 5th April; 9.30 for a 10am start – 3pm.



Join us on our next leisurely local walk where this time we will be preparing for Palm Sunday.

As usual, we aim to be back by noon, and conclude with an act of worship in the Pilgrim chapel at 3pm.

Cost for the day is £20 including hot drinks. To book please contact

bookings@stbenedictscentre.org

Ministry of Administration

Wednesday 6th April; 10am for 10:15am-3pm.



Another opportunity for Church Administrators to attend this course, intended to encourage, support and equip them for their ministry.

Led by Ven Andy Wooding-Jones.

Cost £20 including refreshments, bring your own lunch. To book:

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Living in Love and Faith Creative Day

Saturday 9th April; 9.30 for 10am - 3.30pm



Benedict's

**LIVING
IN LOVE
& FAITH**
Creative Day

Led by Rev Jane Winter, Diocesan LLF Advocate

at St Benedict's Centre
SATURDAY 9 APRIL 2022
9.30 for 10am - 3.30pm

A day to engage with the Living in Love and Faith course and respond creatively

Cost £10
(including hot drinks please bring your own lunch)

To book please contact:
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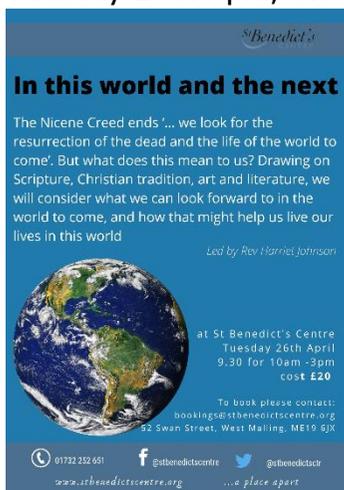
A day to engage with the Living in Love and Faith course and to respond creatively, led by Rev Jane Winter, Diocesan LLF Advocate.

Cost £10 per person including refreshments. Please bring your own lunch. Spaces are limited.

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In this world and the next

Tuesday 26th April; 9.30 for 10am-3pm



Benedict's

In this world and the next

The Nicene Creed ends '... we look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come'. But what does this mean to us? Drawing on Scripture, Christian tradition, art and literature, we will consider what we can look forward to in the world to come, and how that might help us live our lives in this world

Led by Rev Harriet Johnson

at St Benedict's Centre
Tuesday 26th April
9.30 for 10am - 3pm
cost **£20**

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What does it mean when we say that we look for the resurrection of the dead?

In this Easter season our Wisdom day, led by Rev Harriet Johnson, will offer the opportunity to reflect together on the gospel accounts of Christ's resurrection and what these might reveal to us about our own promised resurrection.

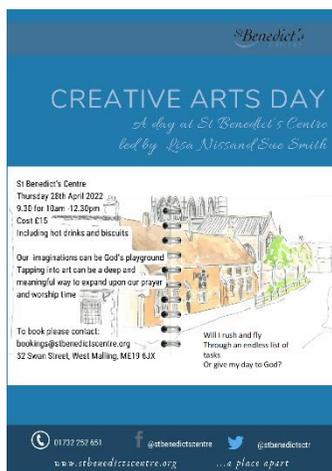
We will draw on Scripture as well as Christian tradition, including art and literature, to ponder what we too can look forward to in the world to come, and how that might help us live our lives in this world.

Cost for the day is £20 including hot drinks.

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Creative Arts Day

Thursday 28th April; 9:30 for 9:45 start – 12:30pm



Tapping into art can be a deep and meaningful way to expand upon our prayer and worship time: we tap into something fundamental about being made in the image of our creator.

An informal half-day workshop exploring how to use our creativity to honour God - Led by LLMs Lisa Nissen and Sue Smith.

We will experiment with mark making and words to create a unique blend of worship. Please bring a Bible.

Cost for the morning is £10 to include all art materials and refreshments.

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Upcoming events in May

Orisons day 4th May 9.30 for 10am -3pm

Orisons is a visual tool which invites you to add depth and insight to your understanding of life and the bible. The day promises to be one of revelation and illumination

Benedictine Listening 10th May 9.30 for 10am -3pm

Our second in the series of Benedictine Wisdom days focuses on listening. Benedict says 'Listen my child to the Master's instruction and incline the ear of your heart.' Joined by some of the Sisters at West Malling Abbey we will explore deep Benedictine listening to God.

Walking with Jesus 19th May 9.30 for 10am -3pm

This walk will take us on a journey with the resurrected Jesus exploring the impact of his resurrection on our living today.

Two Ears, One Mouth 24th May 9.30 for 10am -3pm

An active listening day Led by Dr Deborah Watkins. There is a need to listen well to one another as we recover from the effects of lockdown. Deborah will lead us through skills in deep listening so we can create safe spaces for people to tell their story without fear of interruption or having it disregarded.

Day Guests



Our 10 quiet study rooms offer the space to rest and reflect in solitude at the Centre.

You can book one of these rooms for £12.

This includes hot drinks, the use of the beautiful grounds and the opportunity for private prayer in the pilgrim chapel and of joining the Sisters in their offices.

Your booking can be changed or cancelled at short notice if need be, at no cost.

Did you know we offer gift vouchers for individual quiet days – the perfect gift for someone in ministry.

To book your day of rest and retreat, or to purchase a voucher contact: bookings@stbenedictscentre.org.

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