



St Benedict's Centre Newsletter

September 2022



We have learnt a little of what it is like to experience drought as well as to enjoy the warmth of the sun. The landscape and our plants have struggled to adapt and stay alive, so the more recent clouds and rain have been welcome; now we may yet reap the fruitfulness of God's rich harvest. However you have spent the summer we hope it has been restorative.

We are delighted to share our September programme of events in this newsletter, and now also have a [programme for September to December](#) to help you plan ahead. You can access this via our website's [home](#) and [programme](#) pages as well, or if you are at the Centre you can pick up a printed copy.

We do hope you will join us for one or more of the forthcoming events. Please do share the newsletter with others.

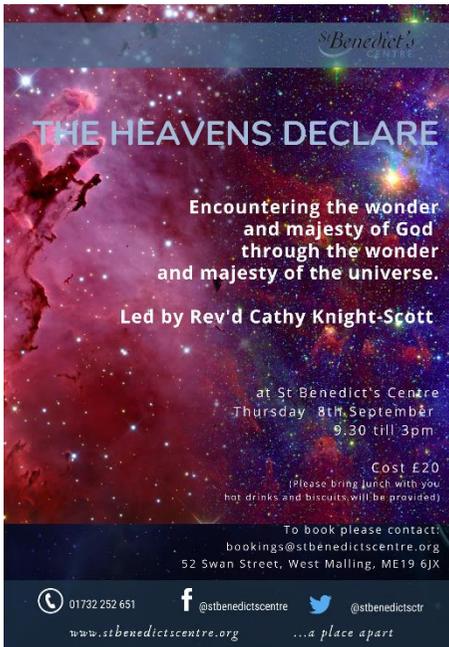
Forthcoming events at the Centre

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.

The Heavens Declare

Thursday 8th September 9.30 till 3pm



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THE HEAVENS DECLARE

Encountering the wonder and majesty of God through the wonder and majesty of the universe.

Led by Rev'd Cathy Knight-Scott

at St Benedict's Centre
Thursday 8th September
9.30 till 3pm

Cost £20
(Please bring lunch with you
hot drinks and biscuits will be provided)

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Come and join another of our wisdom days. Rev'd Cath Knight-Scott will share with us her passion for physics and God, helping us to engage with the - often controversial - debate about science and faith.

The day will include time for discussion and thinking as well as listening to Cathy as she shares her wisdom with us.

Cost £20 including hot drinks and biscuits. Please bring your own lunch. To book:

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Family history

Monday 12th September, 9.30 for 10am till 3pm



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FAMILY HISTORY DAY

led by Rev'd Harriet Johnson
a day considering how the popular tracing of family history can become a missional activity through our churches

at St Benedict's Centre
Monday 12th September
10am ending by 3pm
coffee from 9.30am
Cost £20
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When tracing our family history, church records (of baptism, marriage and funerals) and graveyards are a rich source of information to uncover the stories that make us who we are. The stories that come to light are poignant and contribute to the identity of a family.

Rev'd Harriet Johnson will address the question of how our

churches can respond missionally and pastorally to those who are seeking out their family story, and what might our faith have to say to those of us who are researching our own family stories?

Cost £20 including hot drinks and biscuits. Please bring your own lunch. To book:

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St Benedict and the Bible

Wednesday 14th September, 9.30 for 10am till 3pm

ST BENEDICT DAY

Benedict and the Bible

A day understanding the importance and relevance of the bible in the Rule of St Benedict. Led by Sr Mary Owen and Rev'd Jane Winter



Wednesday 14th September
Coffee from 9.30
starting at 10 am ending at 3 pm

Please bring lunch with you hot drinks
and biscuits will be provided
Cost £20

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Much of Benedict's rule comes directly from the bible.

Benedict himself was rooted in scripture and prayer; one of his delights was to discuss scripture.

The more we read the rule, the more we discover biblical truth hidden in its pages.

During this day, in our series of Benedictine wisdom days, Sr Mary

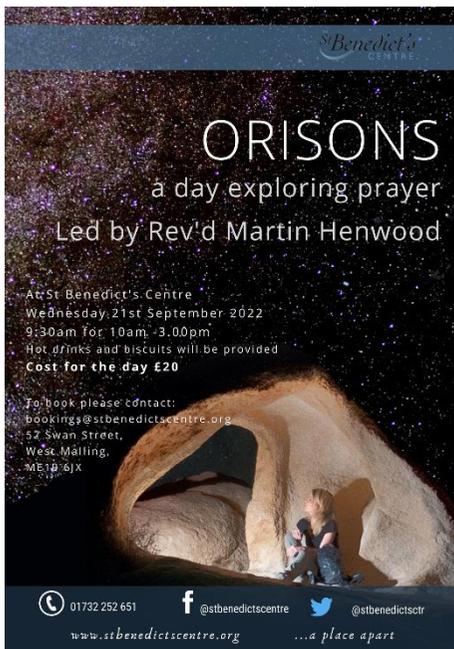
Owen and Rev'd Jane Winter will help us discover the centrality of the bible to Benedict's guide for living.

Cost £20 including hot drinks and biscuits. Please bring your own lunch. To book:

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Orisons Day

Wednesday 21st September, 9.30 for 10am till 3pm



Orisons offers a way of working with wisdom and discernment through an appreciation of the characters, events and values of the Christian faith.

Rev Martin Henwood invites you to add depth and insight to your understanding of life and the Christian Bible through the playful means of 104 photographic cards and

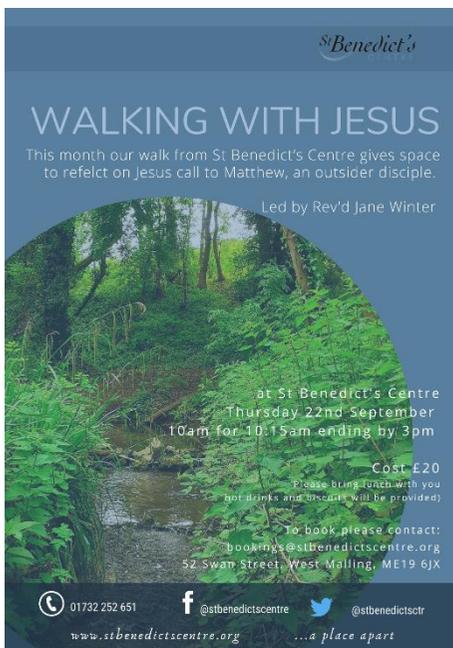
linked commentaries, biblical verses and prayers.

The simple act of drawing a card and pausing to reflect can inspire fresh thinking on all the thorny issues confronting us in our daily lives.

Cost £20.00 including hot drinks. Please bring your own lunch. To book: bookings@stbenedictcentre.org

Walking with Jesus

Thursday, 22nd September 10 for 10.15 till 3pm



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WALKING WITH JESUS

This month our walk from St Benedict's Centre gives space to reflect on Jesus call to Matthew, an outsider disciple.

Led by Rev'd Jane Winter

at St Benedict's Centre
Thursday 22nd September
10am for 10.15am ending by 3pm

Cost £20
Please bring lunch with you
(hot drinks and biscuits will be provided)

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Rev'd Jane Winter will lead a late summer walk from the Centre, discovering the lectio of nature and focusing on Jesus' relationship with Matthew, an 'outsider' disciple for all sorts of reasons.

Jesus was naturally drawn to those who were excluded or ridiculed. He valued people for who there were – not what they

did: Jesus saw the child of God in everyone.

Cost £20.00 including hot drinks. Please bring your own lunch. To book: bookings@stbenedictscentre.org

Quiet day – This is your life!

Tuesday 27th September, 9.30 for 10am till 3pm.



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THIS IS YOUR LIFE

A day exploring our unique giftedness and what we can offer one another led by Lesley Machin, Oblate St Mary's Abbey

at St Benedict's Centre
Tuesday 27th September
10am ending by 3pm
coffee from 9.30am
Cost: £20
Please bring lunch with you
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To be Christian is to be in communion with the Father, with Jesus through the Holy Spirit, and to be in fellowship with one another.

Led by Lesley Machin, Oblate at St Mary's Abbey, this day offers time to share our unique story and detect God's Hand in our lives.

Please bring any favourite Scripture passage, hymn or piece

of music to this quiet day so we may offer one another insight into a deeper fellowship and communion with God.

Cost £20.00 including hot drinks. Please bring your own lunch. To book: bookings@stbenedictscentre.org

For all events taking place at the Centre from September till the end of the year please see our [programme of events](#).

**Music @ Malling – 22nd till 2nd October
More information at: musicatmalling.com**

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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