



# Foxhill

Programme for 2024



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# Foxhill, a central resource for Prayer and Discipleship in the Diocese of Chester.

In John's Gospel, Jesus says,

*'I have come to give life - life till it overflows.'* (John 10:10)

What an amazing gift, but I wonder... is that the experience of many of us? Rather than the abundance that Jesus promised, sometimes our own experience is one of scarcity - not enough space, time, energy, enthusiasm, resilience...

Through our encounter days this year, we will be reflecting on how we have a God who gives... gives all that we need to live for him and experience the abundant life that Jesus offers. So may we encourage you to make space for time away at Foxhill, whether for a day or a few days, to meet with and receive from the God who gives.

Our 2024 programme includes guest speakers reflecting a variety of themes and traditions, as well as partnerships with organisations such as ReSource and Chester Cursillo.

Merciful God,  
you have prepared  
for those who love you  
such good things  
as pass our understanding:  
pour into our hearts  
such love toward you  
that we,  
loving you in all things  
and above all things,  
may obtain your promises,  
which exceed  
all that we can desire;  
through Jesus Christ  
your Son our Lord.

**Amen**



## Encounter Days

~ connecting more deeply with God ~

How do you most readily experience a sense of God's presence?

Some people love silence and long for space to simply be.  
Others find silence difficult, almost physically painful.

In our **Encounter Days** there will always be lots of space for quiet for those who value the silence, but we also recognise that not everyone processes internally.

We want to encourage additional ways of seeking a sense of God's presence which might include discussion, prayer, or walking in a group or with another, making or listening to music, making or creating something, reflection using writing or reading.

***£27 per person - Includes lunch and refreshments.***

~ **Special Offer** ~

If, in one transaction, you book five Encounter Days for 2024, you will only pay for four. This applies to both individuals or a group booking - **only** when booked directly through Foxhill and paid by BACS payment, cheque or cash.

# Encounter Days

**'God gives...'**

*'I have come to give life - life till it overflows.'* (John 10:10)

Encountering and receiving from  
the God of abundance.

**Guidance:** *He shall direct your path...*

with David Brewster      Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January

**Love:** *His steadfast love endures...*

with Lucy Brewster      Friday 23rd February

**Forgiveness:** *he removes our transgressions...*

with Ann Marie Naylor      Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March

**Joy:** *the joy of the Lord is my strength...*

with Veronica Hydon      Thursday 25th April

**The Holy Spirit:** *I will give a spring of water...*

with Gilly Hall      Friday 17th May

**Hope:** *Christ in you the hope of glory...*

leader to be confirmed      Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June

# Encounter Days

**Strength: *He gives power to the faint...***

with Ron Iveson

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July

**Peace: *the peace of God .. will guard your hearts...***

leader to be confirmed

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> August

**A New Perspective: *if you lack wisdom, ask God...***

with Stan Tomalin

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September

**Provision: *my God will meet all your needs...***

with Andrew Knight

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October

**Protection: *darkness is not dark to you...***

with Stefan Collier

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November

**Presence: *He will be with you ..*** (largely silent)

with Gill Morgan

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December

Starts with tea or coffee at 9:30<sup>am</sup> and finishes at 3:30<sup>pm</sup>.  
***£27 per person - includes lunch and refreshments.***

*To find out about our Encounter Day loyalty scheme,  
bursaries, further Retreat Days, or to sign up to our Newsletter  
contact the Foxhill team or go to our Website.*

# Day Retreats

**Saturday**

**4<sup>th</sup>**

**May**

**£32pp**

## **Watercolours and Nature**

**Trevor and the Revd Jane Mottram**

A day playing with watercolours, for beginners through to more experienced painters, to express our awe and wonder at God's creation with led worship and reflections.

The morning will focus on the majesty of hills and trees and in the afternoon the intricacy of plants and leaves.

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## **Bible Art Journalling**

**Pam Robinson**

An introduction to Bible art journaling, suitable for absolute beginners.

Seek to draw closer to God as you work with mixed media and messy art. Through the day we'll think about blessings - how God has blessed us and how we can be a blessing to others.

No artistic ability necessary  
- you can't make mistakes!

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**Saturday**

**18<sup>th</sup>**

**May**

**£30pp**

# Day Retreats

**Saturday**

**22<sup>nd</sup>**

**June**

**£30pp**

## **Loving Disagreement**

*The problem is the solution*

with the Revd. Dr Christopher Landau

Based around his book, 'Loving Disagreement', this day will be rooted in the reality of local church life, seeking to apply a theology of disagreement to the varied challenges faced in churches

**Saturday**

**6<sup>th</sup>**

**July**

**£27pp**

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## **The Woman at the well**

with the Revd. Lucy Brewster

In September 2023 we gained a new stained glass window at Foxhill, created by Deborah Lowe in memory of local artist, Lesley Pangburn.

Spend a day with the window, exploring how scripture and art can speak to us of the things of God and living out our discipleship.

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# Day Retreats

Tuesday  
5<sup>th</sup>  
November

£27pp

## I am the way

The Revd. Dr Joe Kennedy

'Who do you say that I am?'  
If Jesus were to ask you that question,  
what would you say?

In this day retreat, explore what Jesus  
meant when he said '*I am the way*',  
what it means to us today,  
and how we should respond

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*We want the Foxhill to be available to everyone.*

*If you are on a low income and would not be able to attend a Retreat or Encounter Day without financial assistance, please ask about our bursary scheme - contact details on the back page.*

*Also, go to our Website to find out about our Early Bird Discount, Day Retreat Loyalty Scheme, additional retreats, and to sign up to our News Letter.*

# Residential Retreats

1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup>

March

£230pp

## Created to Create

The Revd. Tom Studman

A creative retreat, for absolute beginners as well as seasoned artists, with lots of participatory and independent art making opportunities.

Taking inspiration for our making from Job 12:7-10, we will explore the wisdom of nature and how we are created to create.

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15<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>

April

£645pp

## Icon Painting

Revd Christopher Perrins

Use traditional techniques to learn about and paint an icon in an atmosphere of prayer.

No prior experience is required, beginners and those with more experience are welcome.

*The early bird discount is not available with this retreat.*

# Residential Retreats

13<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>

May



£325pp

## ReSource

### *Individually Guided Retreat*

Revd Stephen Dinsmore  
and the Venerable Stewart Fyfe

Space to listen, pray  
and enjoy God's presence.

A service of Holy Communion with a short address in the morning, a daily meeting with one of the prayer guides, and Compline at night offer a framework within which to pray.

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1<sup>st</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup>

August

£130pp

## Drawing Near

the Revds Hannah and Timothy Huppfield

An opportunity, for anyone,  
to explore how we pray, and  
what prayer means for, and to, each of us.

Over the twenty four hours, we'll hope to deepen our lives of prayer, drawing near, in faith, to that invitation from in Psalm 46 to 'be still, and know that I am God'.

# Residential Retreats

27<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>  
September

£225pp

## 'The Quiet Path'

*Discovering a presence beyond words.*

Andrew and Wendy Rudd

The quiet path begins exactly where you are, here and now.

Engaging with art, poetry, scripture, music, and the outdoors, each part of this weekend will be a tiny pilgrimage, a journey of the heart, a way into still places where you can recognise the presence of God.

18<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>  
October

£150pp

## Meeting God in Music

Jill Elston and Catherine Cleghorne

How do you feel when you sing?

Using choral music to help us think about how we experience time with God through music, this retreat will be practical, participative, theological, and worshipful.

No singing experience needed.  
Everyone is very welcome.

**Contact** [www.chestercursillo.org.uk](http://www.chestercursillo.org.uk) to find out about 25<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> October.

# Residential Retreats

11<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>  
November

£290pp

## Individual Guided Retreat led by the Chester Diocesan Spirituality Group

This silent retreat gives time to listen to God and space where someone will listen to you.

You will be allocated a prayer guide who, in your daily meetings, will suggest ways in which you might discern what God may be saying and doing in our life.

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29<sup>th</sup>  
November  
- 1st  
December

£220pp

## Advent Retreat - *Longing for Light*

led by the Rt Revd. Sam Corley,  
Bishop of Stockport

Ahead of all the busyness of Christmas, a chance to step aside in order to be renewed in hope as we reflect on how the coming of God in Christ is good news for all the world.

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Almighty God,  
in Christ  
you make all things new:  
transform  
the poverty of our nature  
by the riches of your grace,  
and in  
the renewal of our lives  
make known  
your heavenly glory;  
through Jesus Christ your  
Son our Lord.  
**Amen**

*Collect for the  
Second Sunday of Epiphany*



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