



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 24th January

Love: *His steadfast love endures...*

with Lucy Brewster Friday 23rd February

Forgiveness: *he removes our transgressions...*

with Ann Marie Naylor Monday 18th 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 20th June

Encounter Days

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

with Ron Iveson

Wednesday 24th July

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

leader to be confirmed

Saturday 10th August

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

with Stan Tomalin

Tuesday 17th September

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

with Andrew Knight

Monday 14th October

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

with Stefan Collier

Saturday 16th November

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

with Gill Morgan

Tuesday 10th December

Starts with tea or coffee at 9:30^{am} and finishes at 3:30^{pm}.
£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

4th

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.

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!

Saturday

18th

May

£30pp

Day Retreats

Saturday

22nd

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

6th

July

£27pp

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.

To find out about our Loyalty Scheme and Bursaries, details of further Retreats, or to sign up to our News Letter contact the Foxhill team or go to our Website.

Day Retreats

Tuesday
5th
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

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

1st - 3rd

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.

15th - 19th

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

13th - 16th

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.

1st - 2nd

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

27th - 29th
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.

18th - 19th
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 to find out about 25th - 27th October.

Residential Retreats

11th - 14th
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.

29th
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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