



The Well Community

(a work of the Society of the Sacred Mission)

**Creating Community
Making for Encounter**

A programme of activities
based around the
Religious Calendar and
our core values of:

**Spirituality,
Hospitality,
Inclusivity,
Peace &
Justice and
Sustainability.**



The aim of these events is to create a space in which individuals can explore their faith and spirituality. Come and join in our events. We provide a peaceful space at the edge of Milton Keynes in the village of Willen, close to the 17th century church of St Mary Magdalene (built by Robert Hooke), Willen Hospice and the Peace Park.

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Faith in Action 2010

QUIET DAYS 10.00 – 4.00pm

Cost: £15 (unless otherwise stated)

17th February – ‘Dust in the Wind’–

A quiet day for Ash Wednesday

Fr. Jonathan Ewer SSM

27th February – ‘Into Great Silence’ Exploring silence through the Carthusian Tradition.

Rev Liz Baker & Margaret Moakes LLM

20th March – ‘Women of the Bible’ A creative quiet day. The objective is to deepen understanding and to develop a personal relationship with a female biblical character.

Constantina Woods

1st April Maundy Thursday – £10

Quiet Afternoon 2.00 – 5.00 pm.

Margaret Moakes LLM & Rev Liz Baker

15th May – ‘Five Stones & a Burnt Stick’ with *Rev Ernesto Lozada-Uzuriaga*, a quiet day based around his new book.

25th September– ‘Circles of Prayer’ Quiet Day praying the circle as a symbol of eternity

Margaret Moakes LLM & Rev Liz Baker

4th December – Advent Quiet Day- ‘God With Us’ A quiet day for Advent reflecting on the meaning of the incarnation.

Fr Colin Griffiths

13th November 10.00 – 4.00 pm Special Event – How to run a Quiet Day – A session for the Retreat Association, For further details please call 01908 242190.

RETREATS – dates listed below are guided retreats for groups

19th June 10.00 - 4.00pm – ‘Stop in the name of God’ Silent retreat - Cost: £15

1st – 6th August – ‘Icon Writing Retreat’ with Constantina Woods. Objective: to write a holy icon and gain insight into the spirituality of the process. For All faiths and beliefs.

The course consists of 6 two and a half hour sessions, either mornings or afternoons according to choice. Materials will be provided and gilding training will be given. Extra sessions can be booked during the week by arrangement.

This is a spiritually based liturgical activity and does not require participants to be artists.

Cost - £110 – includes lunch each day

With accommodation B,B and Dinner for 4 nights £230.

Booking Essential – Limited places.

We also offer both personal and individual guided retreats (IGR) on either a day or residential basis.

Costs:

Day Retreat £25 with Lunch

Residential Retreats £35 full board per day.

IGR Additional fee £10 per day

(Discounts available for longer stays)

SEASONAL EVENTS

Holy Week & Easter 28th March – 4th April

1st April – Maundy Thursday – Quiet Afternoon 2.00 – 5.00 pm. Margaret Moakes LLM & Rev Liz Baker **£10**

1st April - Maundy Thursday Passover Meal – 6.00pm – Cost: Donation

2nd April – Good Friday Open Table followed by service in the Round Room. Meditative Labyrinth in Room A all day

3rd April –Vigil for Peace, 6.30pm to dawn at the Medicine Wheel

4th April – Easter Day 6.00am Dawn Service at the Medicine Wheel followed by breakfast at the Well

OPEN TABLE – Friday evenings at the Well with supper and a speaker happen at various times of the year.
Supper 7.30pm, talk follows at 8.15pm.
Cost – Donation for supper

15th January – A visit to Burma - Rev Nick Adlem from Watling Valley talks about his recent trip to Burma

19th March - Herbal Medicine - Maggie Howath a medical herbalist talks about her work with plants and healing.

Further speakers to be announced during the year.

PEACE AND JUSTICE

MK Peace and Justice ‘Just Suppers’ - First Friday of the Month (except January) 7.30pm
Talks Marcus Armstrong - Christian Peacemaker Teams in Canada 24 Jan 7..30pm
Marcus Armstrong - Peace work in Bethlehem in 2009 7 Feb 7..30pm

EVENTS IN THE LIBRARY

A Look at a Book with visiting authors:

Jennifer Kavanagh 10th March - ‘The O of Home’
Adrian Smith 21st April - ‘The God Shift’
Nicholas Buxton 23rd June - ‘Tantalus and the Pelican’
Martyn Percy 6th October

Further details from Barbara Merrifield 01908 242693.

SPECIAL EVENTS FOR 2010

23rd January - Music Workshop & Burns Night Supper & CAIM Ceilidh with Heather Innes and Jacynth Hamil, returning to the Well for a Burns night special.

Workshop – 2.00 – 4.00pm.

Burns Night Super and Ceilidh 7.00pm

Cost: Workshop, Supper and Ceilidh - £20, Supper & Ceilidh - £10

11th June - Mikron Theatre – 7.15pm on the paddock if fine, the now annual Midsummer visit from the Mikron Theatre Group with fun for all the family.

Tickets: £10 (Concessions £5.00)

3rd July - World Music Day – Our annual festival of music, dance and fun. Bring a picnic. A date for your diary, further details to follow.

REGULAR EVENTS

HEALING MINISTRY

Dayspring Meetings (held at Willen Priory)

1st Friday of the Month 10.00 – 12.00pm

3rd Thursday of the Month 2.30 – 4.30pm

Healing Service – Held at St Mary Magdalene, Willen at 12.00 noon on the last Wednesday of the month, followed by simple lunch at the Well

MOVEMENT AND PRAYER

Circle Dancing 2.30 – 4.00pm

Third Sunday in the Month (Except April, June, August & December)

Cost – Suggested donation £2.00

Labyrinth Walks 2.30 – 4.00pm (unless otherwise stated)

First Sunday in the month (except January, April & August)

Cost – Suggested donation £2.00

CREATIVE ARTS

Writing at the Well - Monday, 8.00pm

11th & 25th January

8th & 22rd Feb

8th & 22rd March

19th April

17th May

14th & 28th June

12th & 26th July

6th & 20th September

4th & 18th October

1st, 15th & 29th November

13th December

Art at the Well at 7.30pm

Alternate Monday evenings to the Writing Group except for bank holidays .

Call for details

Acoustic Evenings 7.30 pm cost £5.00 adults (concession & children free – unless otherwise stated)

2nd October - Acoustic Evening & Harvest Supper with Willen Church – Church Fundraiser

6th Nov - Bonfire Night and Acoustic Evening

11th December - Acoustic Evening & Christmas Party

In addition to our Acoustic evenings in 2010 we present:

Themed Music Evenings 7.30 – 9.30 pm Cost £10

(includes a glass of wine & soft drinks – no food), proceeds towards our Hospitality Fund.

20th February

Watch for other dates

Other events are arranged throughout the year so keep up with us by signing up for our mailing list and checking our web site.

Our meeting rooms are also used by many outside organisations from Reiki and yoga to meditation and public speaking. If you are interested please check our