

## **JULY 2013**

1-4 Mon-Thur            A TIME FOR EVERYTHING            ..

*Ecclesiastes 3:1*

Join in with the life of the house based on the monastic daily rhythm of prayer, work, study/reflection, solitude and community. No set programme or teaching provided, apart from an introduction on the first night. Just time to come and be yourself.

5-7 Fri-Sun                NOVICES RETREAT                    £90

This retreat gives those who are Novices of the Northumbria Community a chance to come together and share with one another and with the Companions at Nether Springs the joys, struggles and discoveries on the journey toward Companionship.

8-11 Mon-Thur            RE-HABITING THE CHURCH            £165

*'The renewal of the church will come from a new type of monasticism which only has in common with the old an uncompromising allegiance to the Sermon on the Mount. It is high time men and women banded together to do this'.                    ~Dietrich Bonhoeffer.*

This retreat will explore how new monastic spirituality can shape and inform faith, church and society in the 21st century.

Fri-Sun 12-14            FOLLOW THE EXAMPLE: ST. CUTHBERT            £130

An opportunity to enter imaginatively into the story of this great Northern saint through prayer, creativity, and storytelling. In doing so, we may discover landmarks and signposts for our own journeys. On Saturday, we will join on Ecumenical Pilgrimage on Holy Island celebrating the return of the Lindisfarne Gospels to the region (Durham) for the summer. We can also walk the Pilgrims' Way back from the Island in the afternoon, symbolically taking the Gospel that Aidan and Cuthbert knew to the wider world.

15-18 Mon-Thur            I STILL AND QUIET MY SOUL            £145

*Psalm 131*

Spend time with God within the daily life and rhythm of the community at Nether Springs. No set programme or teaching provided, apart from an introduction on the first night. Just time to come and be yourself.

19-21 Fri-Sun            CONTEMPLATIVE AWARENESS            £120

A led retreat that draws on the wisdom of Celtic Spirituality to help us learn to see the simplest of daily tasks as a sacrament. We will explore aspects of contemplative life and prayer and how these can be expressed in everyday ordinariness.

22-25 Mon-Thur        SEEKING GOD AT THE CROSSROADS:

An Individually Guided Retreat            £165

*'This is what the LORD says, "Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls." ~Jeremiah 6:16*

A chance to reflect on life-transitions with someone who will listen with you to God's work at the crossroads. You may also, of course, choose to explore other themes with your retreat guide.

26-28 Fri-Sun            HOUSE CLOSED

Jul 29-Aug. 1 Mon-Thur    A TIME FOR EVERYTHING    £145

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