

Writing from the Well Within

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Description:

Composing your own prayer-poem using words and art materials, gently working in a small concertina sketchbook, we will listen to the well of living water within us, combining colour and line with words, as

the Holy Spirit leads. With time to wander in Worth's grounds or sitting privately to compose, art and prayer can become one when we are still enough to listen. Our creative time will be punctuated by joining with the monastic prayer in the Abbey.

Basic materials needed will be provided and you are invited to bring additional bits to use or add to your concertina Prayer-Poem journey! No technical skills needed but simply a willingness to listen, experiment & explore.

"Come and meet a man who told me everything I ever did..." (John Ch:4)

More Detail:

The retreat is designed to help anyone who wants to explore silence and stillness as a way of prayer. It also explores the 'spiritual life' and the journey of finding your true identity in the person of Christ. Fr Peter, who facilitates this retreat, draws on his experience as someone who has meditated for 30 years and lived according to the teaching of St Benedict.

Retreat Dynamics:

All our retreats are run along Benedictine principles with a balance between: prayer and work, silence and talking, and being alone and being in community. To do this we use the monastic rhythm of the day defined by the structure of the monastic services, along with the regular meal-times this establishes a balanced and healthy environment from which good reflection and discernment can happen.

What should my expectations be?

The retreat will include:

- A time for monastic services and Mass (once a day);
- A time for silence;
- A time for practising Lectio Divina (sacred reading);
- A time for listening to reflections;
- A time for discussion and asking questions.

In the afternoon there will be:

- A time to have space for myself;
- A time to walk in the Sussex countryside;
- A time to have a 1:1 with a monk (if you wish)

Our hopes for the Retreat:

You will leave feeling:

That you have connected with God in some meaningful way;
Rested and refreshed with a sense of joy and hope;
You will want to return at some stage in the future.