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## SOUTHWEST RETREAT 2022



## **Heart-Work and the Art of Loving**

**Speaker: Mark S. Burrows**

Friday 23rd Sept. - Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2022

At the Ammerdown Centre,  
Radstock, Somerset BA3 5SW

# Heart-Work and the Art of Loving

## Rainer Maria Rilke and the call to flourish

"Heart-Work" is a word Rilke coined to speak about the journey that leads us into our deepest identity. He believed that the world, the more we observe it, wants to flourish in love. How do we "observe" this world, and our own life, in terms of this desire to "flourish in love"? Meditation does not answer this question, but it can become a path that helps us open our heart and mind to this experience.

**Revd Mark S. Burrows** is a poet, scholar, teacher, and award-winning translator of German literature. A much sought-after retreat leader and teacher in the US, UK, and Europe, his work explores the intersection of theology and poetics, as well as spirituality and the arts. He has spoken internationally for WCCM. Among his publications his co-authored books of poems inspired by the mystic Meister Eckhart are known and loved by many meditators. He lives and writes in Maine (USA). [www.msburrows.com](http://www.msburrows.com)

**The retreat** is an opportunity to deepen our meditation practice. Accordingly, central to the retreat will be several periods of meditation, and one period of lectio divina. To be further open to the presence of God we will be silent from Friday night until supper on Saturday...but there will also be times to discuss and to relax.

**Venue** The Ammerdown Centre is a Christian foundation dedicated to hospitality, spirituality and growth. It is located alongside a stately home, surrounded by gardens, parkland, and woods - steeped in tranquillity. The loudest noise is that of birdsong. There is plenty of scope for strolls and longer walks. The Centre has a beautiful chapel, a well-deserved reputation for good food, and a bar which will be open on Saturday evening.

Ammerdown is located 12 miles south of Bath. We will send directions to you prior to the retreat, but guidance is available at [www.ammerdown.org](http://www.ammerdown.org)

## Accommodation

Ammerdown has well-appointed modern bedrooms with ensuite facilities, situated on the first floor. There is a lift. The rooms are a mix of double, twin-bedded and single. Sharing a room will attract a discount.

There are three "accessible" rooms, two of which are on the ground floor, one with a toilet and bath for the disabled.

On site camping (informal) and caravanning are possible.

## Costs

The standard cost for the weekend is £239 per person. A shared room is £229 per person. Caravanners and campers £168.

Way outside your budget? Well, we can help. **We want all to come who wish to do so, irrespective of means.** We have a fund to enable substantial concessions for those who need them. Please do contact John to discuss.

## Booking

Please use the booking form.

Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Once John has received your deposit of £25 per person he will acknowledge your booking. Joining and travel guidance will be sent to you later.

Please send to John the balance of your fee by August 1<sup>st</sup>. **We cannot refund any money after that date unless we can find someone else to take your place.**

## Enquiries to:

**John Roberts, Sanctuary Cottage,  
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**The Ammerdown Centre, Radstock, Bath BA3 5SW**  
**Friday 23 September - Sunday 25 September 2022**

**Booking Form**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title (Rev.Mr.Ms..Etc) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Tel. No. \_\_\_\_\_

**Room requirements** – please tick as appropriate:

For single bookings [ ] £239 per person. You will be allocated a single room or a two person room for single occupancy.

If you are booking to share a twin room (£229) per person) tick here [ ]

If you have agreed to share with someone, state his/her name.....

For couples booking a double-bedded room [ ] £229 per person

Disabled room [ ] Easy access room [ ] £239 per person

Camping place [ ] Caravan place [ ] £ 168 per person

**Food for special diets** has to be pre-ordered. To do so please tick the appropriate box below:

Vegetarian [ ] Vegan [ ] Dairy Free [ ] Gluten Free [ ] Wheat Free [ ]

Ammerdown will do its best to cater for these special diets at no extra charge. However, there may be a charge for diets it considers highly complex.

**Summary of Payment Details:**

A deposit of £25 per person is payable with the booking form, non-refundable after 1st August, unless we can fill your place. The balance is due by 1st August - please make a diary note to make this payment.

If you wish to donate (say, £20) to the bursary fund to enable others to come, please tick here [ ] and include the donation with your initial payment.

Please return your completed form to: John Roberts, Sanctuary Cottage, Newtown Lane, West Pennard, Glastonbury BA6 8NL, Tel :07970 039007 email [john.wilcott@gmail.com](mailto:john.wilcott@gmail.com)

***Paying by Bank Transfer (BACs) is the preferred method of payment*** - details : WCCM South West Retreats, sort code 089299 account no. 65786796, indicating here [ ] that you are doing so. Or you may prefer to pay by cheque, made payable to WCCM South West Retreats.

An online booking form is also available please contact John.