

# **ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2023**

## HOW THE LIGHT ENTERS:

Contemplative Wisdom for Flourishing in Our Broken World

Speaker: Rev Dr Mark S. Burrows
Friday 2nd — Sunday 4th June 2023
High Leigh Conference Centre and Online
Hoddesdon EN11 8SG

We live in a challenging and rapidly changing world and for our 2023 conference we are delighted to welcome Rev Dr Mark S. Burrows to explore how contemplative wisdom might help us. He says:

"We recognise our broken world, but also the light which shines in the darkness of our lives – 'a treasure held in earthen vessels' (2 Corinthians 4v7). How do we come to glimpse the inner radiance we (and all others) carry in our brokenness? And what might this wisdom mean for how we learn to flourish from day to day, given the anguish and suffering that define our times?"

With medieval visionaries Meister Eckhart and Julian of Norwich; a chorus of contemporary poets including Rainer Maria Rilke, Wendell Berry, Leonard Cohen and others, and the visual arts, we will explore how the "cracks" open us to an inner radiance.

**Rev Dr Mark S. Burrows** (www.msburrows.com) is a teacher and scholar, poet and translator of German poetry. Widely known for his work in the field of Christian spirituality, his poetry and translations have appeared in more than 25 journals internationally. His new books include a translation of poems by Hilde Domin, and with Jon M. Sweeney, *Meister Eckhart's Book of Darkness and Light: Meditations on the Path of the Wayless Way* (2023).

#### **BOOKING**

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### **PROGRAMME & WORKSHOPS**

The talks will be integrated into a rhythm of meditation, workshops, opportunities for discussion/questions – and social time both in person and online.

The programme will be sent in advance. Registration is from 4pm Friday; the conference ends with Sunday lunch at 12.30pm.

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