

SOUTHWEST 2024 RETREAT



The Voice of this Calling:

Listening to the voice of our souls in a confusing world.

Speaker: Bridget Hewitt

Friday 20th Sept. - Sunday 22nd Sept. 2024

At the Ammerdown Centre, Radstock, Somerset BA3 55W

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Using the words 'The voice of this calling' taken from T S Eliot's Four Quartets, we will explore how we might listen deep within ourselves. We will also think about how we are called to live and to love in a world that, for many of us, may often feel confusing and difficult to navigate.

We will think about the challenges that our contemporary world is facing us with, and ways in which we are called, through those challenges, to hear the voice that always leads us towards hope, transformation and life, as Jesus said, 'in all its fullness'.

Bridget Hewitt has been involved with WCCM for many years, and has led a number of retreat weekends and days. She regularly leads Quiet Garden days in her garden in Hexham (Northumberland). She is a wife, mother and grandmother; She has a deep love of the Scottish highlands and islands - and of the mystical tradition that winds its way through Christianity.

The retreat is an opportunity to deepen our meditation practice.

We welcome experienced meditators and newcomers alike. There is an introduction to the Christian meditation practice at the beginning of the weekend. 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

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 £10 per head 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 £285 per person. A shared room is £275. Caravanners and campers £205.

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. <u>Please</u> 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. John will acknowledge your booking. If you could pay by BACs, it would be appreciated as it considerably reduces admin. Joining and travel guidance will be sent to you later.

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

Enquiries to:

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Booking Form

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Address
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Tel. No
Room requirements – please tick as appropriate:
For single bookings [] £285 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 (£275) per person) tick here [] If you have agreed to share with someone, state his/her name
For couples booking a double-bedded room [] £275 per person
Disabled room [] Easy access room [] £285 per person
Camping place [] Caravan place [] £ 205 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 dianote 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 Land West Pennard, Glastonbury BA6 8NL, Tel :07970 039007 email john.wilcott@gmail.com Paying by Bank Transfer (BACs) is the preferred method of payment details: WCCM Sou
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An online booking form is available please contact John