

**Leeds Christians in Education: Let's Eat!** **FREE**

Working as a Christian in education? Leeds-based teaching staff, school governors, youth workers and others working in education are invited to join us for a shared meal as we begin to build a network of mutual support for Christians working in this challenging but rewarding sector. **Advanced booking required.**

**Venue:** Leeds Church Institute, 20 New Market Street, LS1 6DG  
**Date:** Thursday 12th January 2017 7.00pm – 8.30pm  
**Leader:** Michael Hardin  
**Details:** [events@leedschurchinstitute.org](mailto:events@leedschurchinstitute.org) – 0113 391 7928

**Theology Reforming Society** **Prices from £84**

**Anglican Social Theology: Past, Present & Future** – Lectures on F.D. Maurice and Christian Socialism, Charles Gore, the Christian Social Union and Neville Figgis, William Temple and his successors, and recent Anglican social theology including Rowan Williams when Archbishop of Canterbury.

**Venue:** The Mirfield Centre, Stocks Bank Road, Mirfield, WF14 0BW

**Date:** Friday 20th – Saturday 21st January 2017

**24hr residential**

**Leaders:** Revd Dr Jeremy Morris, Canon Prof Paul Avis, Canon Dr Stephen Spencer, Canon Dr Malcolm Brown and others

**Details:** Beth Harper, [bharper@mirfield.org.uk](mailto:bharper@mirfield.org.uk) – 01924 481920

**Hook Lecture: Lord Bhikhu Parekh** **FREE**

**“Religion and British Public Life”** – How do secular changes in society, and its diversity, affect the public role of religion? Lord Bhikhu Parekh has helped shape the British understanding of multiculturalism and is now patron of the Commission for Religion and Belief in Public Life.

**Advanced booking required.**

**Venue:** Leeds Minster, Kirkgate, Leeds, LS2 7DJ

**Date:** Tuesday 24th January 2017 7.30pm – 9.00pm

**Leader:** Lord Bhikhu Parekh

**Details:** [events@leedschurchinstitute.org](mailto:events@leedschurchinstitute.org) – 0113 391 7928

**Good Disagreement?** **£20 – inc lunch**

**Unity and Disagreement in the Book of Acts** – What happens when Christians disagree? Is it just a little local difficulty or a fundamental betrayal of the unity of the Body of Christ? Biblical workshop using the theologically-charged narratives of the Book of Acts to explore the theme and to consider its implications for the Church today.

**Venue:** The Mirfield Centre, Stocks Bank Road, Mirfield, WF14 0BW

**Date:** Saturday 28th January 2017 10.00am – 3.30pm

**Leader:** Canon Prof Loveday Alexander

**Details:** Beth Harper, [bharper@mirfield.org.uk](mailto:bharper@mirfield.org.uk) – 01924 481920

**Handling Conflict Well** **£20 – inc lunch**

Conflict can be painful and exhausting; it can escalate and seem to take on a life of its own. It can take the joy out of ministry – yet it can be a necessary part of change. This session is open to anyone involved in ministry or pastoral care – clergy, Readers, Youth and Family Workers, RPAs, Church Wardens.

**Venue:** Diocese of York, Amy Johnson Way, York, YO30 4XT

**Date:** Wednesday 1st February 2017 10.00am – 4.00pm

**Leaders:** Sam Rushton, Archdeacon of Cleveland and Andrew De Smet, Diocesan Adviser in Pastoral Care

**Details:** [training@yorkdiocese.org](mailto:training@yorkdiocese.org) – 01904 699504

**Using Art in Preaching** **£20 – inc lunch**

David Day's 5 approaches to using art in sermons: Attending, Articulating, Accompanying, Engaging and Involving. There will be an opportunity to explore each of these approaches using art which relates to lectionary readings.

**Venue:** The Mirfield Centre, Stocks Bank Road, Mirfield, WF14 0BW

**Date:** Saturday 4th February 2017 10.00am – 3.30pm

**Leader:** Revd Dr Tiffany Conlin

**Details:** Beth Harper, [bharper@mirfield.org.uk](mailto:bharper@mirfield.org.uk) – 01924 481920

**Mindfulness in the Christian Tradition** **£25 – inc lunch**

A day of prayer and reflection in the Christian tradition, interspersed with mindfulness practices. No previous experience of mindfulness is needed. The day is suitable for those new to mindfulness and experienced practitioners.

**Venue:** The Briery Retreat Centre, 38 Victoria Avenue, Ilkley, LS29 9BW

**Date:** 8th February 2017 9.30am – 4.00pm

**Leader:** Angela Rogerson

**Details:** The Retreat Secretary, [briery@btconnect.com](mailto:briery@btconnect.com) 01943 607287 – [www.briery.org.uk](http://www.briery.org.uk)

**Cultivating the Inner Smile** **£15 – inc lunch**

A day to nourish mind, body and spirit with a fusion of East meets West, ancient Tai Chi exercises and Christian Meditation. Suitable for all ages and abilities.

**Venue:** South Leeds Oasis, Hunslet Methodist Church, Telford Terrace, Leeds, LS10 2HR

**Date:** Saturday 25th February 2017 10.00am – 3.30pm

**Leader:** Terry Doyle

**Details:** Erica or Cathy, [admin@lswmethodists.org.uk](mailto:admin@lswmethodists.org.uk) – 0113 279 4816

**The Psychology Behind Dealing with Conflict** **£20 – inc lunch**

An inherent part of our existence, conflict is present in all human interactions. We cannot eliminate it, but we can learn to work with it; to appreciate its positive elements, and to manage it so as to render conflict productive and beneficial.

**Venue:** The Mirfield Centre, Stocks Bank Road, Mirfield, WF14 0BW

**Date:** Saturday 25th February 2017 10.30am – 3.30pm

**Leader:** Paul Randolph

**Details:** Beth Harper, [bharper@mirfield.org.uk](mailto:bharper@mirfield.org.uk) – 01924 481920

**Stimulating Giving** **£10 – inc lunch**

A training event to help you to achieve sustainable finances in your church and develop good practice around the theme of giving and stewardship. Hear from clergy in the diocese whose churches have had successful giving schemes recently.

**Venues & Dates:**

Monday 6th March 2017 10.00am – 1.00pm (followed by lunch)  
 Stockton on the Forest Village Hall, near York YO32 9UR **OR**

Tuesday 7th March 2017 10.00am – 1.00pm (followed by lunch)  
 All Saints Community Centre, South Cave, HU15 2EU **OR**

Thursday 9th March 2017; 10.00am – 1.00pm (followed by lunch)  
 St Cuthbert's Church Hall, Marton, Middlesbrough, TS7 8JU

**Leaders:** David Butterfield & others

**Details:** [training@yorkdiocese.org](mailto:training@yorkdiocese.org) – 01904 699504

**Getting Started with Prayer Spaces in Schools** **£5**

For those who would like to know how to get started with prayer spaces in their local schools, and to meet with others who are running prayer spaces around the region.

**Venue:** Beverley Minster, Beverley, HU17 0DP

**Date:** Monday 6th March 2017 7.00pm – 9.00pm

**Leader:** Olivia Seymour, Education Adviser for the York Diocese

**Details:** [training@yorkdiocese.org](mailto:training@yorkdiocese.org) – 01904 699504

**Lenten Day of Reflection** **£25 – inc lunch**

A Lenten day of reflection and prayer.

**Venue:** The Briery Retreat Centre, 38 Victoria Avenue, Ilkley, LS29 9BW

**Date:** Wednesday 8th March 2017 10.00am - 3.30pm

**Leaders:** Sr Anne Hammersley, C.P. & Mrs Linda Pennington

**Details:** The Retreat Secretary, [briery@btconnect.com](mailto:briery@btconnect.com) 01943 607287 – [www.briery.org.uk](http://www.briery.org.uk)

**The Power and the Story** **£5 payable on the day**  
**Part 3 – Kings and Prophets** **Please bring a packed lunch**

Third and last in our series of study days for those who preach and those seeking fresh perspectives for discipleship through revisiting the Old Testament – the scriptures Jesus read.

**Venue:** Christchurch, The Grove, Ilkley, LS29 9LW

**Date:** Saturday 11th March 2017  
 – 10.00 for 10.30am – 4.00pm

**Leader:** Revd Dr Richard Briggs, St John's College, Durham

**Details:** Mike Fawcett – 07885 585946  
[admin@wharfedaleandairborroughmethodists.org.uk](mailto:admin@wharfedaleandairborroughmethodists.org.uk)

### **Running Alpha Now** £5

The Alpha Course has become a worldwide phenomenon as the best known course for introducing the basics of the Christian faith. This session will give an update on recent developments with the course, especially the use of the Alpha Film series that was launched in April 2016, and how these film stories and interviews can be used to convey the traditional content of the course.

**Venue:** Diocese of York, Amy Johnson Way, York, YO30 4XT  
**Date:** Monday 13th March 2017 7.30pm – 9.30pm  
**Leader:** Revd Christian Selvaratnam – Head of Alpha UK  
**Details:** [training@yorkdiocese.org](mailto:training@yorkdiocese.org) – 01904 699504

### **The Bible from A Hebrew Perspective** £5

**Prophecy in The Bible** – These sessions are delivered with distinct knowledge and humour and always open up new perspectives and understanding. They look at the characteristics of the call of the prophets and their tasks.

#### **Venues & dates:**

Tuesday 14th March 2017 10.00am – 1.00pm  
Sutton-under-Whitstonecliffe Village Hall, Thirsk, YO7 2PS **OR**  
Thursday 16th March 2017 10.00am-1.00pm  
Cherry Burton Church Hall, near Beverley, HU17 7RF  
**Leader:** John Barnett  
**Details:** [training@yorkdiocese.org](mailto:training@yorkdiocese.org) – 01904 699504

### **“The Trick to Life” Newman’s Style** £25 – inc lunch

**Venue:** The Briery Retreat Centre, 38 Victoria Avenue, Ilkley, LS29 9BW  
**Date:** Saturday 18th March 2017 10.30am – 3.30pm  
**Leader:** Fr Denis Cassidy  
**Details:** The Retreat Secretary, [briery@btconnect.com](mailto:briery@btconnect.com)  
01943 607287 [www.briery.org.uk](http://www.briery.org.uk)

### **Mary’s Silent Yes** £8 - inc refreshments

A look at the contemplative dimensions of solitude, silence and prayer in our positive response to God’s invitation and call on our lives. There will be two sessions of input, space for silent reflection and the opportunity to end the morning by sharing in a celebration of the Eucharist with the Community of the Resurrection.

**Venue:** The Mirfield Centre, Stocks Bank Road, Mirfield, WF14 0BW  
**Date:** Saturday 25th March 2017 9.30am – 12noon  
**Leader:** Revd Philip Munch  
**Details:** Beth Harper, [bharper@mirfield.org.uk](mailto:bharper@mirfield.org.uk) – 01924 481920

### **The Minister as Entrepreneur** £10 – inc lunch

What do we mean by an entrepreneur? Can anyone be one? Is this for everyone? Shouldn’t we all be one? Do we need more? In this session, we will draw out the key wisdom from Michael’s book, review it together and consider examples of entrepreneurial leadership in our own contexts.

**Venues & dates:**  
Monday 27th March 2017 10.00am – 1.00pm (followed by lunch)  
All Saint’s Community Centre, South Cave, HU15 2EU **OR**

Tuesday 28th March 2017 10.00am-1.00pm (followed by lunch)  
Sutton-under-Whitstonecliffe Village Hall, near Thirsk YO7 2PS  
**Leaders:** Revd Canon Terry Joyce and others  
**Details:** [training@yorkdiocese.org](mailto:training@yorkdiocese.org) – 01904 699504

### **Quiet Day for Passiontide** £20 – inc lunch

**The Lamb upon the Throne** – Approaching the Cross from the perspective of themes from the book of Revelation.  
**Venue:** The Mirfield Centre, Stocks Bank Road, Mirfield, WF14 0BW  
**Date:** Friday 7th April 2017 10.00am – 3.30pm  
**Leader:** Canon Dr Christina Baxter, CBE  
**Details:** Beth Harper, [bharper@mirfield.org.uk](mailto:bharper@mirfield.org.uk) – 01924 481920

### **The Labyrinth – Walking a Sacred Path** £10 – inc lunch

In the past decade Labyrinths have become very popular. What are they? Where do they come from? How can I pray with one? How do I make one? Suitable for all ages and abilities.  
**Venue:** South Leeds Oasis, Hunslet Methodist Church, Telford Terrace, Leeds, LS10 2HR  
**Date:** Saturday 29th April 2017 10.30am – 3.30pm  
**Leader:** Fiona Fidgin (Yorkshire Plus DMLN)  
**Details:** Erica or Cathy, [admin@lswmethodists.org.uk](mailto:admin@lswmethodists.org.uk)  
0113 279 4816

### **Christians Living Amongst Muslims** £20 – inc lunch

**in partnership with Christians Aware** – Ven Bill Schwartz is the Archdeacon in the Gulf and has worked in the region for more than 30 years. Bill will present four aspects: An Introduction to the Gulf Region; Islam: A Religion, A Culture, A Society; Nationality-neutral Christianity; and Witness Amongst Muslims.  
**Venue:** The Mirfield Centre, Stocks Bank Road, Mirfield, WF14 0BW  
**Date:** Saturday 29th April 2017 10.00am – 3.30pm  
**Leader:** Archdeacon Bill Schwartz, OBE  
**Details:** Beth Harper, [bharper@mirfield.org.uk](mailto:bharper@mirfield.org.uk) – 01924 481920

## **Lenten Evenings**

Tuesdays 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th March 2017  
7.30pm – 9.00pm  
£5 for one, £15 for all four  
**Venue:** The Mirfield Centre  
Stocks Bank Road  
Mirfield,  
WF14 0BW  
More details on the website  
[www.mirfieldcentre.org.uk](http://www.mirfieldcentre.org.uk)

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