

Looking Ahead to Autumn 2017

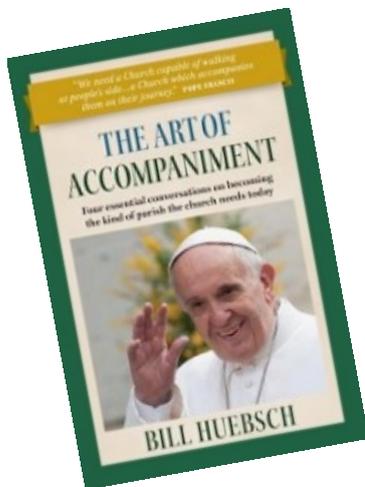
Upcoming Visit by Bill Huebsch

A couple of months ago, we included an article about a new book from Bill Huebsch—*The Art of Accompaniment*. It attracted quite a bit of interest and we have so far distributed 50 copies and have placed an order for more!

The book explores how we can put into practice one of the key ways of evangelising that Pope Francis encourages us to try—spiritual accompaniment. There are people who take special training for one-to-one meetings but Pope Francis says, *'The Church will have to initiate everyone—priests, religious and laity—into this "art of accompaniment" which teaches us to remove our sandals before the sacred ground of the other.'* (cf. Ex 3:5).

He goes on: *'The pace of this accompaniment must be steady and reassuring, reflecting our closeness and our compassionate gaze which also heals, liberates and encourages growth in the Christian life.'*

Although it sounds obvious, spiritual accompaniment must lead others ever closer to God, in whom we attain true freedom.' (From *Evangelii Gaudium*, 169-173)



We are delighted to announce that Bill is going to be in the Diocese and has agreed to offer a day during which he will talk about the book and what inspired it. He will guide us through some of the ideas and ways of working he presents there.

Details for the day are still being finalised but information so far:



**Date—Thursday 26 October,
10am for 10.30am to finish by 4pm.
Venue— Sunderland Marriott Hotel,
Seaburn, Sunderland. SR6 8DB**

A donation towards costs would be appreciated!

More information will be available on our Facebook page and the diocesan website as things are finalised. If you are interested in joining the day places are limited, and booking is essential by contacting the Department—details below.

Advent 2017: Keep Calm and Be Prepared!



Reading the Gospels for Advent led to develop the theme “Keep Calm and Be Prepared” so, appropriately enough, we have tried to be prepared and worked on the resources over the summer. They are not quite ready for distribution but, if you would like to get early copies, they should be ready towards the end of September. There are the usual ideas for a prayerful

gathering, prayer stations, copies of the daily email reflections that will go out in Advent and Christmastime—and more. Please get in touch if you would like a copy so that you too can “stay calm and be prepared”! ✠

Join our Peace Pilgrimage!

The Department for Spirituality is joining with those of Interreligious Relations and Justice and Peace and YMT to organise a Peace Pilgrimage to Flodden Field. This was a site of major border conflict—something affects thousands of people to this day. Many have found their way to our diocese and will be invited to join us in a short walk that we hope will witness to the desire of ordinary people for peace. There will be the chance to visit the church where many of the dead were laid—and to visit the Peace Centre at the nearby village of Crookham.

We hope to be joined by Bishop Séamus and other faith leaders.

Details are on the poster overleaf. A minibus is being arranged from Sunderland and we are hoping to provide a coach from Newcastle.

If you would like to join us, please contact the Department—especially if you would like a place on the minibus or coach.



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Upcoming Events in the Diocese and Local Centres

All Walking Together
Join us for an
INTERFAITH PEACE PILGRIMAGE
SATURDAY 21 OCTOBER 2017

11:00am
CROOKHAM PEACE CENTRE

(1) JOINING POINT
Meet at TD12 4SY1 to begin our walk to the Flodden Field Memorial.

(2) JOINING POINT
MARDON FARM
for those joining us for a shorter walk, rest and prayer.

(3) JOINING POINT
BRANXTON HILL
our second point at which to join for an even shorter walk, rest and prayer.

(4) **FLODDEN FIELD MEMORIAL**
Last point for ALL to gather for prayer (suitable for wheelchair / pushchair access).
Walkers to disperse from the monument and make their way back either by return walk or circular route via road through Branxton Village / shuttle transport.

(5) **CROOKHAM VILLAGE HALL**
Will host refreshments (please bring a packed lunch) and we welcome you to walk round the Peace and Reconciliation Garden at the Crookham Peace Centre (worth a visit).

Farewell and safe journey home - God bless

BOOKING ESSENTIAL
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR TO BOOK PLEASE CONTACT
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An interfaith gathering to promote peace organised by the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle in association with the Crookham Peace Centre

Minsteracres

3- 8 September

Individually Guided Retreat

A silent retreat to reflect on where and how God is working in your life. Led by David Williams, a Passionist priest, psychotherapist and spiritual director and Anne McCarthy, a Sacred Heart Sister with many years of experience in leading individually guided retreats.

8-10 September

Come, this is the time

Reflecting on The Calling in scripture - where I see myself within that Call, where I am being fed and to whom am I being sent? Can I respond?

Led by Fr Chris Thomas and Pat Kennedy.

Saturday 9 September

Garden Retreat Day

An opportunity to spend a gentle day in the Peace Garden and Sanctuary building, deepening our connection with the natural world. We will use meditation, contemplation, poetry and mindful gardening. Lunch provided.

Led by Ross Menzies and Katrina Padmore who run a gardening therapy project at Minsteracres.

11-15 September

The stranger in our midst

A theological seminar exploring current social realities in the light of the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It will draw on the wisdom of the Passionist tradition Residential or day attendance.

Wednesday 20 September

Day of prayer

Led by Sr Rosarie Spence

22-24 September

Parish retreat

Groups and individuals are invited to join this 'Seeds of Hope' themed parish retreat weekend. Led by the Minsteracres team.

Wednesday 4 October

Walking retreat

6-8 October

Parish retreat

As above

*More Information from
Minsteracres Retreat Centre
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Centre for Prayer and Mission

Exploring Scripture

Mondays 1.30pm-3.30pm

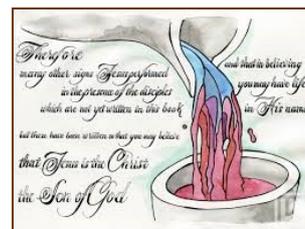
Starting on 11 September

For those who wish to go deeper into understanding the Word of God

Our topic for this term is

Women of the Gospels – friends and disciples of Jesus

This will be a truly transforming experience with the Word of God and will help us to understand what it means to be called to follow Christ as disciples in our daily lives



Tuesday evenings at 7pm – 9pm

We will continue with our reflections and discussions on

Women of the Gospels

12 and 19 September

26 September

Fr David Smith to update us on his projects in Africa.

3, 10, 17, 24, 31 October

Women of the Gospels

For further information or to book please contact Sr Michael on
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Prayer Shawl Ministry



We meet every **second Thursday of the month** at 1.30pm – 3.30pm to pray together and knit/crochet shawls for sick people, vests and hats for the Fish and Chip Babies, hats for seamen, scarves and mitts for the homeless, pullovers for the street boys in Nairobi and anything else that is needed. All is done in the context of prayer and ministry. Held at Centre for Prayer and Mission, Seaham. Newcomers always welcome.

St Antony's Priory

Saturday 9 September:

Tai chi and Together in Meditation

Terry Doyle will lead Chi Gong energy work and Tai chi. Also there will be the normal two separate hours of silent meditation at 10am and 11.30am. The day will close around 3pm.

Starting Monday 11 September

Listening to the wisdom of our bodies

2pm and 7pm (60 - 75 mins)

Led by Paul Golightly and members of the Priory team.

Drawing on experience of well-being and resilience days to the recovery community and carers—but open to all.

Wednesday 13 September

Dancing our Prayers. 2.15 - 4pm.

Dance is the language that unites body, mind and spirit.

Led by Judy Turner.

Wednesday 20 September

Ministry Support half-day.

For ordained church ministers/clergy.

Led by Rev Paul Tyler.

Saturday 23 September

Together in Meditation

Two separate hours of Meditation rooted in the Christian tradition. Come to either or both. 10am and 11.30am.

Also

Saturday 14 October

For more information contact Paul Golightly
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