

Programme



Hidden Treasure

Inner life and Solidarity

Birmingham

Friday 28 April – Monday 1 May, 2017

Practical information

Carrs Lane Church B4 7SX

is the central hub for the meeting:

- **Information Point** for visitors and those who wish to participate in the afternoon programme [Open: Fri 11am-6:30pm, Sat 9am-1pm & 2-6:30pm, Sun 1-6:30pm]
- the **Taizé shop** (music, books, posters,...) [Open Fri 3-7pm, Sat & Sun 2:30-6:30pm]
- **“Hidden Treasures” Exhibition:** celebrating groups, especially small and hidden ones, which are working for a better world and with displays of material about organisations who are leading workshops. [Open: Sat. 11am-1pm & 2-6pm, Sun 1-6pm]
- **Café** run by the “Real Junk Food Project” [Open from 10:30am on Sat. and 1pm on Sun. till mid-afternoon]

Place of silence and prayer in the afternoon

On Saturday (2:30-4:00pm) and Sunday (2:30-6:00pm), St Chad’s Cathedral, B4 6EU will be a place of silent prayer and reflection. Sisters, brothers and priests will also be available for those who wish a personal conversation or confession.

Workshops

- Each participant can choose freely which workshop to attend – or to be in silence, or to visit the shop / exhibition / café at Carrs Lane.
- When going to a workshop, please take this printed programme with you: it may be needed for entry to some venues.
- For all workshops which are marked *“For a limited number”* it is necessary to **sign-up in advance** on the sheets which are at the Information Point at Carrs Lane.

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The workshops and the talks during the prayers will be in English. If you need help to understand, tell us when you arrive. If you can help by informally translating workshops or talks, please also let us know.

Printed papers

Participants receive:

- this **Programme**
- **map** of the city-centre
- **“Proposals 2017”** by brother Alois: *please take to Saturday morning meetings, also used for some workshops.*
- **song booklet**: *to avoid wastage, please keep your booklet and bring it to all the prayers over the weekend.*
- **meal card**: show at meal distributions.

Safeguarding

The safeguarding policy for the meeting can be downloaded here: <http://www.taize.fr/IMG/pdf/safeguardingpolicy.pdf> If you have a safeguarding concern during the weekend, please contact Chris Watts, the safeguarding coordinator, using the phone number below.

Photography

In order to share this event with others, photographers will be recording some still or video images of various parts of the programme: common prayers, workshops, mealtimes,...

During times of prayer, please do not disturb others by filming or taking photos (especially not flash photos) yourself.

Phone number for urgent questions:

+44 7548330425

Friday 28 April

From 4pm Arrival and reception of registered participants at Carrs Lane Church Centre, B4 7SX

Supper (served as people arrive)

7:30 pm Church of St Martin in the Bull Ring, B5 5BB: Prayer around the Cross (song practice from 6:45 pm)

Reading:

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves." (John 14:1-11)

8:30-9:30 pm Welcoming of late arrivals and first journey to host neighbourhood and accommodation

Saturday 29 April

9:15 am Morning prayer in your host neighbourhood

Song

Psalm 119:89-94 with *Alleluia* (2)

- O Lord, your word is everlasting; it ever stands firm in the heavens.
- Your faithfulness remains from one generation to another; you have established the earth and it abides.
- Through your judgements all stands firm to this day, for all creation is your servant.
- Had your law had not been my delight, I should have perished in my trouble.
- I will never forget your commandments, for by them you have given me life.
- I am yours, O save me! For I have sought your commandments.

Reading

From the Book of the prophet Isaiah: Thus says the Lord – Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland. The wild animals honour me, the jackals and the owls, because I provide water in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland, to give drink to my people, my chosen, the people I formed for myself that they may proclaim my praise. (Isaiah 43:18-21)

Song

Silence

Litany with *Kyrie* (3)

1. O Risen Christ, your heart exults and your soul rejoices: comfort all who are in sorrow.
2. Risen Christ, you come to transfigure our being: kindle in us the fire of your love.
3. Risen Christ, in you our resurrection has already begun on this earth: kindle in us the fire of your love.
4. Risen Christ, you come to fill our hearts with peace: kindle in us the fire of your love.
5. Risen Christ, your Spirit burns away the sadness in us: kindle in us the fire of your love.
6. Risen Christ, you come to gather us in your Body, the Church: kindle in us the fire of your love.

Our Father Song

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Small-group meeting

Once the small groups are formed, introduce yourselves. Then read the first of the Proposals for 2017 (page 3), “Stand firm in hope: it is creativity”. Use this text and this morning’s bible reading (Isaiah 43:18-21) as starting points for speaking about these questions:

- When you are discouraged, where do you find the way to start over again?
- Without “shutting your eyes to reality” (para 3) can you see and join in the “something new” that God is doing? Any examples?
- How can you support, and be supported by others, in living with hope?

11:45 am - 12:15 pm Grimshaw Room (next to St Chad’s Cathedral, B4 6EU): Distribution of hot lunch and a meal packet for supper.
Bring your spoon!

1:15 pm St Martin in the Bull Ring: Midday prayer
with biblical reflection by Rosalee Velloso Ewell

2:30 pm Workshops

A visit to Birmingham Children’s Hospital

– and a meeting with members of the chaplaincy and youth work teams. *For a limited number – sign-up in advance at the Information Point.* Venue: Chapel on 1st floor of the hospital. Enter by main entrance, Steelhouse Lane, B4 6NH [3]

An Introduction to icons with a practical exercise

The meditative practice of iconography in the Byzantine and Russian Orthodox traditions. Accessible to artists and non-artists alike. *For a limited number; also at 4:30pm. With Constantina Wood.* Venue: Top Foyer, Carrs Lane Church, B4 7SX [1]

Christians Addressing Homelessness

Comparing our understanding of homelessness with the reality of people’s lives. *Led by Neil Johnson and members of Birmingham Christian Homeless Forum;* Venue Salvation Army Citadel, B4 6HH [9]

The Scandal of the Arms Trade and our response as Christians

We shall look at the impact of the global arms trade and the involvement of our own nations. And we will reflect, making use of the tradition of Christian non-violence, on the Gospel's challenge for us to work to end this trade. *With Pax Christi, the Quakers and the Catholic Worker*. Venue: Grimshaw Room, St. Chad's Cathedral B4 6EU [2]

Discerning Vocation

– offering help to notice what God might want you to do for the rest of your life or at least today. *With Stephen Hoyland of Ignatian Outreach*. Venue: Polish Millennium House, B5 5PH [7]

Song practice

Learning the songs for the prayers this weekend
Venue: St Michael's Church, B4 7UG [5]

4:30 pm Workshops

Rethinking Science within Christian Faith

– with Tom McLeish, professor of physics at Durham University and author of "Faith and Wisdom in Science". Venue: St. Philip's Cathedral, B3 2QB [6]

Urban Stories

An encounter with some of Birmingham's African and Caribbean diaspora churches. *Introduced by members of Life and Light Fellowship, New Testament Church of God, The Church of Pentecost, ...* Venue: Salvation Army Citadel, B4 6HH [9]

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Seeking Sanctuary

Refugees share their stories of leaving and finding a place to call home. *Introduced by Helena Madden of St. Chad's Sanctuary*
Venue: Polish Millennium House, B5 5PH [7]

Song practice

Learning the songs for the prayers this weekend.

Venue: St Martin in the Bull Ring, B5 5BB [4]

1st Sunday Mass

– at St. Chad’s Cathedral B4 6EU [2], for those wishing to attend Catholic Mass today.

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7:00 pm St Martin in the Bull Ring: Prayer of the Light of Christ
(song practice from from 6:20 pm) *with words from Brother Alois.*

Reading:

Jesus told this parable: “Which one of you with a hundred sheep, if he lost one, would fail to leave the ninety-nine in the desert and go after the missing one till he found it? And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home, call together his friends and neighbours, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, I have found my sheep that was lost.’ In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner repenting than over ninety-nine upright people who have no need of repentance.” (Luke 15:3-7)

~9:00-10:30 pm Social event in each host neighbourhood

Sunday 30 April

Morning Sunday service in a church in your host neighbourhood

Small group meeting

Note: depending on the time of the service, this meeting can take place either beforehand or afterwards. Participants need to be at the city-centre lunch distribution for 1:00-1:30pm.

In many churches the story of Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35) is read this morning. In small groups, either before or after the service, listen to it again, with a different person reading each of the characters (narrator, Jesus, Cleopas,...). Share your reflections. Some questions to help:

- In this and several other stories after the resurrection, the disciples do not realise that they are meeting Jesus. Why this discretion/mystery do you think? What does it mean for us today?

- Although the disciples are discouraged they invite Jesus to eat and stay with them. What experience have you had of giving yourself for others and receiving much more? What could we do to root a similar attitude of welcome more deeply in ourselves?

- When they are at table, the disciples thought they were welcoming him. But then they discover that *he* is welcoming them. How in our church communities can we be ready to make the same discovery – in our worship and in our activities?

1:00-1:30 pm Grimshaw Room: Distribution of hot lunch and a meal packet for supper. *Bring your spoon!*

2:30 pm Workshops

Welcoming refugees: what can we do?

Ways of supporting refugees through volunteering, befriending, campaigning and participating in positive action. *With Shari Brown, Project Co-ordinator, Restore and the Jesuit Refugee Service.*

Venue: St Martin in the Bull Ring, B5 5BB [4]

Christian community living

Meeting with people who are living in various forms of Christian community. How do their lives resonate with our own desire for community? *Caroline Price will guide a conversation with members of Bruderhof, Carrs Lane Lived Community, Lee Abbey, Servants of the Word, Taizé, and Wellspring Community, Venue: Quaker Meeting House, B4 6AF [8]*

Caring for our common home

Spiritual and practical resources to engage with climate change and creation care. The earth is the Lord's (Psalm 24:1) but we've exploited and polluted it; the earth is also our common home, as Pope Francis reminds us in *Laudato Si'*. *Coordinated by Dave Bookless with the participation of A Rocha, CAFOD, Operation Noah. Venue: St. Michael's Church, B4 7UG [5]*

A film recounting some key moments of the life of Brother Roger of Taizé

– and meeting with one of the brothers who knew the founder of the Community. Venue: Polish Millennium House B5 5PH [7]

“Hidden Treasure”

A practical art experiment in hiding and finding. Accessible to artists and non-artists alike. *For a limited number; also at 4:30pm. With Anna Sikorska.* Venue: Top Foyer, Carrs Lane Church, B4 7SX [1]

Horses for children

A visit to Summerfield Stables that introduces local children, including those with disabilities, to a friendship with horses. *For a limited number, and lasting the whole afternoon.* Meet at the Information Point, Carrs Lane Church, B4 7SX [1], at 2:30 pm.

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4:30 pm Workshops

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On the road together!

Forum with bishops and leaders of different churches around brother Alois’ “Call to Church Leaders for 2017”: advancing towards unity, going beyond mere cordiality. *Rev. Mary Stallard, chaplain in a joint Catholic/Anglican secondary school, will encourage Church leaders to share their perspective.* Venue: Quaker Meeting House, B4 6AF [8]

Prisons and Community

People seeking resettlement after being in prison, in the light of Luke 4:16-21: “The Lord has sent me to proclaim release to the captives, (...) to let the oppressed go free.” *With Sam Ewell and people involved in various projects including Changing Tunes and Bringing Hope.* Venue: St Martin in the Bull Ring, B5 5BB [4]

Praising God with Nature

An introduction to the culture of the tribal peoples of Northern India - Ranchi/Jharkhand (also known as Chota Nagpur) with an invitation to join in the tribal dance. *Led by Sister Jyoti Premika, a Medical Mission Sister who currently works with homeless Asian people in West London.* Venue: Salvation Army Citadel, B4 6HH [9]

Friends or Strangers?

Some Birmingham people of different faiths share their experiences of friendship and dialogue. *With Andrew Smith, Director of Interfaith Relations for the Anglican Diocese.* Venue: Grimshaw Room, St. Chad's Cathedral B4 6EU [2]

7:30 pm St Martin in the Bull Ring: Evening prayer (song practice from 7:00 pm) *Dr. Rowan Williams, former Archbishop of Canterbury, will speak on "Christian faith and friendship with those of other religions".*

Reading:

Jesus said, "The eye is the lamp of the body. Therefore, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how terrible that darkness will be! (...) Don't judge, so that you won't be judged. You will receive the same judgement you give. Whatever you deal out will be dealt out to you. Why do you see the splinter that's in your brother or sister's eye, but don't notice the log in your own eye? How can you say to your brother or sister, 'Let me take the splinter out of your eye,' when there's a log in your eye? You deceive yourself! First take the log out of your eye, and then you'll see clearly to take the splinter out of your brother or sister's eye." (Matthew 6:22—7:5)

Return to hosts

Monday 1 May

Breakfast at accommodation, then travel to city-centre

Luggage can be left at Carrs Lane Church:

Drop-off time **9:00-10:00**

Collection time **12:00-14:00**

10:30 am St Chad's Catholic Cathedral: Prayer of Sending out *with words from Br. Alois.* [Please do not bring luggage!]

Distribution of packed lunch.

Host Neighbourhood / Accommodation

Social Media

During the weekend news, photos and information will be shared at:

Twitter: **@TaizeBirmingham** and

Facebook: **facebook.com/TaizeBirmingham**

Please share your own tweets and posts during the weekend using:

#TaizeBrum

We would also welcome longer written reflections on your experience of the weekend, please email:

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