

# DOUAI ABBEY - SUMMER PROGRAMME



- **Reflection Days:** 10.30am to 4pm. (arrivals & coffee from 10am). Contribution £25 (or what you can afford) made on the day please; lunch, coffee & tea incl.
- **All Bookings:** [www.douaiabbey.org.uk/bookings.php](http://www.douaiabbey.org.uk/bookings.php) / E: [guestmaster@douaiabbey.org.uk](mailto:guestmaster@douaiabbey.org.uk)
- **How to arrive** see : <https://www.douaiabbey.org.uk/contact-us.php>

6 – 8 May **All shall be well - A Retreat with Julian of Norwich**  
Retreat led by Sr Ann Swailes OP

*This retreat been postponed to 8–10 November 2022*

Sat 25 June **Journeying towards the End of Life: Walking the Path & with Others**  
Reflection Day led by Revd Ann Fulton & Peter Bowe OSB

Spiritual questions arise as we, or someone close, approaches the end of life. What can *end of life* mean? How to talk freely about death? What might *spiritual care* be? What practical 'tools' can help in accompanying others? What meaning has our own life, & how to help others seek their own with hope? How to talk of God?..... A gentle day with personal space for self-care, reflection & prayer. **Ann Fulton** is Spiritual Care Coordinator (priest chaplain) at a Somerset hospice.

Saturday 2 July **Soul Journey with JS Bach (2) – Holy Spirit**  
Reflection Day led by Euan Tait

*The water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life. (John 4.13)*  
Through Bach's great pilgrim cantatas, we explore the dance and joy of life in the Holy Spirit, and the constant source of refreshment the Holy Spirit is for us.

**Euan Tait** is an experienced retreat leader who works in many UK communities & has been a member of L'Arche; he now teaches in western England. see <http://euantait.com>

Tuesday 5 -Friday 8 July **Lectio Divina Retreat** led by Gervase Holdaway OSB  
Experience the ancient art of praying with Scripture, the slow, contemplative prayer of listening to God speaking through his Word, responding prayerfully; time for solitude, reflection & sharing.  
**Fr Gervase** is oblate master, formerly parish priest and director of this pastoral programme.  
**Arrive** Tuesday evening, finish Friday breakfast'. [£200 /sharing £160pp: payable at retreat]

Saturday 9 July **At Home in Bethany**  
Reflection Day led by Barbara Priest

His friends Lazarus, Martha & Mary provided Jesus with a place to rest and be himself, but they also shared with him their very different personalities. We spend a day in Bethany .....

**Barbara Priest** is an Anglican lay minister in Salisbury Diocese, an oblate of Douai. She helps people meet God in daily life with poetry, scripture, music, art & photography.

Friday 22 - Sunday 24 July **Spirituality of St Bonaventure**  
Retreat led by Revd Douglas Dales

St Bonaventure, a Franciscan of the 13<sup>th</sup> century, taught at Paris, and was Minister General of the Franciscans, & a bishop who guided the second Council of Lyons, where he died in 1274. The retreat will deal with Bonaventure's life, teaching & spiritual vision. **Douglas Dales**, a married Anglican parish priest, onetime Chaplain of Marlborough; he has written much on Bonaventure's spiritual theology. **Weekend cost** £160/ £128pp [payable at the retreat]