

# DOUAI ABBEY – AUTUMN PROGRAMME 2022



**Retreat:** arrive 4-5.30pm; on 3<sup>rd</sup> day lunch incl. Cost £160/shared room £128pp (pay during stay)

**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>

- 16 - 18 Sept**      **Weekend Retreat: *The Fourth Gospel*** - Br Christopher Greener OSB  
**Reflections & teachings**, based on *Lection Divina*, will introduce: John's Christology, the *Book of Signs*, the role of the Paraclete, John's Passion narrative & the Resurrection appearances.      *Br Christopher is a monk of Douai*      *See Retreat costs above*
- 20 Sept – 9 Oct**      **Display in Douai Abbey Church of the Retreat Association Icon:**  
Icon of *Jesus & Samaritan Woman at the Well*.      Welcome! **Visit the Abbey!**
- 30 Sept- 2 Oct**      **Christian Mindfulness Forum: Martin Zetter - Christopher Greener OSB**  
Exploring meditation & mindfulness & practical instruction for the experienced & beginners. The Beatitudes show Christian themes in mindfulness; building a mindful response to life's challenges. Sharing experiences encouraged, also individual reflection & sharing with teacher. *Martin Zetter is a qualified meditation teacher.*      *See Retreat costs above*
- 4 - 6 October**      **Christian History III – Modern Times** – with Abbot Geoffrey Scott  
Last of 3 courses on Church History: covering the French Revolution (1789), up to developments c. 2000; special attention to England in 19<sup>th</sup> cent & Europe in 20<sup>th</sup> cent.  
*Abbot Geoffrey Scott works with the Catholic Archives Society, the Catholic Record Society & the Society of Antiquaries & lectures at Blackfriars, Oxford.*      *See Retreat costs above*
- Sat 22 October**      **Reflection Day: *Do you have a Soul?*** John Cottingham & Clare Carlisle  
Has modern science made it obsolete to think we have a soul? Can everything be explained just in terms of physical brain processes? How might thinking of "soul" alter how we understand our closest relationships? *John Cottingham is Emeritus Professor of Philosophy at Reading University. Clare Carlisle is Professor of Philosophy at Kings College London*
- 28 – 30 October**      **Holy is the True Light: *The Holy in British Music*** led by Euan Tait  
An exploration of some key works in the English choral tradition - music of RVW, Finzi, Howells & others. *Euan Tait is an international librettist & experienced retreat leader & teacher.*      *Cost £160/ shared room £128pp (payable during stay)*
- 8 - 9 November**      **All shall be well: Retreat with Julian of Norwich: Sr Ann Swailes OP**  
Julian, original 15<sup>th</sup> century thinker & visionary is almost contemporary: the Cross is hideous & dreadful, also lovely & sweet; God is our Father, also our Mother. Julian's forthright thinking can answer our own confusion too: *All shall be well...!* *Sr Ann Swailes OP is assist. Catholic chaplain at Cambridge.* *Cost £160/ shared room £128pp (payable during stay)*
- 2 - 4 December**      **Advent Retreat: *Seven Bells to Bethlehem***      *Simon Hill OSB*  
Reflecting on how this season developed, we see how Isaiah, John the Baptist & the Virgin Mary stand out & fit into the whole Christmas celebration of the Birth of Christ.  
*Br Simon is a monk of Douai.*      *Cost £160/ shared room £128pp (payable during stay)*