

Summer Newsletter

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Purley Chase Centre

Inside the Centre

The past few months we have seen a few different types of events here including a wedding, a family party, family weekends, dance and music. We are so lucky to have such a lovely building to accommodate all these different types of groups who require different things, keeping everyone so happy to be here. As the summer months approach we will be running none stop especially when the children's groups



arrive at the end of July throughout August. What always strikes me about Purley, is that it is always evolving, with visitors calling in most days and groups and individuals coming for meals and day

retreats on top of the events that are already running. We also now have quite a few groups that are not part of the organization using the centre; showing the wide ranging pull Purley has on people from all different walks of life and beliefs. We would like to thank all those who visit Purley as often as they can as your support is invaluable. We wish you all the best for the coming months and hope to see you here at Purley soon. From all at Purley.

Individual Responsibility



Greetings! Responsibility is central to what it is to be human. Of all the forms of life on Earth, only human beings are responsible to choose their manner of life and hence their destiny. Humans can only have real lasting inner peace and joy when their outer life and inner motivations are in sync with the Divine Life. In the many different scriptures given to the world by Divine Providence we are given clues and instructions on how to live well. The rest is up to us. We may not get it right the first time but perseverance and a desire to root out our motives for doing things and to understand the impact we have on the lives of others is key to our spiritual progress.

“Remembering me, you shall overcome all difficulties through my grace. But if you will not heed me in your self-will, nothing will avail you.” (Krishna, Bhagavad Gita, 18:58.)

Jesus says something similar in the Book of Revelation:

“Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.” (Jesus, Revelation 3:20.)

... I stand at the door and knock: means that God has

given us a Divine Word for our guidance.

*... If anyone hears my voice: means anyone who **really** believes that this Word was given to us by God.*

... and opens the door: means endeavouring to obey its instructions in our daily living.

... I will come in and eat with him and he with me: means the Lord will dwell within us dispelling negative spiritual influences, bringing inner peace and joy, building heaven within.

I wish you constructive thoughts and action on the subject. Rev. David Gaffney

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Soul Awakening



24th to 26th June

What we will offer you is a meld of Rita's and Helen's different approaches; Rita brings her interest in music, dance and healing and Helen, her experience and interest in symbols, spirituality and Jungian psychology. Helen has recently written a course entitled 'Nurturing the Soul' which we will draw from, but in the space of a weekend we will not be able to encom-

pass all of it. The weekend will look at the dynamics of ego and soul, what concepts of soul we have, as well as opportunities to experience different 'gateways' to open up ourselves to what is transcendent and Divine.

Going with the Flow



1st to 3rd July

This weekend will focus on patterns of thought and visual images we can employ to develop a more fulfilling and uplifting experience of life. We will be learning how to notice the specific images we use in our habits of thought. For example we may think in

terms of the images of doorways or water. "Too many doors for me to get through." "I'm out of my depth."

We will be using techniques to help us change the way we use our own images. I can open the door to others who are

genuine and giving. I can go with the flow.

The images we have in our head have power to affect our feelings.

Jacobs Ladder



5th to 7th July

In this forum for doctrinal insights we shall explore how, in the biblical story of Jacob's Ladder, where angels first ascend and then descend, it is the ladder's top that images that amazing transformative 'turning point' that lies along the path of regeneration or

spiritual growth.

There will also be sessions for participants to raise and discuss doctrinal questions in general.

Anyone who has an interest in Swedenborg's teachings, and in seeking and discussing deeper insights into truth is welcome.

13+ Summer Camp

This will be an action packed week for teenagers, combining creativity, games, puzzles, sports and general social times along with discussion about our beliefs and life choices.

There will be an outing during the camp; the entry and coach hire being included in the cost. Any young person aged 13 years and over who would

like to have fun with other young people and wish to discuss ideas about God and life is welcome.



7th to 13th August

9-12 Summer Camp

During morning sessions we will explore some of the Old Testament and discuss how the spiritual ideas contained in them can help us in our everyday lives. Throughout the week there will plenty of games, and activities to keep the children amused along with

trips to various attractions. joy this event.

Anyone aged from 9 to 12 years who would like to have fun with a group of young people and learn more about God and life through discussing the relevance of the spiritual ideas found in the Bible, to our lives today would en-



14th to 18th August

Colours of Creation

In this workshop we will be looking at the great significance number seven has to life and how we live. There are seven colours of the rainbow, and seven days of creation to name but two.

As well as talks and discussion, a central aspect of the

programme will be the inclusion of work in small groups using this 7 stage creation series as a counselling aid.

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clusion of work in small groups using elements of a unique psycho-spiritual counselling aid.



23rd to 25th August



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*We are dedicated to exploring ideas and beliefs which make sense, give meaning to life and
leave us in freedom*

This extended and refurbished retreat centre in the heart of Warwickshire, is set in 7 acres of beautiful grounds enhanced by some spectacular specimen trees.

The Centre accommodates up to 60 people, 27 of these in the new annexe with en-suite rooms. Tea and coffee making facilities are available in the en-suite bedrooms. Towels and bedding are provided but please bring your own toiletries.

Whilst dining on the good, wholesome cooking you can enjoy restful views of the grounds and wildlife. There is always a vegetarian option and special dietary needs can be catered for.

There are several meeting rooms, two containing the latest audio visual equipment. Other facilities include a lounge, games room, quiet room, library, book shop and conservatory. There is wireless internet access for guests. For children and those young at heart there is a magnificent outdoor play area.

The Centre has full access, including en-suite accommodation with adapted wet room. There is ample car parking on site.



16th to 18th September

Sacred Dance

The weekend will involve sacred dance – dancing around a focal point, often a candle, to help us feel centred; and opportunity to reflect on the theme. There is no need to bring a partner as all dancing is done in a circle, although, of course, you are welcome to bring a partner or friend. The weekend will begin with an evening meal at 7pm and finish at 3.30pm. This weekend is suitable for both experienced circle dancers and those of all ages and abilities who are new to circle dancing. Please note that there is no need for a partner.