

## What is the workshop about?

The focus at the Taizé Community in France, is gathering together three times each day for prayer. As people from differing Christian backgrounds and countries are drawn there, they find that the shared experience of singing together in harmony in a prayerful way brings wholeness and unity. It touches something within the individual at a profound level.



Although unable to entirely re-create the atmosphere and surroundings at Taizé, Marion wishes to share some of her

experience of staying there by following a similar daily programme at this Purley weekend. The sung chants are deliberately simple and easy to learn, and those coming can choose to sing either the melody or a harmonising part, or alternate between them.

**Do come and bring your friends.**

## Purley Chase Centre

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 and downstairs in the lounge and activity room. 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, bookshop 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.

### How to reach the Centre:

Take the A5 from the M6 or M42 (M1) towards Nuneaton. After Atherstone turn right off the large roundabout onto the B4111 towards the small village of Mancetter (¼ mile). Turn right in Mancetter just past The Plough pub – there's a brown sign for Purley Chase Golf Club. Over traffic light controlled bridge, follow road round to right signed Steppey Lane, up the hill through an archway of trees, and the Centre is on your right after ¼ mile. If travelling by public transport, see details on the web site or ring the Centre for advice.

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## Taizé Style Music Weekend

26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2010

*Holy Spirit you come to kindle a glimmer of light within us. Even if it is quite dim, it is enough to sustain the desire for God in our hearts.* Brother Roger of Taizé

**Leaders:**  
Marion Curry  
Bruce Jarvis

## About the leaders

*Marion has enjoyed being a choral singer all her life, and music is a special and essential element of corporate worship for her. In order to participate with others in harmony, whether it is for music, discussion, relationships, dance, work or play, she loves to encourage people to develop an ability to listen. She enjoys sharing with people from differing spiritual backgrounds and particularly likes the ecumenical basis of the Taizé experience.*



*Recently retired from full-time work as a Minister, Bruce is now adjusting to a new phase of life. Before ordination, he was a teacher, specialising in music education, and since entering pastoral work has continued this interest in various spheres. His interests in spirituality are broad, and are particularly focused on how knowledge and principles can lead us into deeper and more contented ways of living.*

## Who is it for?

No previous experience of singing Taizé chants is required, just a love of music, in particular the human voice, for connecting with God and others

## What will we be doing?

- Gathering for Taizé style worship morning, noon and evening.
- Time and space for bible focus with personal and group reflection.
- Opportunities for singing practice, walking in the beautiful countryside, circle dancing or resting.

The weekend starts around 6pm with the first organised event being a buffet meal at 7pm. It finishes after lunch on the Sunday.

**Numbers limited so book early to save disappointment.**

**Cost: £80 Standard  
£100 en-suite**

***We very much look forward to seeing you.***

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### Accommodation preference (please tick)

Standard £80

En-suite single £100

En-suite twin £100

I should like to share with \_\_\_\_\_

En-suite adapted £110

### Dietary preferences (please tick)

Standard

Vegetarian

Food Allergies/Special Dietary Needs?

I enclose a cheque for: non-returnable deposit £30  
Donation to Purley Chase Centre £  
Total £

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Forthcoming events at Purley Chase Centre.*   
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