

Our Commitment to Growth



As a diocese we are committed to growing healthy churches whose hallmarks are:

- Transformational Worship
- Making new Disciples
- Community Building

As a Diocese we have embraced Natural Church Development as our main focus in resourcing churches to become healthier. Time after time this process has revealed that a lack of Passionate Spirituality has been a major factor limiting health and growth.

The Spiritual Formation course might be a resource that helps raise the spiritual temperature of your local church. It gives ideas, tools and resources that can deepen the spirituality of your local church.

Spiritual Formation & Spiritual Direction

The Spiritual Formation course is aimed at people who are seeking ways of broadening and deepening their life of prayer and those seeking to broaden and deepen the life of prayer in their local churches.

It is ideal for those called to being Spiritual Directors as a foundational year of growth and discovery.

Find Out More Here!

We are hosting a taster experience for those interested with no commitment to sign up on Thursday 19th of May 2016 at St John’s Church Parish Centre Berkswell at 2:15 to 4:15 pm and at 7:30 to 9:30pm.

All Welcome!

The taster afternoon / evening on 19th May is free.

We run both an afternoon and an evening course, fortnightly over three terms beginning in Sept 2016.

The cost of the course will be £40 a term, Cheques payable to Coventry DBF.

If you would like further information about this course, please email us at passionatespirituality@live.co.uk

Passionate Spirituality in the Mission Shaped Church



Spiritual Formation Course
Autumn 2016 to Summer 2017

At
St John’s Centre Berkswell



On Alternate Thursdays
Afternoons at 2:15-4:15pm
Evenings at 7:30-9:30pm

An Invitation to Grow Deeper

Discover ancient resources that have sustained Christians across the world over the past 2000 years

Bishop Stephen Cottrell, bishop of Chelmsford wrote: "If I could begin in ministry again, I would focus much more on helping people learn to pray."

Archbishop Justin Welby, when asked what must be the number one priority of the local church, replied "Spirituality"

If you are looking for ways to grow deeper in God, this course could be the next step for you.

Why not come and explore what it's all about at one of our £free taster events on Thursday 19th May 2016 at either 2:15-4:15pm or 7:30 to 9:30pm at St John's Church Centre, Berkswell.

Format of the course

Each session of the course is structured as follows:

- Stilling Exercise (15 min)
- Key Input from our main speaker (40 min)
- Small-Group Discussion (40 min) Exploring ways to integrate learning into our everyday lives.
- Closing Prayer (10 min)

Plus notes on each topic, booklists and questions for reflection.

We also offer an extensive lending library on each subject covered.

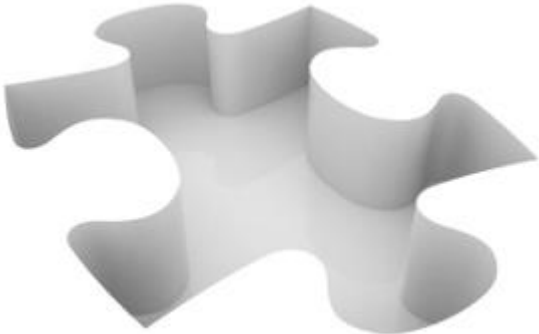
Finally we offer a Saturday morning each term to participants on a related topic.

Programme Dates for 2016/2017



Term 1	15 Sep: What is Spiritual Formation? 29 Sep: Praying with Francis 13 Oct: Praying with Benedict 27 Oct: Praying with Ignatius 10 Nov: Praying with the Desert Fathers 24 Nov: Praying with Contemplatives
Term 2	12 Jan: What is Passionate Spirituality 19 Jan: Praying with the Celtic Tradition 26 Jan: Praying with the Charismatic Movement 9 Feb: Prayer and Personality 23 Feb: Creative Prayer 9 Mar: Prayer and Poetry 23 Mar: Stages of Faith 6 Apr: Quiet Days and Retreats
Term 3	27 Apr: Spiritual Formation & Spiritual Direction 11 May: Spiritual Formation and Coaching 25 May: Spiritual Formation and Rule of Life 8 Jun: Spiritual Formation and Pilgrimage 22 Jun: Spiritual Formation and Deliverance 6 Jul: Spiritual Formation and Death

Why do we need this course?



A great deal has been said and written in recent years about the health, hope and future of the church in our land. The key ingredient in the nature and character of Christianity in the coming years as the quality of our work in spiritual formation.

The question is how to we in our consumerist, work driven, volatile world, form a stable, healthy, growing Christians. People who know God deeply, themselves deeply and love others deeply.

One key is to create space to hear from God, invest more deeply in God and provide space where people can mature their intellectual, emotional and spiritual selves more authentically.

The Spiritual Formation course is a place to feed the mind, heart and soul that enables all of us to live more Christ-centred lives. It has the potential to encourage people to know God, know themselves and their calling more clearly.