



**ST THEOSEVIA CENTRE FOR CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY
OPEN STUDY DAYS IN TRINITY TERM 2009**

at St Theosevia House, 2 Canterbury Road, Oxford OX2 6LU

An Ecumenical Centre for Christian Spirituality in Oxford

www.theosevia.org

Saturday 16 May, 10.30 a.m. – 4.00 p.m

**Living Spirituality Every Day – The Ways of St Francis and of
Orthodoxy**

with the Revd Michael Campling TSSF and Bede Gerrard

Saturday 13 June, 10.30 a.m. – 4.00 p.m

Experiencing Prayer – Opening Ways and Windows into Prayer

with the Revd Toddy Hoare, Sr Nadejda and the Revd Sally Welch

Paschal Music Evening : Monday, 1 June, 8p.m.

An evening of music chaired by Metropolitan Kallistos, on the theme of Easter, 'Pascal Music'. Please bring contributions (CDs, tapes or live music) to share.

A glass of wine will be served.

St Theosevia House, 2 Canterbury Road, left off Banbury Rd just after North Parade.
Fee for study days is £5 (pay at the door) but **FREE for students with card**. No need to book, just come. Study day lunch break is 1-2pm (please provide your own lunch).

Asst Director of Studies: steffen.weishaupt@chch.ox.ac.uk 01865 310341

The St Theosevia Centre for Christian Spirituality

2 Canterbury Road, Oxford OX2 6LU Tel./Fax: (01865) 310 341

Asst Director: Revd Steffen Weishaupt, steffen.weishaupt@chch.ox.ac.uk, 01865 310341

From the Director

Revd Dr Liz Carmichael

Tel (01865) 277351

liz.carmichael@sjc.ox.ac.uk

March 2009

Dear Friends of St Theosevia,

Welcome to the Trinity Term 2009 programme. Thank you for your interest and support for last term's varied and very successful programme.

In Trinity term we have as usual just two study days, plus an informal evening of music on the theme of Easter, Paschal music. Bring music to share, and enjoy a glass of wine, with Metropolitan Kallistos.

The first Study Day explores the theme of spirituality in everyday life, looking at lay spirituality in the Orthodox tradition and at the way of life of the Anglican Third Order of Franciscans (TSSF), living in a loosely networked community under a simple rule of prayer and simplicity of life. Not all the members of the TSSF are Anglicans! It is a way that attracts members of other churches as well.

The second study day is an experiential one. Come and meditate with the help of the sculptures of Toddy Hoare, hear how a labyrinth can be used in prayer and walk a labyrinth which will be here for the day; and learn more about praying with icons. .

We look forward to seeing you at the coming study days. We encourage you to make this programme widely known among your friends and contacts. If you have ideas for future speakers, or would like to receive extra newsletters or posters, please let us know.

LIZ CARMICHAEL

- Tea and coffee are on offer at Study Days before the meetings and at lunch-time. Bring a packed lunch, or you can purchase food nearby in North Parade.
- **Newsletter subscriptions** are due now for 2009-10. Please send at least £3 (cheques to 'St Theosevia Trust') to **Newsletter, St Theosevia House, 2 Canterbury Rd, OX2 6LU**.
- If you would like to receive newsletters and reminders by email you can subscribe by sending a blank email to: theosevia-subscribe@yahoogroups.com
- If you are willing to help serve coffee for a study day you will have a free place. Please contact the Director or Asst Director if you'd like to help in this way.

DETAILS OF EVENTS IN TRINITY TERM

Saturday, 16 May, 10.30 a.m. – 4.00 p.m

Living Spirituality Every Day – The ways of St Francis and Orthodoxy

The Revd Michael Campling TSSF speaks on the history and the life in the present day of the Third Order of the Society of St Francis, the Anglican Third Order of Franciscans, whose members may be ordained or lay. In the afternoon, Bede Gerrard speaks on lay spirituality in the Eastern tradition.

Saturday, 13 June, 10.30 a.m. – 4.00 p.m

Experiencing Prayer – Opening Ways and Windows into Prayer

An experiential day in which you are invited into different forms of reflective meditation and prayer. The Revd Toddy Hoare introduces a time of reflection and sharing focussed on small sculptures springing from biblical themes. The Revd Sally Welsh speaks on the significance and use of the labyrinth in meditative walking prayer, and will bring a labyrinth for our use. Labyrinths are found in various western mediaeval church settings, most famously in Chartres cathedral. Sr Nadejda speaks on the prayerful use of icons.

Paschal Music - Sharing Evening : Monday, 1 June, 8pm

An evening of music chaired by Metropolitan Kallistos on the theme of the music of Easter, 'Paschal Music'. Please bring contributions (CDs, tapes or live music) to share. A glass of wine will be served.

Some Events in Carlisle and at Elshields Tower, near Lockerbie:

If you go north, Ann Shukman encourages you to participate in the **St Cuthbert & Carlisle Festival Week 2009, 30 April to 3 May**: <http://www.carlislediocese.org.uk/xchange/st-cuthbert-and-carlisle-2009.html> or in a **Masterclass on (Neo-)Coptic Iconography 2-6 June**: <http://www.sacredspacegallery.com/Courses.html>

OTHER EVENTS IN TRINITY TERM

held at St Theosevia House or next door at St Gregory and St Macrina House
(or at 9 Fyfield Rd)

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP

The Christian Meditation Group meets on Wednesday evenings from 7.25pm in St Theosevia's for a period of quiet, meditation and fellowship.

Inquiries: Jane Pendlenton, jane.pendlenton@gmail.com

THE UNICORN GROUP

An ecumenical discussion group founded by Nicholas Zernov in 1959

The meetings, open to all, are usually held on Friday lunchtimes at the **House of St Gregory & St Macrina, 1 Canterbury Road**. The talks, followed by discussion, run from 1-2pm. Coffee is served from 12.30pm, packed lunches may be brought. Donations are invited to cover costs.

Friday, 8 May: Canon Hugh Wybrew: **Human Being and Human Destiny**

Friday, 22 May: Revd Bob Nind and A.N. Other: **The Fate of Asylum Seekers**

Inquiries: Canon Martin Coombs, 01865 243865

MEDIEVAL ARTS GROUP & BYZANTINE STUDIES CLASS

The Greek Islands: Byzantine Art and Architecture: Five classes on Wednesdays mornings, 10.30 – 12.30, beginning Wednesday 29th April, with Dr Nicholas Gendle, at **9 Fyfield Rd**.

Inquiries: Valerie Sansom, 0118 947947