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Seven Day Silent Retreat ~ the Fifth School of Meditation



a report from Nick Polaschek

Nineteen meditators gathered in late May at the Magnificat Community Retreat Centre in beautiful rural Featherston for the Fifth School of Meditation. This seven day silent retreat is for people who have been meditating for some time and have normally undertaken the Essential Teaching Workshop.

Participants are silent after the first evening for the seven days until the last morning. Each day has eight periods of meditation together, interspersed with several meditative walks.

Each day, one of the leaders gave a 15 minute talk on an aspect of the meditative path. Every participant met each day with one of the leaders for 15 minutes as spiritual companionship on the journey of the retreat. Each evening there was a Eucharist, except the middle day which was a “desert” day with just the meditations held, though only two were “compulsory”. Many took the opportunity to walk up the Remutuka Incline track which began very close to the retreat centre.

Members of the Magnificat Community looked after us, cooking delicious meals. The Centre has a lovely peaceful atmosphere created by their ethos of service.

Not all of those who planned to come, were able to attend the retreat. It is planned to hold another Seven Day Retreat in September 2023. Anyone who is interested in attending that Retreat can contact Linda Polaschek at nandlpolaschek@gmail.com

Websites to visit:

christianmeditationnz.org.nz

wccm.org

wccmaustralia.org.au

christianmeditation.org.uk

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Letter to the Editor of Stillpoint

May we have a moratorium on this alleged saying of St. Anthony, that if you know you are praying then you're not praying. It is discouraging, silly, and simply not so.

Did St. Anthony actually say it? If he did, he was wrong. It implies that we are not praying until we lose conscious awareness of praying. That is nonsense. It is unhelpful, and I believe it is misinformation.

- * I am praying if I reverently recite the Lord's Prayer.
- * I am praying if in stillness and silence I faithfully repeat my mantra.
- * I am praying if I fire out "arrow prayers".
- * I am praying if my thoughts enfold someone in need.
- * I am praying if I am singing "O Love that wilt not let me go".
- * I am praying if I am desperate and at the end of my tether.
- * I am praying if I am surprised by joy.

Perhaps I understand what someone who quotes this saying with approval might be trying to say. It is intended as a statement about depth and trust in prayer. But in that case, find better, more accurate and thoughtful ways to express it.

Much shalom...

Ross Miller



Mysticism as a Process ~ As a Way of Life

Thursday 2nd June 2022

7.00pm - 9.00pm

Leader: Michael Dougherty

*This zoom presentation will focus on mysticism as journey,
a process, a way of life of the mystic's response to God.*

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82325217152?pwd=aEI4V3hvcUg0Uzd1WjAzVFBVOEhCQT09)

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Meeting ID: 823 2521 715

Passcode: 772439

New Zealand Community for Christian Meditation

One Heart, One Mind



Online Essential Teaching Series 2022

Have you been meditating in the John Main tradition for more than a year?

Would you like to grow in your understanding of your meditation practice?

Do you feel you would like to share the gift of meditation by starting a local group at some time in the future?

The Online Essential Teaching Weekend, runs for five Saturdays from 3.00pm to 5.00pm, commencing on Saturday 2nd July and ending on Saturday 6th August.

We will explore the history of meditation, helping you to arrive at a deeper insight into what the experience of the practice means to you personally.

We also look at the history of the tradition, the essential practice and the psychological aspects of the journey.

The cost is \$40 for the whole series, subsidies are available.

For any queries, or to book your place, please contact:

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The WCCM Response to the Climate Change Emergency

by Vincent Maire

In February 2023 the WCCM Guiding Board asked me to prepare a discussion paper on how best to respond to the climate change emergency. Having been a keen conservation volunteer for a great many years, I was more than happy to involve myself in this topic.

Writing the discussion paper required some online research into climate change. There is a vast amount of material including some very good material from WCCM. This can be found on the WCCM website under the OUTREACH banner. Indeed, there are many links to religious-based responses to the climate change crisis. Pope Francis' *Laudato Si* is highly visible; however, websites abound across the broad spectrum of religion and spirituality. WCCM is not a lone voice crying in the wilderness. If anything, we are a latecomer to a vast chorus chanting for change.

The discussion paper was the first step in deciding how WCCM could develop a statement and guidelines on a contemplative approach to climate change. I concluded that the WCCM response would need to highlight the following themes:

1. The sacredness of the earth and all living things.
We are all connected.
2. A moral responsibility to respond to the climate emergency both individually and communally.
3. A contemplative response is equally as valid as an action-based response.
4. The need to educate ourselves on the emergency.
5. The need to listen to the voice of the poor and people displaced by climate change.
6. The need to partner with like-minded people and organisations, both religious and secular.
7. The need for hope.

The discussion paper was tabled at the April meeting of the Guiding Board and the response was unequivocal: this is important, get on with it. Fr. Laurence was especially keen that WCCM explains how a contemplative response is just as valid as an action-based response. As meditators we know that meditation does make a difference. However, persuading others can be difficult. This part of the project is a work-in-progress.



Very early in the project I connected with a group of meditators in the UK. These people had formed a small group following COP26 and produced the material on the WCCM website. They call themselves the Earth Crisis Forum (ECF) and are led by Diana Ohlson, Kate Middleton and Jim Green. In turn, they had already connected with some Brazilian meditators with a passion for responding to the climate change crisis. I was welcomed into their midst. Jim took my discussion paper and created a succinct, one-page summary based on the above seven points.

Early on the morning of May 19th I attended an online meeting of ECF to explore ways we can engage the WCCM global community in responding to the climate crisis. More than 40 people from 12 countries attended the meeting. How meditation can make a difference was explored in some depth. The consensus is that meditation enables us to make our response more considered, less ego-centric and open to working with others in addressing this massively complex issue.

A key outcome of the meeting is to set up a global network within WCCM that responds in whatever way is appropriate in different parts of the world. Ideas will be shared, events planned and connections made. If you wish to be part of this in New Zealand, please send me an email and we can start a discussion on how WCCM-NZ can respond. Another meeting of ECF is planned in the not-too-distant future and it would be nice to have more New Zealand voices in the discussion.

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Christchurch Community Day February 2022

a report from Annette Reinheimer

Our first Community Day for 2022 here in Christchurch had been lightly clouded with uncertainty as to whether we would be able to go ahead given the Covid landscape. However, any concerns soon lifted and this was absolutely no deterrent to people turning up - the room was full! Following the "keeping safe" instructions from the church, we soon settled into what was a very special time together.

Sr. Lyndall Brown's love and intimacy with all of creation was apparent from the start. A tree outside the community space had caught Sr. Lyndall's eye and soon she was drawn into the scene and with awe shared her deep connection with it.

We were provided with teachings from all the great wisdom traditions that reflected God is in everything. We were then asked to choose one, savour it, let it find a home in our hearts and sit in silence with its revelation.

One teaching from Pope Francis particularly spoke to me:

*God has written precious book
whose letters are the multitude
of created things present in the universe*

*No creature is excluded from this
manifestation of God;
from the panoramic vista
to the tiniest of living form,
nature is a constant source
of wonder and awe.*

*It is a continuing revelation
of the Divine.
Laudato Si*

The book *Laudato Si* was given to me not so long ago and I highly recommend it.

Another expression of God in everything that Sr. Lyndall offered was Monica Brown's music and her lyrics, revealing an appreciation of all of creation and that we are all co-creators with God. Several attendees were deeply moved by one piece of her music entitled *Holy Mystery*.

We paused twice to meditate and took two readings from John Main that reflected the God in everything theme of the day

We thank everyone for being with us and look forward to being together again in a few months



Christchurch Community Day

Saturday 11th June 2022
10.00am - 2.30pm

All Souls Church, Church Lane
Christchurch

Theme:

Learning to See
in an Evolving Universe

*Nothing here is profane for those
who have eyes to see
Teilhard de Chardin*

The Christchurch Christian Meditation Community invites you to share a day of meditation practice and noticing together the wonder of creation and incarnation.

Our guide for the day is Kevin Gallagher MA (SD). Kevin is co-ordinator of Ignatian Spirituality NZ who offer retreats and *Te Wairua Mahi*, a course of formation in the Ministry of Spiritual Direction in the Ignatian Tradition, and the formation for Givers of the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius.

Kevin is the husband of Lyn, father of four adult children and six grandchildren

- * Hot drinks provided
- * Please bring your own lunch
- * The venue asks that we wear masks please
- * Suggested Koha \$10.00 is appreciated

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NZCCM has a Facebook Page!



Turangi-based meditator Lesley Cotterill has taken on the role of co-ordinating our first foray into social media.

If you are a *Facebook* user, we ask that you message Lesley and make a connection with the group. If you are not sure how to do this via *Facebook* then email Lesley at lesley.toprelish@icloud.com and she will help you with the link.

The goal of the page is to promote more widely events and activities of the New Zealand Community. Any help you can give in spreading the word would be greatly appreciated.

Oceans of God

The Story of NZCCM



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NZCCM Oblate Gathering February 2022

a report from Nick Polaschek

New Zealand Oblates of WCCM gathered online on 28th February and 1st March, in lieu of our normal biennial two day face to face gathering. Oblates met via zoom for two sessions each day, morning and evening. We shared the Divine Office, meditated together, and reflected in small groups in breakout rooms on input provided by particular Oblates for each session.

The Oblate Community is made up of people who have chosen to join a group consciously seeking to live out their meditative practice in a style of life guided by the Monastic Rule of St. Benedict. Each Oblate adopts a pattern of daily life inspired by the principles and practices of the Rule. We meet periodically in groups around the country for mutual sharing and support. The biennial meeting is an opportunity for the whole Community to be together and share with one another. In this time of Covid we all appreciated the opportunity to be together online.

Early on Ash Wednesday Fr. Laurence Freeman led an online Eucharist from Bonnevaux, at which seven New Zealand novices made their final Oblations. From varied Christian backgrounds with different pathways to this point of commitment, this day was the culmination of several years of preparation during which a person gradually enters the Benedictine way of life. This happy occasion brought out the unity in diversity created by meditation in the WCCM. An eighth person, unable to attend, will make her Oblation later in the year. There are now 46 WCCM Oblates in Aotearoa New Zealand.



The final oblation ceremony with Fr. Laurence:

(Top Row, left to right): Vincent Maire, Linda & Nick Polaschek, Yvonne Smith
(Middle Row, left to right): Jo Ward National Oblate Coordinator, Marie Shepherd, Maureen & Raymond Eberhard
(Bottom of Picture): Fr. Laurence Freeman

Meditation and the War in Ukraine

a report from Jenny Cumberbeach

This year observance of Lent included feeling every day for Ukrainians in their exodus.

In a meditation meeting reflection at Bonnevaux, the day after the invasion, Fr. Laurence expressed that:

As meditators, we need to confront both the political and the huge scale, and the danger, and the destruction of this Russian invasion - and to take time to feel something deeper than the nausea and shock of this war. To feel the deeper level of consciousness that connects us to all those who will be suffering this trauma, who are traumatized and are passing this trauma on to their children and grandchildren. We need to take time to feel a unified consciousness ... to break into that consciousness ... in the silent tacit knowledge that we discover in ourselves, and among ourselves in meditation. The silent knowledge that enables us to go through this crisis with those who are suffering.

For Fr. Laurence, walking through the desert with Maria and Albert Zacharovy, the WCCM National Co-ordinators from Ukraine, brought an answer to a question he'd been asking himself for a long time, "What difference does meditation make?"

When he had asked Maria and Albert "What difference does meditation make during this terrible time?" they had replied:

"It keeps our minds calm and clear. It feels like we are going through a tunnel - but we will survive. Everything around us can seem as if it is dying, but we find in ourselves what cannot die."

After listening to their reflection on meditation during this time of war, Fr. Laurence saw the answer to his question was to

see each person as a neighbour - even those who are trying to destroy us. Because, as they had expressed, the peace we would like to find in the world must first be found in our hearts.

Fr. Laurence continued his reflection:

Falsehoods, lies, deceptions, brainwashing, and propaganda hide hardened hearts, like Pharaoh's or Putin's. This is terrible in a time of war, but it also happens in a time of peace in a materialistic and consumerist society - and our betrayal of democracy. Ukraine is resisting this on the scale of war. And Ukrainians are showing the world what roots really mean, how they eventually hold us in the power and being of God. The God who has no favourites - but who unites the world. All human diversity is united in the divine unified consciousness. It is a way of living day by day. Meditation is a powerful weapon of attention. The bomb of attention, of silence, is not hollow like a cluster bomb. It is empty. That means without attachments or illusions. It is poor in Spirit. And it contains the micro-bombs of personal love spreading far and wide in our daily encounters.

The theme of unified consciousness was chosen this year as the theme for the WCCM.

In her introduction to the international part of the first global online meditation meeting, *Peace in the Heart, Peace in the World*, Maria shared:

One of our members of the group shared with us the theme unified consciousness seemed rather strange to her and caused her vague anxiety leading to the question "Where is this unity? Where to look for it in a world torn apart by conflicts? In a heart split by anxieties? Where in our current moment full of opposing dualities?" And this question became prophetic for us. This question

reminded us that we must seek unity not in words but in the depths of our field of reality. We obtain this field when we put aside all our illusions. We must be able to unearth the hidden treasury, the Kingdom of God. And today this field here is war. It is the pain of the victims and the cruelty of the aggressors, and we have no other reality today. It is in this here and now that we must meditate giving birth to Christ and crucifying our egocentrism, together with Christ on the ruins of our cities. We must change and overcome our former selves so there's no difference between our heart and mind, and the heart and mind of Christ.

She continued her reflection:

Living only the poverty of our more present moment. This moment here and now. The work clearly raises a question that we could hide from our attention before. "Where is the unity in this world of conflicts?" Probably we can continue this question with another more familiar to our ears. "Where is God in the holocaust and in the siege of Mariupol?"

In the second global online international meditation meeting, live from Lviv, *Meditation in a Time of War: Transforming Darkness into Light*, Fr. Laurence addressed this question: "Why does God 'allow' suffering? Where is God in these atrocities? by relating his experience when he first went to Auschwitz:

In one of the little cells that housed the Polish prisoners, a Polish officer had scratched a quite beautiful little picture of Christ on the cross. A silent symbol in response to that mystery of evil. The nearest to articulating the meaning of the question is, God is in the suffering.

He went on to explain:

God has given us freedom and we are using that freedom - and that freedom is an aspect of the divine nature itself. We are dealing with a completely different approach to God, and we accept

responsibility for our own terrible mistakes. The purpose of meditation, and the approach we therefore should take is the growth into a unified consciousness. The deeper we go into an experience of meditation, which is the prayer of the heart or pure prayer, from a Christian perspective, the more we become one with the mind of Christ. Meditation is a process of personal transformation. A discipline. That process of transformation in the Christian expression is to become one with the mind of Christ. And the mind of Christ is one with the mind of the Father. So from the Christian understanding of meditation we are entering into that unified consciousness with the Father, which we enter through the union with the unified consciousness of Christ.

And Maria expressed:

Perhaps we all change too slowly. But today war has come and we are forced to enter immediately into the stream of continual conversion on which the life of the Benedictine monks is based.

Our field of everyday life is this war - a form of reality simultaneously demonstrating the worst illusions of human consciousness and uproots us from our illusions ... But as contemplators and meditators we remember that an invisible light is always hidden in the depths of darkness. And in the depths of our field of life, no matter how terrible it may look today, the Kingdom is still hidden - the Divine Presence - and our experience of presence in the moment of reality. We continue to meditate so as not to lose connection with inner peace and unity. Because the people who brought the war had lost this connection.

On Great Saturday, the Lviv WCCM meditation community was a guest at the liturgy at the Benedictine Monastery of St. Joseph, where about one hundred refugees now live, with help from the Lviv meditation community and WCCM meditators worldwide and Caritas. The chaplain of the Monastery, Fr Maxmillian Naneralls OSB, in his sermon spoke of the main motivation for meditation in the Easter perspective:

Do not look for the Risen Christ where he does not exist - in the caves of our egocentrism. Seek him where he really is - in our oneness with others.



Links to do with the Ukraine war plus a link to join the WCCM group for Unified Consciousness for Ukraine.

Fr. Laurence Freeman on the war in Ukraine:

Why meditation makes a difference. Reflection at the Bonnevaux Meditation Group, 24th February 2022 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tQzzJOJiNaE>

Herman Van Rompuy on the war in Ukraine:

Meditation makes us stronger, not weaker. Reflection at the Bonnevaux Meditation Group, 25th February 2022 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HkZC8ufqgWc&list=RDCMUCVyZr8UvruQcx05H7TYnA_g&index=2

Peace in the Heart, Peace in the World:

A milestone moment of unity and solidarity for Ukraine. The online session *Peace in the Heart, Peace in the World* was held on 26th March, with more than one thousand participants from all around the world. Maria and Albert Zacharovy, WCCM National Coordinators from Ukraine, spoke from Lviv and shared how meditation and the support of the Community have been vital for them in these dark times. The session included talks by Fr. Laurence Freeman and Herman Van Rompuy, President of the European Council Emeritus. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FvdvMohAG-g&t=4088s>

Meditation in a Time of War: Transforming Darkness into Light:

A live session from Lviv with Fr. Laurence Freeman, Maria & Albert Zakharovy and Fr. Anastasy Danilevsky was held on 30th April 2022. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7iS3AUS6-6Q>

Contemplative Eucharist Live from Lviv with Fr. Laurence Freeman and Fr. Anastasy Danilevsky.

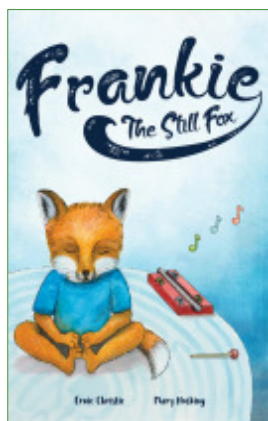
This ceremony was part of the programme of Fr. Laurence's visit to Lviv for a series of evens local and online. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uxTcr003YAI>

Ukraine Journal:

Fr. Laurence Freeman's journal on the visit to Ukraine <https://wccm.org/articles/ukraine-journal-2022/>

MYWCCM Group Unified Consciousness for Ukraine:

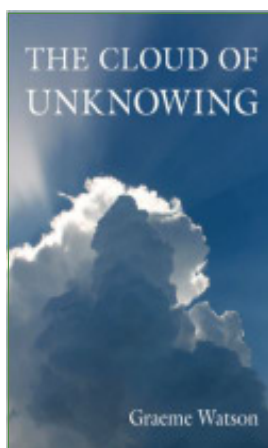
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Frankie The Still Fox *Ernie Christie & Mary Hosking*

In the words of the authors addressed to the book's readers: *When you turn the pages of this book you will learn how to become still and silent. Even when the world around you is so noisy and busy and distracted, you, like Frankie, can choose another way of being and learn to be attentive. By being still, really still and being silent, really silent, you will learn to just 'BE'.* Designed to appeal to young readers and enable them to discover meditation and make friends with Frankie along the way. Well worth inspecting to see if you would care to donate a copy to a primary school library. \$27.99

<https://www.christiansupplies.co.nz/product/9781916095854/frankie-the-still-fox/>



The Cloud of Unknowing *Graeme Watson*

The teaching of the 14th century spiritual classic *The Cloud of Unknowing* is presented by Graeme Watson in a lively and contemporary form. He explains the significance of approaching God through a one-word prayer as advocated by the anonymous author of *The Cloud*. He explains the meaning of *the cloud of unknowing* and *the cloud of forgetting*, reflects on humility and charity as virtues fundamental to human living, and explains how contemplative prayer deals with the roots of sin. He does this from his own deep experience of contemplative prayer, making it come alive for the reader. This is a great introduction to both the book *The Cloud of Unknowing* and to contemplative prayer. It will be of interest to anyone wishing to start their journey of meditation or indeed deepen their understanding of the mystical tradition. \$13.99.

<https://www.christiansupplies.co.nz/product/9781916095816/the-cloud-of-unknowing/>



Just Turn Up! The Meditator's Companion, a practical guide *Julie Roberts*

This book is a walk with an aspiring meditator who has begun the journey of meditation at an introductory programme and is now encountering roadblocks along the way. First, there are doubts and uncertainties that stem from a lifetime of conditioning. Then there are challenges that arise from life situations. Julie Roberts accompanies the meditator with the gentle compassion and wisdom that flows from personal experience on her own journey. Her simple reflections reassure the meditator, and the practical questions that follow help the meditator to understand meditation as a journey, calling for commitment. It bears fruit in its own time. All we have to do is to *Just Turn Up!* \$43.99

<https://www.christiansupplies.co.nz/product/9789811825224/just-turn-up-the-meditators-companion-a-practical-guide/>

In order to reduce cost and the impact on our planet, the above titles are coming from the UK by sea with an ETA in store of 10th June. They are all published by Meditatio Resources, the publishing arm of the World Community of Christian Meditation.

***Go to the links below each item for further information.
Order at www.christiansupplies.co.nz telephone 0508 988 988 (toll free)
or email order@pleroma.org.nz***

Auckland Retreat

St Francis Retreat Centre,
50 Hillsborough Road,
Hillsborough, Auckland.

15th to 17th July 2022

Back to the Source

A weekend retreat devoted to exploring
the teachings of Fr. John Main OSB

Led by Fr. Peter Murphy



The retreat offers an introduction to the teachings of Benedictine monk Fr. John Main (1926-1982) who is recognized as one of the most influential spiritual teachers of our time. His recovery of a universal practice of contemplative prayer in daily life led to the formation of the World Community for Christian Meditation. The retreat will draw primarily from his *Gethsemane Talks*, a retreat given in the monastery of Thomas Merton, and the occasion launching John Main's international ministry.

The conferences will also draw from *Word into Silence*, Fr. John's most theological work. The retreat will be mostly in silence but with time for questions and personal consultation. People new to, and wishing to know more about, the practice of meditation in the Christian tradition, are most welcome to attend.

Cost \$255.00

For more information on how to register,
download the retreat brochure at
www.christianmeditationnz.org.nz.

*Financial assistance to attend the retreat
is available.*

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New Zealand Community for Christian Meditation

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Christian Meditation Online Introductory Course 2022

**This free online course will take place
over five Saturdays, starting on the 13th
August and finishing on the 10th September.
It will begin at 3.00pm for approximately an
hour to ninety minutes.**

In the Christian tradition, meditation is known as the prayer of the heart. This way of silent prayer was first described by the Desert Mothers and Fathers in the 4th century. It underlies the whole Christian mystical teaching and is practised increasingly widely today. For many it is the missing link in the chain of Christian spirituality.

Over the five weeks the course teaches you how to meditate and helps you to establish it as a regular practice. We will also explore the origins of meditation in the Christian tradition and the benefits it will bring to you. This is the beginning of a journey, which we hope you will enjoy!

For any queries, or to book your place,
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Peace that the World Cannot Give

Silent Retreat

16th to 19th January 2023

University of Waikato, Hamilton, NZ

Led by Kath Houston

a WCCM Director

We live in turbulent times with the pressures of climate change and natural disasters, the covid pandemic, wars and violence. More and more people are asking how can we find peace?

We need to understand what peace means, yet it is beyond understanding. The only power that can create peace in our world is the power of peace found, known and experienced in human hearts. Meditation takes us to that place beyond understanding where mystery is known and knows us.

In this Retreat we will journey deep into our hearts to explore this mystery and uncover the wellspring of peace that is to be found there.

Meditation is utter simplicity . . . John Main



Kath Houston from The World Community for Christian Meditation

Kath Houston has been meditating for nearly 20 years and has been an active member of WCCM throughout this time. She lives in the Bayside suburb of Wynnum in Brisbane, Australia.

In 2014 after spending a year in formation at Meditatio House in London with Fr. Laurence Freeman, Kath retired from a career as a lawyer to focus full time on voluntary work with WCCM.

As coordinator of the School of Meditation in Australia and a member of the international School Team, Kath has led many retreats, quiet days and workshops throughout Australia and other parts of the world, and has helped to develop a number of teaching resources.

Kath currently serves as Director of Liaison with National Co-ordinators and is a member of the WCCM Guiding Board.

**More information about the Retreat and how to register
is on our NZCCM website: [January Retreat](#)**

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Events Calendar:

2022

2nd June

NATIONAL Community ONLINE Gathering

Leader: Michael Dougherty, *Topic:* Mysticism as a Process, As a Way of Life.

This presentation will focus on mysticism as a journey, a process, a way of life of the mystic's response to God. Join the Zoom Meeting at 6.55pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82325217152?pwd=aEI4V3hvcUg0Uzd1WjAzVFBOEhCQT09>

Meeting ID: 823 2521 715 Passcode: 772439

11th June

Wellington Region Community Day

Sts. Peter & Paul, Lower Hutt. 10.00am - 3.30pm

Led by Rev. Jenny Dawson. *Topic: Desert Spirituality*

Contact Anne Cave annecave@gmail.com

11th June

Waikato / Bay Of Plenty Community Day

Meeting in Paeroa at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 200 Normanby Road. 10.00am - 2.30pm.

Rosie Dell speaking on *Desert Wisdom*, (a shortened version of her Waikato Retreat presentation).

Contact Raymond Eberhard on 07 5495329 or celebrantraymond@gmail.com

11th June

Christchurch Community Day

All Souls Church, Church Lane, Christchurch. 10.00am - 2.30pm.

Learning to see in an Evolving Universe. *Leader:* Kevin Gallagher.

Contact Annette Reinheimer - annettere852@gmail.com

2nd July to

On-line Essential Teaching Workshop

6th August

Saturday afternoons, 3.00pm - 5.00pm.

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15th July to

Auckland Retreat

17th July

St. Francis Retreat Centre.

Contact Vincent Maire vincentmaire12@gmail.com

13th Aug to

Online Introductory/Refresher Course

10th Sept

Saturday afternoons, 3.00pm - 4.15pm. All welcome.

Early booking is helpful for Raymond's planning

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16th-18th Sept

Christchurch Retreat

Further details available from Annette Reinheimer - annettere852@gmail.com

2023

16th-19th Jan

National Retreat at Waikato University, Hamilton.

Leader: Kath Houston, WCCM Director of Liaison with National Communities.

Topic: Peace that the World Cannot Give.

More details in this issue of *Stillpoint*. Contact: retreat@christianmeditationnz.org.nz