

'The God Who Speaks': Celebrating, living and sharing God's Word

Pope Francis recently wrote: 'The relationship between the Risen Lord, the community of believers and sacred Scripture is essential to our identity as Christians. Without the Lord who opens our minds to them, it is impossible to understand the Scriptures in depth. Yet the contrary is equally true: without the Scriptures, the events of the mission of Jesus and of his Church in this world would remain incomprehensible. Hence, Saint Jerome could rightly claim: "Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ."' (Aperuit Illis n1 2019)

Our Summer School this year will offer ways of responding to this challenge through our liturgy and music. Nick King SJ will lead us into reflecting on the depths of the Christian scriptures and their meaning for us. Through workshops and our liturgies together we will focus on the way we use the scriptures to lead people to a stronger relationship with the Lord, who is the Word of God himself.

Nick King SJ (Keynote speaker) teaches New Testament and related languages at the University of Oxford, where he is at Campion Hall, the Jesuit house. His publications include a translation of the entire Greek Bible into English.

Directors of Liturgy and Music – Mgr Kevin McGinnell is a priest of Northampton Diocese, Secretary of the Spirituality Committee, Department of Christian Life and Worship and Chairman of the Society of Saint Gregory; **Paul Inwood** is an internationally known liturgist, organist, choral conductor, author, speaker and composer of the official Vatican Hymn for the Holy Year of Mercy.

Accompanist – Catherine Christmas is Advisor for Liturgy and Music in Arundel and Brighton diocese, organist at St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth and a member of the Collegetown Composers Group.

Workshops will include

- **Singing the Psalms.** Exploring the rich treasure trove of the psalms and the different musical styles available, this is a practical workshop for singers and choir directors. (**John Ainslie**)
- **Singing the Scriptures.** A choral workshop which will look at repertoire and how to perform it.
- **Liturgy of the Hours.** Prayer of the Church or Preserve of the Clergy? (**Bishop Peter Brignall**)
- **The Gospel of Saint Matthew.** A study of Matthew's Gospel and its relevance for us today. (**Nick King SJ**)
- **Lectio Divina.** Scripture reading, meditation and prayer. (**Mgr Kevin McGinnell**)
- **Proclaiming the Word that never changes in a world under pressure.** The expectations of the Reader in our times. (**Dr Marian Tolley**)

Plus... Mini-workshops, 'Big Sing', Bar and traditional social events.

The Society of Saint Gregory reserves the right to vary these arrangements.

About the Venue

Belsey Bridge Conference Centre is situated on the Norfolk/Suffolk border in quiet countryside, ideal for a relaxing walk. The Centre has a reputation for excellent, locally sourced food and comfortable accommodation, mostly in single en-suite rooms. The bedrooms with en-suite facilities will be allocated on a **first-come, first-served** basis. For those arriving by public transport, there is a bus service from Norwich to Bungay and the Summer School Team can arrange transport from the village to the Conference Centre. For further information please visit www.cct.org.uk

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Please send your completed form (signed and dated), including deposit, full payment or card authorisation to:

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