



'The God Who Speaks' an SSG Spring Gathering



Society of Saint Gregory will be holding a series of spring gatherings with talks, liturgies (Morning Prayer and Mass) and workshops. With 2020 designated as The Year of the Word, there will be a particular focus on celebrating, living and sharing God's Word. All are welcome, whether members or not, particularly anyone involved in parish ministry.

When? Saturday, 16 May 2020 (10.30am – 4.30pm – registration from 10am)
Where? Our Lady and the English Martyrs, 12 Highbridge Road, Burnham-on-Sea TA8 1LL

Workshops:

- **The God who speaks through song** – This workshop will look at how we use psalms at Mass and will explore the treasure trove of scriptural songs, with lots of singing! This workshop will be led by composer, Martin Barry, who was Choirmaster and Director of Music at Salford Cathedral for 23 years and now leads the music at Our Lady's in Lillington.
- **St Matthew's Gospel and what it means for us today** – This workshop will reflect on the words of St Matthew and its relevance for us in 2020. This workshop will be led by Mgr Kevin McGinnell, a priest of Northampton Diocese, Secretary of the Spirituality Committee, Department of Christian Life and Worship and Chairman of the Society of Saint Gregory.
- **Proclaiming the Word** - a practical workshop for readers. Please come with a prepared reading – short or long, Old or New Testament. This workshop will be led by Mary Rouse who has served on the Birmingham Archdiocese Liturgy Commission Church Music Committee and is a former Secretary of the SSG. Mary regularly delivers readers' workshops around the country.

The day will begin with Morning Prayer at 10.30am followed by a talk focusing on Pope Francis' recent message, exhorting us to "*Make room in your lives for the Word of God*". How do we do that? Where is the Bible in your home? Do we treat the Word of God with reverence in our parishes? Through our talk and workshops, we will delve into the rich treasure of the scriptures and consider their relevance for us today and how we can respond to this through our liturgy and music. The day will culminate with the celebration of Mass at 3.30pm.

The cost is £15 per person (a simple soup lunch will be provided). Booking requests may be made by emailing bookings@ssg.org.uk or calling Mary Rouse on 07540 532785. Online booking is available on our website at www.ssg.org.uk, where you can also print a booking form. Places should be booked no later than 7 days before the event. Further information is also available by emailing bookings@ssg.org.uk

Similar study days are being held in Winchester on 14 March 2020 (St Peter's Church) and Buckley, Flintshire on 2 May 2020 (Church of Our lady of the Rosary). More information is available at www.ssg.org.uk

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