

THE JESUS PRAYER

what we can learn from the Orthodox tradition

30 April – 4 May 2012 The Jesus Prayer

This will be a leisurely exploration of our life in God from an Orthodox perspective with Fr. Philip Bevan.

We will explore the key themes of:

1. The roots of hesychasm - the great mystical prayer movement.
2. The Name of Jesus - the Jesus Prayer which is rooted in Holy Scripture.
3. The sanctification of time - What is time and how is it to be sanctified?
4. Death - a peaceful ending to our life: bodily death as an experience of healing.
5. Transfiguration - *theosis*, our our journey's end.

The retreat will begin on Monday evening with an introductory session, and will end on Friday after lunch. Apart from the Monday evening, our talks will be held in the morning after breakfast, one on each day. We will begin each day with Morning Prayer, and on some days we will celebrate the Eucharist. Our meals will be communal and a chance to get to know each other. The main time of silence will be each afternoon, ending with Evening Prayer. Throughout the day there will be plenty of time for personal prayer, walking, reading or swimming in the lovely outdoor pool. Each evening after Supper we will have a time for a discussion on the theme of the day, with some vignettes of Orthodox Monastic life.

€350 (shared) / €380 (single occupancy)

You can book additional days at the beginning or end of this retreat/course, at an Open House rate. Please, see the "Holiday" section of our website form more information.

RETREAT LEADER



Philip Bevan is an Anglican Priest of the Diocese of Southwark. He has a life long interest in Orthodoxy, and has made it a special study, at the Orthodox Institute in Cambridge, and at various Conferences of The Fellowship of St John Baptist, and St Alban and St Sergius.

Philip's spiritual life is deeply rooted in the Jesus Prayer and has wide experience in leading retreats, quiet days and in spiritual direction.

For 30 years he has worked with people living on the margins of our society. He has also learned how to live the contemplative life in the midst of a busy working day in London.

