

Transformed by the Beloved: Spiritual Lessons from St. John of the Cross

11-15 June 2012

An introduction to the spirituality and poetry of John of the Cross, Spain's most universal spiritual teacher. An opportunity to explore key themes in John's mystical poems with Anglican priest Daniel Muñoz. It includes:

- ▶ Reflections and meditations on John's most powerful and inspiring poems (see programme below).
- ▶ Intimate, open-air, candle-light, flamenco performances in the Saint John of the Cross courtyard.
- ▶ Accommodation and full board in losOlivos (it does not include wine or alcoholic beverages, which can be purchased from the guest bar).
- ▶ Corporate worship in chapel (daily morning and evening prayer, and end of retreat Eucharist).
- ▶ Free time for personal prayer and reflection, and to relax and enjoy the natural surrounding.

PROGRAMME *(draft version, subject to changes)*

Monday: Guests arrive (from 4 pm). Introduction to the course: *Songs in the Night: keys to understand San Juan de la Cruz.*

Tuesday: An exploration of the poem "Dark Night" through the ideas of *movement* and *nakedness of the soul*. After dinner film.

Wednesday: An exploration of the poem "Spiritual Canticle" and John's "Solitary Bird" through the idea of *spiritual search* and the discipline of *prayer-contemplation*.

Thursday: An exploration of the poem "Living Flame of Love" through the ideas of *spiritual encounter* and *transformation in the Beloved*. After dinner flamenco performance of poems by John of the Cross.

Friday: Final reflections using the poem "The Fountain" and end of retreat Eucharist. Retreat finishes after lunch.

COURSE LEADER



Daniel Muñoz is an Anglican priest and theologian, and chaplain to losOlivos. He has led art and spirituality projects in parish churches in the Oxford Diocese (UK), where he served as a priest for 9 years and is founder of the Marlow Art and Spirituality Network (Bucks, UK). Dani has led retreats, courses and weekends away, in the UK, Spain and Sweden. He has a personal interest in 16th century Spanish mysticism, especially the life and works of John of the Cross, celtic spirituality and Christian art.

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Above: Daniel teaching about John of the Cross at losOlivos.



Left: Participants of the St John of the Cross retreat in the Summer of 2011.

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€380 (single occupancy)