



2009/10 Retreats at Silverdale Friary

All visitors to Silverdale will benefit from the history in the land of this small village and gracious area. Tarmac was invented in Silverdale, so many a new highway has been laid from here! Significant works of God were birthed here and in the wider area in recent years and in previous centuries major reformers lived and struggled with fresh ideas and values, such as Bernard Gilpin, 'the apostle of the north', and the land is steeped in the pioneering justice and joy of the Society of Friends.

While here, you will be warmly hosted in our stone-built Victorian home. Breakfast is leisurely and always includes prayer and communion to begin the day and evening dinner is latish, with wine, good food and conversation which aims to open up and interpret the insights of the day's journey together. The rest of the time is free to be used as you choose should you come on your own visit.

Open Home Retreat

This is a weekend available when anyone wanting time and space alone with God is welcome to find it here alongside others on a similar quest - it's kind of God's serendipity! So your time is very much your own, though we're happy to share in prayer and prophetic insight with any guest individually if desired, and believing firmly in creation speaking too, will gladly facilitate a visit for any interested to the head of the valley where Gilpin was born and raised, (very fit people can climb right up onto the Kentmere Round) or to significant nearby Quaker sites, where many were guided into joy and justice, quaking in the process!

Our next Open Home Retreat is 20-22nd November 2009.

For those who would like to join a slightly more organised, focussed retreat, we can offer the following dates.

Silverdale Study Weekends

These are quite intellectually stretching times, based as they are around the doctoral studies that Roger is pursuing at Lancaster University, on the issues of how church has developed through history and her interaction and relationship with the Empires of the world and with the Kingdom of God. With a little help from his friends, these weekends have become accessible, stimulating and extremely relevant to the days we live in!

Next SSW is 5th-7th March 2010 when Roger will open up his latest work and particularly focus this time on the effects of the interface of church and society through the centuries and how a particular theological perspective became 'subsumed' or unconsciously formed, which then itself informed how the interaction continued.

The Journey beyond the Congregation

Many Christians today are finding that God is requiring a more creational lifestyle than we ever imagined, with our major identity and calling as God's people being re-contextualised in today's wider society rather than primarily or only in the local church congregation. These weekends tend to facilitate conversations about feelings of loss, guilt and inadequacy, excitement, freedom and awesome responsibility - and finding a place of peace, confidence and a changed mindset.

Next JBC will be 23rd-25th April 2010, when Roger and Sue will hope to encourage your stories and journey experiences to be shared and common lessons, hopes and fears to be addressed biblically and prophetically.

Please email us at admin@passion.org.uk for further enquiries and bookings. Please note that occasionally the dates may be subject to change and should be confirmed via the website www.passion.org.uk Check out the lovely area too on www.arnsidesilverdaleaonb.org.uk, click 'online' and find the Bittern at the bottom of the page!