

The World Community for Christian Meditation in the UK

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Horizon of Christ

LAURENCE FREEMAN OSB

16 – 18 JUNE 2017

High Leigh Conference Centre, Hoddesdon EN11 8SG

The UK Conference in 2017 will again be led by Fr Laurence and we shall be returning to High Leigh Conference Centre where the successful 'One and the Many' conference was held in 2013. It promises to be a very special time, with talks from Fr Laurence and opportunities for questions and interaction interleaved with meditation. There will be workshops, discussion groups, time for browsing the bookshop, walking in the grounds and socialising. We will end with Sunday morning Eucharist and lunch.

In speaking on the horizon of Christ, the theme of this year's conference, Fr Laurence said:

"The Christian contemplative experience is an ever-deeper discovery of the mystery of Christ into whose life we merge. Community happens among those who are growing in this new way of seeing and understanding life. Our heart and minds and the generosity of our spirits expand exponentially.

How does our daily meditation and our work of sharing the gift of meditation help us – amid all the troubles and neediness of our world – to bear witness in service to others while travelling towards the horizon that is Christ?"

Agenda & Workshops

Fr Laurence's talks will be integrated into a rhythm of meditation, simple body awareness, opportunities for discussion and workshops exploring the essential spiritual practices. A full agenda will be sent to you before the conference but you may wish to note that registration is from 4pm on the first day and the conference ends after lunch on Sunday.

The Venue

High Leigh Conference Centre is an attractive venue set in parkland. Conference and breakout rooms for the workshops are all excellent and the accommodation is ensuite and of a high standard.

www.cct.org.uk/high-leigh/virtual-tour

Bursaries – Receiving or Donating

Please get in touch if you need financial help to attend the conference.

Being able to offer bursaries makes a huge difference to meditators who would not normally be able to attend the conference due to financial constraints. If you are able to provide help towards the bursary fund, please fill in the appropriate section on the form overleaf ... and thank you!

Booking: please detach and complete the booking form on the back page and send it off with your deposit. (It may be helpful if you keep this page as a reminder of when and where the balance of the fee should be sent). The balance of payment is due by 28th April 2017 with cheques payable to CMT (UK). Please send to J Russell, WCCM UK Conference, 15 Helford Close, Aylesbury HP21 8BG.

Laurence Freeman was born in England in 1951 where he was educated by the Benedictines and studied English Literature at New College, Oxford University. Before entering monastic life, he had experience with the United Nations in New York, banking and journalism.

His spiritual teacher was John Main whom he accompanied to Montreal in 1977 to establish a Benedictine community of monks and laypeople dedicated to the practice and teaching of Christian Meditation.



After the death of John Main in 1982, Fr Laurence continued the work of teaching meditation that had already begun to develop a global community. In 1991 the International Centre of the newly formed World Community for Christian Meditation was formed which has become a 'monastery without walls' now present in more than a hundred countries.

In 2010 the Meditatio outreach programme of WCCM was launched to mark the celebration of its twentieth anniversary.

He is currently involved in the development of a new International Centre for WCCM located near Poitiers, France. It is felt that the time has come to have a central and stable physical home which can provide the additional kind of unifying energy needed for the community as it moves beyond the 'founders' era and reaches a new level of maturity. This will be a home and retreat centre for the worldwide community dedicated to continuing and promoting the spiritual tradition seeded by Fr John Main.

He is the author of many books including: *The Light Within; The Selfless Self; Jesus the Teacher Within; First Sight and Seeking God*. He also speaks at conferences, retreats and seminars, where many of the talks have been recorded. CDs of these recordings and his books are available through the WCCM (www.wccm.org) website and through www.goodnewsbooks.net and will be available for sale during the conference.

As is our normal practice, in the unlikely event of the speaker being unavailable, we reserve the right to use an alternative speaker to ensure that the event is able to take place.

Mission statement of the World Community for Christian Meditation:

To communicate and nurture meditation as passed on through the teaching of John Main in the Christian Tradition, in the spirit of serving the unity of all.



BOOKING FORM

Name(s):

Address:

Postcode:

Telephone:

Email:

(this will be the primary method of contacting so please write clearly, thanks)

Number of places you wish to book:

Shared room

please tick

£175.00 (per person)

Single Occupancy

please tick

£225.00

Day rate (Saturday only)

please tick

£ 75.00

All rates are per person and include accommodation for both nights, all meals, drinks etc

Do you have any dietary requirements? Please specify:

Do you require a room that is adapted for ease of access?

Yes/No (please circle)

Donation towards bursaries:

£

Donation towards the work of WCCM

£

Please detach and return the completed form with a deposit of **£90** per person.

(deposits non refundable after 28th April) cheque payable to CMT (UK)

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