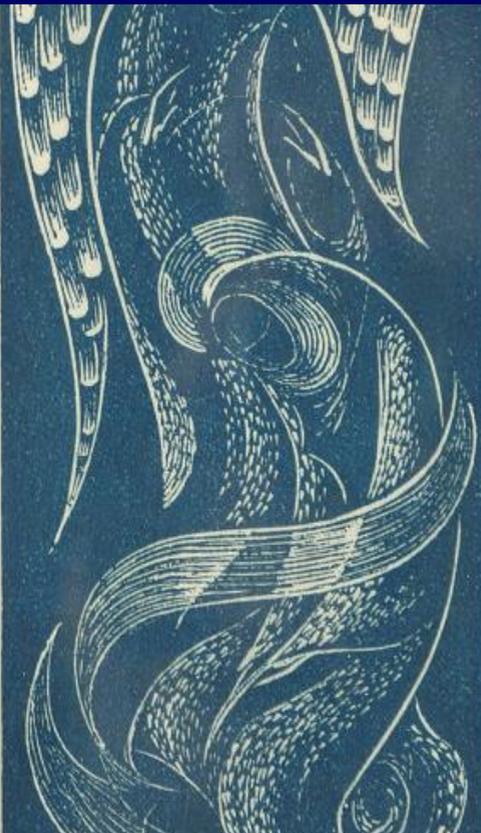


‘The Wisdom of Mary for Christian Discipleship’

**Leader: Revd Canon Dr
Georgina Byrne**



**Friday 13th—Sunday 15th October
Abbey Retreat House
Glastonbury**

The Wisdom of Mary for Christian Discipleship

Despite her evident presence in the gospels, Mary is often overlooked as a model for Christian discipleship. This retreat encourages participants to reflect on Mary in four key moments of her life and offers opportunity to ponder our own call to follow her son day by day.

In the annunciation and birth narratives we are challenged in how we listen attentively to God, how we discern God's will and how we test it. We are encouraged by Mary both to prepare and to be surprised by God.

We examine Mary's readiness to be taught by Jesus, how she lived as one among many and let her son take the glory.

We ponder Mary's participation in the crucifixion and ask what it tells us about how all Christians share in the suffering of the world.

Finally we engage with Mary at Easter and Pentecost and think about how we live lives that are fully alive with God's transforming power in our own situation.

This retreat will offer meditations on key scriptural texts, making use of images, poetry and music to enable Mary's voice to speak to our own desire to follow her Son as our Saviour.

The Revd Canon Dr Georgina Byrne is a residentiary canon of Worcester Cathedral. She was, until 2015, also Diocesan Director of Ordinands for the Diocese of Worcester. She has been ordained for twenty years and is married to Tim, a barrister. They have a son who is six.



Abbey House—Booking Form

The Wisdom of Mary Retreat

Please complete and return with your deposit to the Director

Name:

Address:

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Post Code: Telephone:.....

Email:

Please give details of special dietary needs and/or any mobility difficulties.

(Please note any special diets other than vegetarian, vegan or gluten-free will attract a £5 per day surcharge)

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**Please reserve a place for me on the
Journey into Wholeness Joy Retreat**

Cost £210 residential* or £130 for non-residents*

This includes accommodation, all meals & refreshments, input from the Retreat leader and use of Abbey House rooms and gardens

From: 4pm Friday 13th October 2017
To: 4pm Sunday 15th October 2017

I enclose a non-returnable deposit of £50.00

I will pay the balance of fees by 29th September 2017

Please make cheques payable to Abbey House

(credit & debit cards accepted—please note credit cards subject to 2.5% surcharge)

Please tick if you require a map and travel details

* Please delete as appropriate.



Abbey House, built in the 1830's, enjoys a beautiful position overlooking Glastonbury Abbey. From its public rooms and west facing bedrooms there is a long view through the soaring arches of the Benedictine Abbey across the Somerset levels to the Quantock hills.

According to legend the Abbey grounds have been the site of Christian worship from around 60 AD. Although the Abbey was robbed of much of its stonework after the Dissolution, the 40 acres within the perimeter walls always remained as one property, providing an area of peaceful parkland within the town. Abbey House guests enjoy the privilege of access to the ruins from the House gardens during Abbey opening hours.

Abbey House has its own ground floor chapel, a large sitting room and a beautiful library with views of the Abbey. There is also a small, atmospheric cellar chapel for quiet prayer or meditation. 36 guests can be accommodated in 18 single, 2 doubles, 1 family room and 5 twin bedded rooms - all with hand basins. The two double rooms are en-suite, and there are 7 bathrooms and 3 shower rooms. All the bedrooms are on the first floor; there is a chairlift to assist access to 12 of the rooms.

The premises are licensed with a bar available every evening in the Hall. The gardens include a prayer walk and a wide variety of trees, shrubs and wildlife including our own bee hives!



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