

November 2020

Dear sisters & brothers in Christ

District Retreat

This letter is to invite you to our District Retreat 2021 for Deacons, Lay Workers and Presbyters (both those in the active work and those who have sat down/retired). The retreat starts with lunch, (arrival at 12.45pm), on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January and will conclude with lunch on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January. Holding the retreat at this time provides space after all the busyness of autumn and Christmas to reflect and be refreshed. Places are limited to 16 so early booking is encouraged.

Our venue will again be the very beautiful Launde Abbey, Leicestershire. A few miles from major towns and cities, Launde has a wonderful sense of remoteness and tranquillity.

Our retreat this year will be led by Rev'd Michael & Mrs Margaret Sawyer and the theme will be *Walking on the shore – Grown up conversations about God with self and others in our contemporary world*. As always, this retreat provides a unique combination of quiet reflection, guided spirituality and fellowship with colleagues. Those who attend find it a very helpful time in addition to their other spiritual practices.


The cost this year will be £251.85 per person and is all inclusive. In the past most circuits have contributed, some paying half, some paying all. You can also use the Discretionary Grant being offered by the District of £50. We are unable to offer any Day Delegate places this year as our numbers are limited due to the coronavirus and so only full time places will be available. If you would like to attend but finances are difficult, please do contact me because a further discount may be possible, especially for those who have found the pandemic demanding.

If you wish to come – and I encourage you to as these retreats are valuable times and have been much appreciated – then please complete the attached slip and return it for the attention of the District Office. As time is of the essence, it would be greatly appreciated if you could send a cheque for the full amount by **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December**. Alternatively, you are most welcome to do an electronic transfer but please do remember to pop your name in the reference and let the District Office know to expect monies into the account. You will find banking details on the Booking Form also attached with this email.

Yours in Christ,



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