

Meet a former participant



Exploring Spirituality is just that, an exploration. An opportunity to touch on the rich history of Christian practice and thought, to spend time experiencing some of the different practices, to taste silence, to listen with our whole selves, to be heard, to share doubt and belief, laughter and tears, to travel this pilgrim route in very good company. A fortnightly spa for the soul. A valuable, kind, mirror in which to examine our lives.



Anne from Bath

How does the course work?

The course runs roughly fortnightly for a year at Flourish House, Wells, 10am - 3.30pm.

It includes:-

- Time to experience the tradition and make it your own
- A support group
- A Quiet Day
- Enneagram workshop.

The cost is £300, payable in termly instalments of £100. This includes the cost of the end-of-year retreat.

For more information visit:

bathandwells.org.uk

The Facilitators

Victor Barley has been a member of the Exploring Spirituality team for over twelve years. He is particularly drawn to Ignatian Spirituality, including experience of Spiritual Exercises.

Vivienne Bolton, Multimedia Artist and Tertiary of the Third Order of Franciscans.

Philip Hodgson, who recently retired from a career in IT, attended this course previously and found it a very enlivening experience. He is being drawn to the guiding principles of Ignatian Spirituality.

How do I find out more?

First, have a word with your clergy about the course and its suitability for you.

For more information and to register interest see the website:

bathandwells.org.uk/exploring-your-spiritual-journey/

Or contact

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For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light we see light.



Psalms 36:9

Who can do Exploring Spirituality?



If you:-

- want to experience more of God
- are prepared to try new ways of praying
- are open to exploring God with people of different views and experiences
- want to explore your own spiritual journey
- would like to create a simple life guide

then this might be the course for you. The course is held in a Church of England setting but is open to people of all denominations, lay and ordained.

The only prerequisite is a desire to discover more about your inner journey and a commitment to attend regularly.

Course dates for 2025

Term 1

10 January **Prayer and Spirituality I:** Introductions. Resources. Folder. Listening. Structure of course.

24 January **Prayer and Spirituality II:** Images of Self, Images of God.

7 February **Introduction to the Enneagram**

Fri 14 & Sat 15 Feb **Prayer and Self I:** Enneagram

28 February **Prayer and Self II:** Ware Spirituality Circle, Prayer and Personality

14 March **Christian Prayer Roots I:** Old Testament Spirituality, New Testament Spirituality

28 March **Christian Prayer Roots II:** Desert Fathers and Mothers

Term 2

25 April **The Disciplined Life I:** Benedictine Spirituality, the Balanced Life and Christian Meditation

9 May **The Disciplined Life II:** Evangelical Spirituality

16 May **Prayer and Creation I:** Franciscan Spirituality

Term 2 continued

6 June **Prayer and Creation II:** Celtic Spirituality

13 June **Prayer and Self III:** Thomas Merton, Richard Rohr

27 June **Contemplative Spirituality I:** Carmelite Spirituality

4 July **Contemplative Spirituality II:** Mother Julian of Norwich

18 July **Contemplative Spirituality III:** Icons.

1 August **Imaginative Spirituality I:** Ignatius of Loyola

Term 3

5 September **Imaginative Spirituality II:** Spirituality in film, art, music

26 September **Prayer and Daily Life I:** The way of the marketplace

3 October **Prayer and Daily Life II:** Contemporary spirituality, spirituality in a post-Christian world

17 October **Prayer and Daily Life III:** Spiritual Life history – one's own bread for the journey.

20-21 October Mon/Tues **Retreat:** Retreat at Penny Brohn National Centre. Vocation, Silence, Affirmation of rhythm of life, Spirituality and Creativity