

# INSPIRE

## AUGUST 28, 29, 30

### A FESTIVAL OF FAITH AND HOPE



We all need time and space to reflect on the pandemic and we all need hope as we look forward. Over the bank holiday weekend we will be offering space to think, pray and talk. There will be speakers, music, café conversation spaces, craft and activities.

#### Here is the overview of our events:

##### Saturday 28th

- 6:00pm **"Art in an Emergency: the power of art to resist and repair"**  
An interactive talk by Rev. Suzanne Nockels, President of the Congregational Federation.
- 7:00pm-10:00pm **"Taste and See"** Come and join us for a relaxed evening.  
There will be a licensed bar (you will be able to pay by card or with cash), music and some sneak previews of the day ahead.

##### Sunday 29th

- Worship** - open to everyone!  
If you ever wanted to try a church service this is a great chance to come and see what we do.
- 8:00am Holy Communion (a shorter, said service)
- 9:30am Parish Eucharist (our main Sunday service of Holy Communion with hymns)
- 11:30am Forest Church (informal worship outdoors in the Churchyard)
- 12:30pm-1:30pm **Bring your own Picnic.** Come and join us at Church, bring your lunch and enjoy the atmosphere.
- 2:00pm-2:30pm **"Love & Rabbits" - the one woman version!**  
This show has been performed at festivals and theatres by The Underground Clown Club. Katie Overstall has kindly agreed to perform a one woman version of the show with fabulously silly poetry to delight and entertain you.
- 3:00pm **"What - if anything - should the Church do about the Climate & Ecological Emergency?"**  
Dr. Joanna Laynesmith, historian, mother and clergy wife, regularly blogs and gives talks about the Church and the environment in Oxford Diocese.
- 4:00pm **"Words of Hope"** - Panel Talk  
A chance to listen to words that have inspired and encouraged the panelists and hear why they are special to them. It might be poetry, scripture, a speech or a letter - anything that brings hope.
- 5:00pm **"Monastic Spiritual Wisdom for a Busy Age"**  
Rev'd Dr. Mark Laynesmith, Chaplain at Reading University.  
A chance to reflect on the patterns and prayers of monastic life and the wisdom that we can take from them for our own lives.
- 6:00pm **"Songs of Praise: a service of hymns and readings"**  
We have all missed singing hymns during the pandemic so come and enjoy a service of worship packed full of your favourite hymns!
- 7:00pm-10:00pm **An informal evening of music and conversation.**  
There will be a licensed bar, you will be able to pay by card or with cash.

##### Monday 30th

- 10:00am-2:00pm Our Coffee Shop, "The Spire" will be open and there will still be lots going on around Church.

