

Dear Friends,

In Mark's Gospel, Jesus said, "**Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest**", but we don't always find it easy to take time out and find rest with God. As a Circuit we are organising a weekend retreat scheduled to take place in April 2019 which will allow individuals the opportunity to take time out; to go to a quiet place and get some rest.

The retreat is being organised by members of our Circuit who have given their time to ensure the activities that are going on are suitable for all who attend and is to be facilitated by Rev. Philip Hoar, former Superintendent Minister of the Stourport and Kidderminster Methodist Circuit. Philip will be focussing on prayer and specifically about the different ways we can pray and connect or reconnect with God. This invitation to join others on retreat means you are free to join as much or as little as you wish over the weekend. You may decide to join some activities and not others. You may wish to read or walk or refresh yourself in sleep. We all find rest in different ways. This is to be a reflective weekend; there will be no 'action activities' on offer.

Date: Friday 5th - Sunday 7th April 2019
Location: Shallowford House, Stone, ST15 0NZ
Arrival Time: 5pm to eat at 7pm
Departure Time: After Lunch (2pm)
Target Audience: Eighteen years and over
Maximum Attending: 35 People

Cost & Payment Plan

The cost for the weekend includes accommodation, all activities/sessions, breakfast on Saturday & Sunday, a 2 course lunch on Saturday & Sunday, a hot buffet on Friday night and a 3 course evening meal on Saturday. A bar is available on site which you are welcome to use. The cost for the weekend depends on two factors:

1. Number of attendees (if 30 or more attend then there will be a 10% discount per person offered by the venue)
2. Attaining grants from the District and Circuit

At this point, it is not possible to offer any final costings. If you wish to reserve a place, a £25 deposit is required before Christmas.

As soon as numbers are confirmed following the receipt of deposits, we will be able to confirm in the early part of the New Year what the cost to you will be. At most it will be £144. At best it will be £43.20 following the securing of grants to assist individuals with their payment.

Whatever the cost is we will be offering a payment plan. Again, this will be confirmed in the New Year but as an example, taking the highest option (£144 per person), the payment plan on offer will be:

£25 deposit paid by Sunday 23rd December 2018

£39.67 paid by the third Sunday of each month (January, February, March)

If you are interested in attending the weekend then please let me know as soon as possible; I will then send you a consent form which should be returned along with your deposit. In order to reduce any complications in the booking process please do contact me in the first instance. Places on this retreat will be offered on a 'first come, first served' basis.

If you have any questions or queries in the mean time please do not hesitate to get in touch.

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Kind Regards,

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For and on behalf of the Dudley & Netherton Circuit