PARCEVALL HALL

Programme of events 2017/18
Welcome to Parcevall Hall

Nestled in the heart of the Yorkshire Dales and set in 24 acres of beautiful formal and woodland gardens lies Parcevall Hall, a place for retreat and spiritual renewal, underwritten by Christian principles.

With excellent facilities for conferences, retreats and holidays, the Hall offers the comfort and character of an old house, the peace of a rural setting and the scenic beauty of the Yorkshire Dales National Park.

Available to private individuals as well as religious and secular groups, the Hall can be booked for residential conferences and holidays or for day groups and evening functions.

The History of the Hall

The oldest part of what was originally Persevall’s Ferme is believed to date back to at least 1586. It was bought by Sir John Yorke, lived in by his son Peter and then left to his second son, Thomas, in 1589.

In 1671 additions were made by Christopher Lowson and his bride, Elizabeth, who lived in the house until Christopher’s death in 1695.

For the next two centuries, the house was occupied by a succession of farmers and tenants, including the Yorke family again for a brief spell in the 19th century.

In the depths of the depression of the 1920s, the house was bought by Sir William Milner. Sir William was the eighth Baronet of Nun Appleton, a godson of Queen Mary and an architect by profession, renowned for his meticulous attention to detail and with a love of gardens and plants. He had inherited the title and status of the Baronetcy but no family seat, as Nun Appleton had been sold by Sir William’s father, Sir Frederick, to settle the gambling debts (totalling £175,000) of his elder brother, the sixth Baronet, whom Frederick had succeeded to the title in 1880.

Sir William Milner bought Parcevall Hall in 1927 and, using local labourers and materials, restored the original house and extended it substantially to create spacious living accommodation, distinctive guest bedrooms, a staff wing and magnificent cruciform terraced gardens.

Paying his labourers a shilling an hour, Sir William was remembered with gratitude and held in high esteem by his workers for providing secure employment during the years of the depression.

A deeply religious but very shy man, Sir William never married and, on his death in 1960, bequeathed Parcevall Hall to the Guardians of the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham.

The Guardians now manage the estate and gardens, and the hall itself is leased to and run by the Church of England Diocese of Leeds.
Visiting Parcevall Hall

Residential visitors and day guests are welcome all year round at Parcevall Hall. Whether as individual private guests, as part of an organised group or joining one of our programmed events, you will experience the peaceful tranquillity which has touched so many since the Hall opened in 1963.

Educational and training groups, craft, music, art and yoga workshops plus business groups and conferences all form part of the varied calendar of Parcevall Hall, alongside private holiday guests and those looking for a place to retreat or spend a quiet day. Wonderful home-cooked food is served in our 16th-century dining room.

As well as the Milner Room, which has state of the art audio-visual facilities, we have a number of smaller meeting areas suitable for private study or for use as break-out rooms for larger groups. In addition, our chapels, both indoors and in the gardens, are available for services or quiet reflection.

Our 17 letting rooms provide simple but charming, clean and comfortable accommodation for up to 28.

Most guests choose to stay full board. Breakfast, morning coffee, lunch, afternoon tea and dinner are included, and it is often said that no-one leaves Parcevall Hall hungry! We also take bookings for Dinner, Bed & Breakfast or for B&B.

The Hall is licensed and we have an honesty bar, as well as a gift shop selling greetings cards, books, jams and chutneys, and toiletries for anyone who may have missed something when packing.

Exclusive use of the Hall is available for groups of 17 or more, or for smaller groups paying an equivalent sum.

Programmed events

The Hall runs a number of events each year to which all are welcome. Full details are in this programme.

Booking

Because of the high demand for spaces at our programmed events, bookings are strictly first-come, first-served.

Booking forms can be downloaded from our website and are also in the centre of this programme, and can be posted or emailed to us. Please contact us to check availability. Once this is confirmed, a non-refundable deposit will secure a booking.
Religious Services
A service of Holy Communion is held in the inside Chapel every Tuesday at 10.15am, followed by coffee and homemade biscuits.
From March to November, services are held in the Garden Chapel on the second Saturday of every month. Attendees are invited for coffee and biscuits after the service (around 12 noon).
Services are open to anyone who would like to join us.

The Team
The welcome our guests receive is only as good as the people looking after them. We have a small but very dedicated team of staff who are known for the warmth of their welcome.
As well as cooks, housekeepers, front of house and backroom staff, our chaplain is available for services, quiet days, parish weekends, and to meet individuals for confession, prayer or a confidential chat.

The Friends of Parcevall Hall
The Hall does not receive any grants or external funding, and we are very fortunate to have the support of a substantial and very active group of Friends.
The Friends support the work of Parcevall Hall through prayer, practical help and an annual subscription which has provided funds over the years for refurbishment and new equipment. The Friends also provide bursaries to assist those in need who may benefit from the peace and tranquillity the Hall offers.
Friends come together and meet at the Hall several times each year and receive a biannual newsletter with details of forthcoming events and news from the Hall.
If you would like to join the Friends of Parcevall Hall, you can use the form in this programme, download a form from our website or call the office and we will send one to you.

What our guests say about Parcevall Hall
Here are some of the testimonials received from our guests. You can find others on our website.
‘Thank you once again. You take such care of us. A lovely tranquil start to the season. Smashing food!’
‘Arrived frazzled, left peaceful again. Thank you.’
‘A delightful place. An interesting and enjoyable course. My first visit and many more to come I hope.’
‘Many thanks for a wonderful experience. What a beautiful house. The staff are marvellous.’
‘Wonderful as ever. Peaceful, inspirational retreats both, and looked after by staff superbly well.’
‘Amazing, yet again. Great food, lovely scenery and delightful company. Can’t wait until the next retreat.’
‘One feels that God is at the centre of things here. Some unexpected joy for me.’
‘Wonderful food, fellowship and fun. Thank you to all the staff for making us so welcome.’
‘Absolutely beautiful! We have felt so at home here. Thank you.’
‘A wonderful and relaxing experience that will never be forgotten. Thank you to all the staff.’
Programme of events 2017

9-12 OCTOBER
Arrive Monday 4pm, depart Thursday 3pm

Autumn Rambling in the Dales
Join us for a companionable 3-night walking break. There is a choice each day of either short or longer, more demanding walks with one of our two guides, returning to the welcome and warmth of Parcevall Hall. We usually end with a guided walk suitable for all on the final day. Our Chaplain will be on hand to provide spiritual leadership for those who wish to participate.

£210

11 OCTOBER
Wednesday 11am-3pm

Friends of Parcevall Hall Eucharist & Lunch
The Friends of Parcevall Hall meet for a time of worship and fellowship together over lunch.

£14

16 OCTOBER
Monday 10am-4pm

Open Quiet Day IV
Inspirational Bible Characters – Jeremiah
Leader: Rt Revd Paul Slater, Bishop of Richmond
Bishop Paul is the first Bishop of Richmond in nearly 100 years. Formerly Archdeacon of Richmond & Craven, he served all his ministry in the former Diocese of Bradford. He attended Bradford Grammar School and after graduating in Chemistry from Oxford, trained for the ministry at St John’s College in Durham.
No booking is required, but please bring your own lunch.
Freewill offering

3-5 NOVEMBER
Arrive Friday 4pm, depart Sunday 3pm

Heart & Soul Singing Retreat III
Tutor: Keely Hodgson
Combine singing in harmony with finding rest, nurture and inspiration. No previous singing experience or ability to read music is required. A varied repertoire of songs and rounds are sensitively taught using call and response.
Keely Hodgson has worked as a music specialist in primary and special schools and leads various community singing groups, including the Ben Rhydding Community Choir. She is committed to sharing the joy of singing with others and helping those who have not sung before to discover their unique voice.

£150

10-12 NOVEMBER
Arrive Friday 4pm, depart Sunday 3pm

Silent Retreat
The Glorious Tapestry of the Christian Gospel
Leader: Canon Graham Bettridge
A review in stillness: the heartbeat of faith, reflections from the Hours of the Day and the changing seasons embedded in Anglican prayer and practice. Led by our Chaplain, Canon Graham Bettridge.

£145

1-3 DECEMBER
Arrive Friday 4pm, depart Sunday 3pm

Recorder Players’ Workshop IV
Tutor: Mary Tyers
Ensemble playing in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. This workshop is aimed at moderate to good adult players who ideally offer two instruments and are able to swap between them. You will need sight-reading skills and the ability to hold your own part in a group. Our workshops offer a wide variety of interesting music and technique tuition, as required.
Mary is based in the North East where she is well established as both teacher and performer. She is Musical Director of the Durham branch of the Society of Recorder Players. She has taught recorder and flute for Durham and Newcastle Universities and joined the tutorial staff of NORVIS, an early music summer school.

£165
5-8 DECEMBER Arrive Tuesday 4pm, depart Friday 3pm

Advent Adventure
Leader: Peter Dodson

Advent Adventure via the *Song of Zachariah*: praise, redemption, prophecy, salvation, mercy, covenant, service, holiness, righteousness, forgiveness, tenderness, and peace.

Peter Dodson is a retired Anglican Priest and spiritual director. He was formerly director of retreats’ promotion for the Province of York, and is a long-standing member of the Fellowship of Contemplative Prayer. Peter is also a published devotional poet and author, newspaper columnist, classical musician, and composer of choral and orchestral music, inspired by the pain and joy of Christian living and loving.

£200

13 DECEMBER Wednesday 11am-3pm

Friends of Parcevall Hall Eucharist & Lunch

The Friends of Parcevall Hall meet for a time of worship and fellowship together over a traditional Christmas lunch.

£20

13-15 DECEMBER Arrive Wednesday 4pm, depart Friday 3pm

Quietly Contemplating Christmas

These two days are an opportunity to enjoy simple pleasures, peace, calm and nourishment before the busyness of Christmas. Between times of relaxation and fellowship, we will look at the December night sky with astronomer Martin Lunn, and hear about an astronomer’s interpretation of the Star of Bethlehem. All will be invited to spend an afternoon with Revd Canon Simon Cowling, discussing a piece of spiritual writing. Wholesome food and a warm welcome are assured.

£145

5-8 FEBRUARY Arrive Monday 10am, depart Thursday 10am

Clergy Reading Week
Leader: The Revd Canon Stephen Treasure

An opportunity to take time away from the parish to read, reflect, walk, chat, rest and sleep. You are invited to bring books of your choice of a theological or spiritual nature, and to share your choices with the group. After introductions, apart from meal and prayer times, the remainder of this retreat is relaxed and unstructured; a time of refreshment for body, mind and soul in a place of beauty and peace.

If you wish to use your CMD/CME grant against the cost of this retreat, please inform the Hall at the time of booking.

£220

19-22 FEBRUARY Arrive Monday 4pm, depart Thursday 3pm

Lent Retreat
Leader: Revd Wilf Gowing

Wilf Gowing has been a pilot for over 40 years. He was ordained 11 years ago and initially continued flying as a ‘Priest in the Workplace’. He has now retired from flying and his main ministry is Spiritual Direction, leading Parish Retreats and Spirituality Days. He is an Associate Minister at Holy Trinity Ripon.

There will be plenty of resources available at this Lent Retreat, which will have the minimum of structure and be open to the possibilities for individual discovery. In Wilf’s own words: ‘Let’s try and discern where the Holy Spirit is leading you at this Holy liminal time’.

£230
Our **Open Quiet Days** this year are being led by Cathy Davie. Cathy is a spiritual director, following roles as a town planner, teacher, mother, and clergy spouse. Her facilitation skills include writing materials and teaching spirituality in schools and for lay readers. Through challenging circumstances she has discovered the benefit of taking time to grow her relationship with God, which she will share during these Quiet Days.

**26 FEBRUARY** Monday 10am-4pm

### Open Quiet Day I

**INVITATION**

An invitation to go deeper with God, discovering intimacy through meditation and contemplation. Participants will be invited to seek God through nature, Bible characters and reflective writings. Cathy aims to provide a peaceful, engaging experience suited to those who have not attended before as well as for regular participants.

No booking is required, but please bring your own lunch.

**Freewill offering**

**5-8 MARCH** Arrive Monday 4pm, depart Thursday 4pm

### Winter Walking in Wharfedale

Join us for a companionable 3-night walking break. There is a choice each day of either short or longer, more demanding walks with one of our two guides, returning to the welcome and warmth of Parcevall Hall. We usually end with a guided walk suitable for all on the final day. Our Chaplain will be on hand to provide spiritual leadership for those who wish to participate.

£245

**7 MARCH** Wednesday 11am-3pm

**Friends of Parcevall Hall Eucharist & Lunch**

The Friends of Parcevall Hall meet for a time of worship and fellowship together over lunch.

Coffee and biscuits will be served from 10.30am.

£17

**20-22 MARCH** Arrive Tuesday 4pm, depart Thursday 3pm

### Recorder Players’ Workshop I

**Tutor: Terry Smurthwaite**

Ensemble playing in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere, this workshop is aimed at moderate to good adult players who ideally offer two instruments and are able to swap between them. You should have the ability to hold your own part in a group as well as good sight-reading skills. Expect a wide variety of interesting music and technique tuition, as required.

Terry regularly conducts Society of Recorder Players meetings at Leeds, Bingley and York. He also conducts a group which meets weekly in Ilkley and has recently founded and conducts The Rombalds Recorders, a group set up to perform early music. In addition to bringing a wide range of music, he is also able to offer advice on the techniques of ensemble playing and musicianship.

£176

**29 MARCH-2 APRIL** Arrive Thursday 4pm, depart Monday 10am

### A Haven in Springtime – Easter Break

Enjoy relaxation and refreshment in beautiful surroundings. A 4-night stay to savour peace and stillness over the Bank Holiday weekend. Walk in the gardens or further afield as spring arrives, find a corner to read and rest, all whilst enjoying the warm hospitality of Parcevall Hall.

Alternatively, join our Chaplain Canon Graham Bettridge who will be leading
a reflection on the significance of Holy Week, culminating in a celebration of the triumph of Easter Day. House guests staying for ‘A Haven in Springtime’ are welcome to join in, as they choose.

£292

3-5 APRIL Arrive Tuesday 4pm, depart Thursday 3pm

Heart & Soul Singing Retreat I

Tutor: Keeley Hodgson

Combine singing in harmony with rest, nurture and inspiration. No previous singing experience, or the ability to read music, is required. A varied repertoire of songs and rounds are sensitively taught using call and response.

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£175

9-12 APRIL Arrive Monday 4pm, depart Thursday 3pm

Literature Appreciation I
A Celebration of Irish Writing

Tutor: Hugh Parry

A taste of the delights to be found in Irish writing from the 18th century to the present day, with poetry, novels, short stories and drama all represented (with a little music!). Writers such as Sheridan, Beckett, George Moore and Roddy Doyle will ensure each session is very different, and will offer fine writing with no Blarney. No material will be repeated from the 2017 course.

Hugh Parry has offered adult education classes in literature for over 25 years. Although loyal all his life to Shakespeare, he has over the years given courses on a diverse range of topics, including detective fiction, utopias, ghost stories, Cowper, Swift and R S Thomas.

Also known as the Sheik of Shellac, Hugh will be helping us celebrate the 125th anniversary in 2018 of the birth of the man to whom Parcevall Hall owes so much, Sir William Milner. Please see our event for 27 September.

£255

Booking form for Parcevall Hall

Please complete this form, sign and return it together with the relevant deposit. If you wish to book for a second event please use the second form on the next page. To book for additional events please photocopy this form or ring the Hall to be emailed extra copies.

Parcevall Hall, Appletreewick, Skipton BD23 6DG
01756 720213 admin@parcevallhall.org.uk

Please note that bookings are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis and cannot be confirmed until we have received a signed booking form and deposit. Our cancellation policy is outlined on the next page of this form.

Guest name(s):

Full postal address: Postcode:

Landline number:

Mobile number:

Email address:

Event:

Event dates: *From: *To:

Dietary requirements:

Please be aware that in our kitchen we use nuts, dairy, wheat, gluten, soya and eggs, so we cannot guarantee they won’t find their way into our home-cooked food. Please ring if you have any concerns.

Facilities required:

Price per person: £

Deposit (non-refundable): £30 per person
(Deposit cheques will be securely destroyed if places requested are unavailable)

Deposit receipts are sent only on request. Do you require one? Y / N

Signed: Date:

Cheques payable to Parcevall Hall

*PLEASE NOTE: if you intend to arrive earlier or depart later than the given time, please contact the Hall in advance.
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Cancellation policy

Programmed events and individual bookings:  Group bookings:

Within 4 weeks of arrival: 50% of full price
Within 2 weeks of arrival: 75% of full price
Within 1 week of arrival: Full payment

Within 6 weeks of arrival: 50% of full price
Within 3 weeks of arrival: 75% of full price
Within 2 weeks of arrival: Full payment

Please note that the Hall has uneven floors and spiral staircases, so we recommend suitable footwear.

We look forward to seeing you. If you have any queries please do let us know.

Join the Friends of Parcevall Hall

The Friends is a charitable organisation made up of individuals and Parishes who love the Hall and support its work through prayer, practical help, donations and subscriptions.

The amount subscribed is entirely at the discretion of each Friend. Those who are liable for Income Tax are invited (at no extra cost to themselves) to increase the value of their gift by 25% via Gift Aid.

By joining the Friends, you are not only helping the Hall, but also enjoying yourself at the same time!

In recent years, the Friends have helped to fund projects such as re-upholstery of furniture, new crockery and cutlery, the audio-visual system and new carpets.

Bursaries are available from the Friends, at the Warden’s discretion, to fund part of the financial cost for individuals who may otherwise be unable to stay at the Hall.

All Friends receive a twice-yearly newsletter which, in addition to articles relating to the Hall, gives information on current projects, members’ news, and details of the annual Friends Gathering and AGM in the summer.

We have a lively programme of events to which all Friends are invited: Annual Dinner, Friends Gathering, AGM, Eucharist with coffee and lunch, outings, Pilgrimages, visits and Christmas Lunch.

As a thank you for their valued support, Friends have the option of staying at the Hall on a ‘three nights for the price of two’ offer. The Warden will provide details.

Become a Friend and help us to cherish Parcevall Hall for generations to come.

Simply complete the form on the next page and return it, with your subscription, to the Treasurer at the address below and we’ll do the rest.

Mrs Pauline Welch, Moorfield, Park Lane Bottom, Cowing, Keighley, BD22 0ND
Email: pauline.welch.cowling@gmail.com
17–19 APRIL
Arrive Tuesday 4pm, depart Thursday 3pm

Art Appreciation I
French Impressionist/French Realist: Caillebotte & Tissot

Tutor: Tim Stimson

Painting modern life was a challenge to the Victorians; trousers and crinolines, so un-picturesque! The approaches of these two Frenchmen were very different – Tissot focusing on the comedy of manners, and Caillebotte on Paris.

For the last 30 years, Tim has been a freelance cultural and art historian specialising in 17th and 19th century art and society. He lectures for Cambridge University, the WEA, NADFAS and the Art Fund, and presents residential study courses in Britain and Europe.

£190

20–22 APRIL
Arrive Friday 4pm, depart Sunday 3pm

Textile Crafts Break I

Tutors: Joan Wilkinson & Elizabeth Sewell

Do you enjoy textile crafts? Are you interested in trying new things or developing your skills? If so this weekend is for you.

There will be activities for all levels. A range of projects will be available for you to choose from with tuition in a variety of techniques including embroidery, making brooches or fabric flowers as well as working with wax and wire. You can expect to take home several small projects; some finished, some you will have the skills and materials to finish at home. Typical projects can be seen on the Parcevall Hall website. The cost includes all the materials you will need.

Joan Wilkinson has tutored workshops for Embroiderers’ Guild, WI and various craft groups in Yorkshire. She has City & Guilds in Embroidery, and a Degree in Textile Arts. In 2017 Joan started ‘Riponian Crafts’ in Ripon offering monthly, one-day workshops in textile crafts. Elizabeth is an able textile crafter who will be on hand to assist and encourage.

£200
**30 APRIL**  
**Open Quiet Day II**  
**JOURNEY**

Leader: Cathy Davie

A reflection on journeying with God and deepening prayer life, through the exploration of creation and creativity. Participants will be invited to seek God through nature, Bible characters and reflective writings. Cathy aims to provide a peaceful, engaging experience suited to those who have not attended before as well as for regular participants.

No booking is required, but please bring your own lunch.

Freewill offering

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**1-4 MAY**  
**Arrive Tuesday 4pm, depart Friday 3pm**

**Fellowship of Contemplative Prayer Retreat I**  
**Listening & Hearing**

Witness: Lynne Parker

The first of two FCP retreats in 2018. There will be silence from Compline on the first evening until after the Eucharist on the final day, and up to four hour-long contemplative exercises during the retreat. There will be Morning Prayer and Compline each day. The retreat usually ends with a contemplative Eucharist.

Lynne Parker has been a Church of England Reader since 1996. She is licensed to the Church of St Lawrence in Whitwell, where she also leads Bible Study Courses. Lynne regularly goes on retreat, and has been involved in the Healing Ministry for a number of years.

If you would like more information about the Fellowship of Contemplative Prayer, please visit www.contemplative-prayer.org.uk.

£225

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**18-20 MAY**  
**Arrive Friday 4pm, depart Sunday 3pm**

**Recorder Players’ Workshop II**

Tutor: Sandra Foxall

Ensemble playing in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere, this workshop is aimed at moderate to good adult players who ideally offer two instruments and are able to swap between them. You should have the ability to hold your own part in a group as well as good sight-reading skills. Expect a wide variety of interesting music and technique tuition, as required.

Sandra Foxall has been Musical Director of the Cleveland branch of the Society of Recorder Players since 1979, and has been on the panel of Visiting Conductors since 1996. She regularly conducts at national festivals and has tutored on playing days and residential courses. She has also directed teachers' courses. From 1988 to 2012 Sandra was the Administrator of the Recorder Summer School and from 1999, a course tutor.

£176

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**22 MAY**  
**Tuesday 4pm-10pm**

**Friends of Parcevall Hall Eucharist & Annual Dinner**

The Friends of Parcevall Hall meet for a time of worship and fellowship over a three course dinner, served with wine.

Dinner: £20  
Dinner, Bed & Breakfast: £65
4-7 JUNE  
Arrive Monday 4pm, depart Thursday 3pm

**Summer Walking in Wharfedale**
Join us for the second of three walking breaks in our 2018 programme. There is a choice each day of either short or longer, more demanding walks with one of our two guides, returning to the welcome and warmth of Parcevall Hall. We usually end with a guided walk suitable for all on the final day. Our Chaplain will be on hand to provide spiritual leadership for those who wish to participate.

£245

8-10 JUNE  
Arrive Friday 4pm, depart Sunday 3pm

**Thomas Merton: The Man and His Meaning**

**Leader & Tutor: The Very Revd John Moses**

Thomas Merton was not a saint, but he continues to speak – fifty years after his death – to large numbers of people all over the world. This course will explore something of Merton’s story; the several vocations he pursued as a Trappist monk, a writer, a contemplative, a social critic, an ecumenist; and the prophetic voice with which he continues to speak to our world today.

John Moses is an Anglican priest who held a variety of parochial, diocesan and cathedral appointments over more than forty years, and who retired in 2006 having served for the previous ten years as Dean of St Paul’s. His writings include studies of atonement theology (*The Sacrifice of God*), church and state (*A Broad and Living Way*), the spirituality of the desert (*The Desert*), John Donne (*One Equall Light*), prayer (*The Language of Love*), and Thomas Merton (*Divine Discontent: The Prophetic Voice of Thomas Merton*). His priorities in retirement – apart from his work on Thomas Merton – have been family and friends, holidays in the sun, reading novels, and falling asleep in front of the television.

£200

6-8 JULY  
Arrive Friday 4pm, depart Sunday 3pm

**Friends of Parcevall Hall Annual Gathering & AGM**

The Friends of Parcevall Hall meet for a time of fellowship and sharing together at the Hall. The AGM takes place on Saturday 7 July.

**Full gathering:** £146
- Day guest – AGM & lunch: £20
- Day guest – AGM, lunch & dinner: £37

18-20 JULY  
Arrive Wednesday 4pm, depart Friday 3pm

**Knitting, Crochet & Felting Retreat**

**Leader: Revd Elizabeth Brown**

Come along for chat and crafting, times of quiet and worship. There will be a swap-shop, rummage bin and informal skills-sharing.

Revd Elizabeth Brown serves as a Hospital Chaplain in the Northumbria NHS Trust and as an NSM priest in the United Benefice of Bedlington, Cambois & Sleekburn in Newcastle Diocese. She is an experienced workshop and retreat leader. We are very pleased to welcome Elizabeth to her first crafting retreat at Parcevall Hall.

If you would like more information about the workshop, please contact Revd Elizabeth Brown (lizzieegg@hotmail.co.uk or on 01670 515556). Further details are also available on our website. Bookings should be made through Parcevall Hall.

£170
**Art Appreciation II**  
**The Pre-Raphaelites: Myth & Medievalism**

**Tutor: Tim Stimson**

Later Pre-Raphaelite pictures proved to be the perfect vehicle for the dreams and aspirations of Victorian society. This course will investigate the attitudes to women, men, and relationships through key preoccupations which emerged at the end of the 19th century.

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**20 AUGUST**  
**Monday 10am-4pm**

**Open Quiet Day III**  
**PURSUIT**

**Leader: Cathy Dave**

‘Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts’. Do we pursue God or does He pursue us? Participants will be invited to seek God through nature, Bible characters and reflective writings. Cathy aims to provide a peaceful, engaging experience suited to those who have not attended before as well as regular participants.

No booking is required, but please bring your own lunch.

Freewill offering

**21-23 AUGUST**  
**Arrive Tuesday 4pm, depart Thursday 3pm**

**C S Lewis – Narnia and the Seven Heavens**

**Tutor: Dr Michael Ward**

C S Lewis’s *Chronicles of Narnia* are among his most popular works, but they have often been dismissed as carelessly written, having little imaginative logic and with Biblical themes that blow hot and cold. Michael Ward shows that Lewis secretly structured the Chronicles out of the imagery of the seven heavens, which he described as ‘spiritual symbols of permanent value’. Read in this heavenly light, Narnia opens up a treasure trove of meanings that have previously been overlooked.

Michael Ward teaches at Oxford and is the author of several books on C S Lewis, including his best-selling and award-winning *Planet Narnia* (Oxford University Press) which the BBC commissioned as *The Narnia Code* documentary. Described by the *Times Literary Supplement* as ‘the foremost living Lewis scholar’, Dr Ward unveiled a permanent national memorial to C S Lewis in Poets’ Corner, Westminster Abbey, on the fiftieth anniversary of his death.

£200

**14-16 SEPTEMBER**  
**Arrive Friday 4pm, depart Sunday 3pm**

**Heart & Soul Singing Retreat II**

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£175

24-26 SEPTEMBER Arrive Monday 4pm, depart Wednesday 3pm

Literature Appreciation II Shakespeare’s Sonnets
Tutor: Hugh Parry
The Shakespeare Sonnets remain one of the peaks of poetic achievement. Within their apparently identical and restrictive packaging, they are elegant, witty, raw, ruminative, rousing – sometimes all at once. What do they have to say, and how do they get their effects? Sonnets by other writers will be included for comparison, and we will also look at Shakespeare’s other non-dramatic verse.
Hugh Parry has offered adult education classes in literature for over 25 years. Although loyal all his life to Shakespeare, he has over the years given courses on a diverse range of topics, including detective fiction, utopias, ghost stories, Cowper, Swift and R S Thomas.

Please note: Unfortunately it is not possible for us to offer the option of staying an additional night for the musical event on Thursday 27th September following this Literature Appreciation course.

£170

27 SEPTEMBER Thursday 11.30am-3pm

Sir William Milner’s Music Collection with Hugh Parry
This year we are celebrating the 125th anniversary of the birth of Sir William Milner. Enjoy the pick of Sir William’s 78s introduced and described by Hugh Parry, aka the Sheik of Shellac. We will hear music from the 1920s to the 1940s played on a crank-handled gramophone, just as Sir William would have heard it. A fascinating glimpse of Sir William’s personal tastes, and a rare opportunity to listen to early to mid-20th century music as most listeners experienced it in its time.

£30

1-4 OCTOBER Arrive Monday 4pm, depart Thursday 3pm

Autumn Rambling in Wharfedale
Join us for the last of our three walking breaks in the 2018 programme. There is a choice each day of either short or longer, more demanding walks with one of our two guides, returning to the welcome and warmth of Parcevall Hall. We usually end with a guided walk suitable for all on the final day. Our Chaplain will be on hand to provide spiritual leadership for those who wish to participate.

£245

2 OCTOBER Tuesday 10am-4pm

Sir William Milner’s Birthday Friends’ Eucharist & Celebration
The Friends of Parcevall Hall come together for a time of worship and fellowship to celebrate the 125th birthday of Sir William Milner. Coffee and biscuits will be served from 10am.

£17

15 OCTOBER Monday 10am-4pm

Open Quiet Day IV DISCOVERY
Leader: Cathy Davie
Accepting and responding to God’s blessings. Participants will be invited to seek God through natural phenomena, Bible characters and reflective writings. Cathy aims to provide a peaceful, engaging experience suited to those who have not attended before as well as regular participants.
No booking is required, but please bring your own lunch.
Freewill offering
16-18 OCTOBER  Arrive Tuesday 4pm, depart Thursday 3pm

**Recorder Players’ Workshop IV**

*Tutor: Margaret Shearing*

Ensemble playing in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere, this workshop is aimed at moderate to good adult players who ideally offer two instruments and are able to swap between them. You should have the ability to hold your own part in a group as well as good sight-reading skills. Expect a wide variety of interesting music and technique tuition, as required.

Margaret is an experienced recorder teacher, performer and conductor. She founded and played in the ELEVEN Recorder Chamber Orchestra. She conducts playdays as well as SRP branches and national festivals.

£176

26-28 OCTOBER  Arrive Friday 4pm, depart Sunday 3pm

**Fellowship of Contemplative Prayer Retreat II**

The Race Marked Out for Us

*Witness: Peter Dodson*

Following the format of our May FCP Retreat, this weekend will include remembrance of five saints in the approach to All Saints Day and the Cloud of Witnesses in the Letter to the Hebrews, who ran the race marked out for them, as we are all called to do.

Peter Dodson is a retired Anglican Priest and spiritual director. He was formerly director of retreats’ promotion for the Province of York, and is a long-standing member of the Fellowship of Contemplative Prayer. Peter is also a published devotional poet and author, newspaper columnist, classical musician, and composer of choral and orchestral music, inspired by the pain and joy of Christian living and loving.

To find out more about the Fellowship of Contemplative Prayer, visit [www.contemplative-prayer.org.uk](http://www.contemplative-prayer.org.uk)

£155

30 OCTOBER-1 NOVEMBER  Arrive Tuesday 4pm, depart Thursday 3pm

**Textile Crafts Break II**

*Tutors: Joan Wilkinson & Elizabeth Sewell*

Do you enjoy textile crafts? Are you interested in trying new things or developing your skills? This break will include tuition in more advanced skills. For the confident stitcher we will offer tuition in an advanced technique, for example textured calico or Castelguidi embroidery. There will also be guidance and projects available suited to less confident stitchers. The cost includes all the materials you will need.

Joan Wilkinson has tutored workshops for Embroiderers’ Guild, WI and various craft groups in Yorkshire. She has City & Guilds in Embroidery, and a Degree in Textile Arts. In 2017 Joan started ‘Riponian Crafts’ in Ripon offering monthly, one-day workshops in textile crafts. Elizabeth is an able textile crafter who will be on hand to assist and encourage.

£200

2-4 NOVEMBER  Arrive Friday 4pm, depart Sunday 3pm

**Silent Retreat**

Experiencing God in Silence

*Leader: Michael Jackson*

Thomas Merton wrote that ‘in silence God ceases to be an object and becomes an experience’. This retreat will explore ways in which we might use silence to do just that. It will hopefully prove a good introduction to those who have not experienced a silent retreat before whilst also being accessible to those who have.

The Reverend Michael Jackson is now retired but is a former vicar of St Michael the Archangel, Kirkby Malham and prior to that was for many years Director of St John’s Winchester Charity, a charitable foundation providing sheltered housing and nursing care for older people. He has led a previous series of Quiet Days at Parcevall Hall.

£156
4-7 DECEMBER
Arrive Tuesday 4pm, depart Friday 3pm

Advent Retreat
Journeying to the Light
Leader: Katharine Cheney
We shall share the journey with some of those who came before Jesus. It is intended to include input, prayer, music, poetry and plenty of time simply to ‘be’. Resources in the form of Bible and other material for meditation, or very simple quiet activity, will also be available for those who may wish to use them.

Katharine Cheney is a confirmed member of both the Methodist Church and the Church of England and is a local preacher. She lives a spirituality of unity, with an emphasis of putting the gospel into practice in everyday life.

£225

7-9 DECEMBER
Arrive Friday 4pm, depart Sunday 3pm

Recorder Players’ Workshop V
Tutor: Ruth Burbidge
Ensemble playing in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere, this workshop is aimed at moderate to good adult players who ideally offer two instruments and are able to swap between them. You should have the ability to hold your own part in a group as well as good sight-reading skills. Expect a wide variety of interesting music and technique tuition, as required.

Ruth’s musical training includes three years at the Royal Academy of Music, and after several years’ teaching, a year at Trinity College of Music. Well known for her accompanying and tutoring skills, she is experienced in conducting small groups, chamber groups and orchestras throughout the UK. Ruth visits the USA each year to join the faculty on a workshop in Connecticut.

£176

12 DECEMBER
Wednesday 11am-3pm

Friends of Parcevall Hall Eucharist & Christmas Lunch
The Friends of Parcevall Hall meet for a time of worship and fellowship together over a traditional Christmas lunch. Coffee and biscuits will be served from 10.30am.

£24

23-27 DECEMBER
Arrive Sunday 4pm, depart Thursday 10am

Christmas Houseparty & Retreat
Spend Christmas in the warm and welcoming surroundings of Parcevall Hall. Home-cooked food, traditional games and times for reflection shared in good company, all help us to rediscover the true meaning of Christmas in this special Parcevall family celebration.

£370

Group bookings and private stays
Groups and individuals are welcome to stay at the Hall all year round, whether joining an event on our programme, or for private individual or group bookings. For further information and to make a booking, please contact the office.