Welcome to Parcevall Hall

Visiting Parcevall Hall
We warmly welcome residential guests and day visitors all the year round.

Individual private guests and groups of many kinds, secular and religious, have come here to experience peace and tranquillity since the Hall opened as a Retreat House in 1963. Educational, training, needlework, music, art, yoga, singing and parish groups find in Parcevall the space, calm and comfort they’re seeking for their activities.

Private bookings from groups and individuals can be made for a day or more of peace away from the busyness of daily life.

Single guests
Single guests are always welcome. They tell us they feel relaxed and at home here, often make new friends during their stay, and find themselves in good company. We don’t charge a single supplement, and you won’t be asked to share your room.

Food
Our home-cooked food receives many compliments. Fresh ingredients are sourced locally wherever this is possible, and our cooks can cater for any dietary requirement.
Programmed events

We run a variety of events, details of which you will find in this programme. They include crafts, music, art and literature appreciation workshops, walking breaks, led retreats, a study day and new for this year, a bird watching event led by ornithologist Chris Bradshaw. All are welcome.

We’ve made some changes to two of our core events. Each day of our Lent and Easter Retreats can be booked separately, which we hope will make them more accessible to anyone who would otherwise be unable to commit to a full retreat. However, we do also welcome bookings for the full period. The theme for each day can be found in this programme.

There may be new events added from time to time. These will be added to our website, or you can join our mailing list to receive offers and news from us by email. Please contact the office for details of how you can do this.

Things to do and see

Parcevall is surrounded not only by its famously lovely gardens, but also by the scenic beauty of Wharfedale and the Yorkshire Dales National Park.

The Dales Way is on our doorstep, and cyclists regularly visit this part of the world to enjoy the small byways as well as the challenges of the uplands. Fly fishing in the River Wharfe is excellent, and widely considered to be one of the best brown trout rivers in the country. Day tickets for fishing can be purchased from nearby Bolton Abbey, Burnsall and Kilnsey.

A short drive will take you to Grassington, Harrogate, Ilkley, Skipton and Pateley Bridge and in the other direction, the wild limestone landscapes of Littondale and beyond. There are numerous activities, attractions and places of interest, (not to mention possibly one of the finest ‘real’ pubs in England!), all within easy reach.

Facilities

There are 17 charming, clean and simple but comfortable bedrooms at Parcevall Hall, which can accommodate up to 28 people. Most guests stay on a full board basis, but some prefer to explore during the day and stay on either a dinner, bed and breakfast or B&B basis. All meals are served in the dining room which is one of the oldest parts of the Hall.

We have a small gift shop selling various items including greetings cards, chocolate, books, jams, chutneys and toiletries.

The Milner Room is our largest meeting area, which has a high quality audio-visual system and is situated downstairs with easy access from the archway entrance. Upstairs is the Writing Room and St Blaise, a more intimate meeting place for smaller groups or relaxation.
The Solar Lounge is guests’ favourite gathering place. It’s a charming, welcoming and comfortable room where you will also find the honesty bar. The door from the Solar leads onto a terrace, where you can sit and look out over the splendid gardens to the rocky peak of Simon’s Seat.

Parcevall has an indoor and an outdoor chapel. All are welcome to our services – please see ‘Religious Services’ below.

All guests have free access to the gardens during their stay.

If you would like to see the full selection of photographs of the bedrooms and public areas, please visit the Gallery on our website.

**Booking**

There is usually a high demand for spaces at our programmed events, and so bookings are on a first-come, first-served basis.

Booking forms for either events or private stays can be downloaded from our website and you will also find one in the centre of this programme. These can be posted or emailed to us. However, please contact us before sending a booking form.
form to check availability. Once this is confirmed, a non-refundable deposit will secure your booking.

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

Religious Services
A service of Holy Communion is held in the inside chapel each Tuesday at 10.15am, followed by coffee and biscuits served in the Solar Lounge.

From March to November (inclusive), a service is 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).

The Friends of Parcevall Hall
The Hall does not receive any grants or external funding and so we’re 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 might benefit from the peace and tranquillity the Hall offers.

Friends come together and meet at the Hall several times each year and receive a bi-annual newsletter with details of forthcoming events and news from the Hall. You will find details of these events in this programme.

If you would like to join the Friends you can use the form in the centre of this programme, download one from our website or call the office, and we will send one to you.

The Parcevall Hall Team

We have a small and dedicated team of cooks, housekeepers, front of house and backroom staff who keep the Hall running smoothly. They make a valuable contribution to the Hall’s atmosphere of welcome.

Many of you will know Parcevall Hall’s long-serving Chaplain, Graham Bettridge. He is available for quiet days and services, and time with Graham can be arranged through the Hall for confession, prayer or a confidential chat.

The History of the Hall

The Hall was built on land which once belonged to Bolton Priory and is Grade II* Listed, its oldest part dating back to 1586.

Records show that Persevall’s Ferme was bought by Sir John Yorke and occupied by his two sons at different times before coming into the possession of Christopher Lowson and his wife Elizabeth, who made additions to the house in 1671.

For the next two hundred years the house was occupied by a succession of farmers and tenants, including the Yorke family who returned for a short period in the 19th century.

Sir William Milner, the eighth baronet of Nun Appleton, bought the house in 1927 from a Skipton antique dealer, Frank Laycock. Sir William was a godson of Queen Mary and an architect by profession, and having acquired the house he set about restoring it with great skill and vision, taking care to preserve its original features. He reproduced these faithfully when he extended Parcevall, salvaging timbers from 17th-century buildings and employing local master craftsmen to cut and dress the stone, supply suitable leadwork, re-cast plaster mouldings and create the door latches and hinges of the period which are still in place.

He had a passion for plants and a strong aesthetic sense, which he expressed in the design of Parcevall’s gardens, the planting of rare species collected in Western China and Tibet, and in his co-founding of Harlow Carr Gardens near Harrogate.

The work on the Hall took place during the time of the 1920s depression. For local
labourers, the generous wages paid by Sir William and the secure employment he provided earned him their immense gratitude and respect. In her history of the Milner family, Dr Heather Beaumont notes that ‘...Parcevall Hall is probably one of the last country homes to be created by an English Gentleman’.

He was a deeply religious and shy man. He never married, and when he died in 1960 he bequeathed Parcevall Hall to the Guardians of the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham of which he was a significant benefactor. The Guardians now manage the estate and gardens, and the Hall itself is leased and run by the Church of England Diocese of Leeds.

What our guests say about Parcevall Hall

Here are some of the testimonials received from our guests. You can find others on our website.

‘Wonderful informative course with the atmosphere of the Hall.’
‘Lovely, lovely, lovely. Sun will set, sun will rise and Parcevall will be lovely.’
‘This very special place always delivers. A privilege to stay here as always.’
‘Peaceful and wonderful as ever. So glad I was able to come even though on my own.’
‘Bliss!’
‘Thank you for the wonderful food and care you have given us.’
‘Thank you all – a super weekend – just gets better!’
‘Relaxing inspiring weekend with excellent hospitality.’
‘Many thanks to the Hall for a truly wonderful weekend.’
‘My first visit. What a treat. God is Good. Thank you all.’
‘Great staff, great food and great fun. I would definitely recommend!’
‘Heaven, as always.’
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 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, Graham Bettridge 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

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

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

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 international and ecumenical 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

£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 Revd 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 goes to the USA each year to join the faculty on a workshop in Connecticut.

£176

10 DECEMBER

Thoughtful Christmas

A choice of two dates in December (see 17 December, below) when we offer you a relaxing few hours of refreshment and relaxation before Christmas. There will be a showing of a classic film followed by a special buffet lunch.

There is the option to stay overnight and join our Chaplain Graham Bettridge for Compline, followed the next morning by our regular weekly service of Holy Communion at 10.15am.

Monday 9am-2pm: £30
Monday 9am-Tuesday 12 noon: £88

12 DECEMBER

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

13-15 DECEMBER

Quietly Contemplating Christmas

Following the pattern of this event last year, 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. All will be invited to spend an afternoon in discussion and contemplation with the Revd Darryl Hall. Wholesome food and a warm welcome are assured.

£165
17 DECEMBER

Thoughtful Christmas

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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
Three of our four Open Quiet Days this year are being led by Canon Adrian Botwright. Adrian was for nearly twenty years Rector of Holy Trinity in Skipton. He now lives in Thirsk where, while still helping to lead services in several churches, he focuses more on leading retreats and quiet days, offering spiritual direction, and serving as Chaplain in various places – including four weeks each year on Bardsey Island in North Wales. He enjoys hugely music, poetry, walking, trains, a campervan – and scuba diving!

Our second Open Quiet Day will be led by Fr Derek Mills. Derek has spent 63 years as a member of the church both as a layman and as an ordained deacon and priest. During this time he has worked in education, youth and social work for the church, local authorities and marriage guidance, giving him a wide experience of and deep respect for other points of view. He believes that the purpose of Christian ministry is to present the challenge of the gospel with a humility which does not allow the minister to get in the way.

28 JANUARY

Open Quiet Day I

Leader: Canon Adrian Botwright

Do I have to believe that?

Handling positively those times of doubt and uncertainty... Our Open Quiet Days this year offer the opportunity to think deeply about challenging questions and dilemmas faced by all people of faith, but perhaps seldom spoken about.

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

Freewill offering

4-7 FEBRUARY

Clergy Reading Week

Leader: 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 along books of your own choice of a theological
or spiritual nature. All who are present share with the group which books they have chosen and why. This often leads to conversations with each other during the retreat about books of mutual interest. After that introduction, 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. The cost can be paid from your CMD retreat grant. If you have not been to this event before and would like to know more please contact the Revd Canon Stephen Treasure who is the event coordinator. For bookings, please contact Parcevall Hall.

£220

5-8 MARCH

Lent Retreat Days & Residential Stays

DAY 1 – 5 MARCH

Leader: Revd Darryl Hall, Area Dean of Ripon Deanery

Theme: Witnesses to the crucifixion of Christ

Session 1  The centurion: finding the truth
Session 2  The criminal: finding forgiveness
Session 3  Joseph of Arimathea: finding courage

DAY 2 – 6 MARCH

Leader: Revd Andrew Tawn, Director of Clergy Development

Theme: Going Deeper

Richard Foster begins his classic *A Celebration of Discipline* with these words: ‘Superficiality is the curse of our age. The doctrine of instant satisfaction is a primary spiritual problem. The desperate need today is not for a greater number of intelligent people, or gifted people, but for deep people.’ This day is an exploration of the idea of depth in the Bible and what it might mean for us to follow Jesus’ direction to ‘put out into the deep’. (Luke 5.4)

DAY 3 – 7 MARCH

Leader: Revd Darryl Hall, Area Dean of Ripon Deanery

Theme: Witnesses to the crucifixion of Christ

Session 1  Mary: finding trust
Session 2  Thaddaeus: finding faith under fire
Session 3  Martha: finding life

**DAY 4 – 8 MARCH**

**Leader: Canon Graham Bettridge**

**Theme: The wings of the morning**

Today will be spent in meditation of Psalm 139, led by our Chaplain, Canon Graham Bettridge.

**Full day including morning coffee, lunch & afternoon tea: £28**

Arrive 10am, depart 4pm

**Full day, as above, plus dinner, bed & breakfast: £80**

Arrive 10am, depart 9.30am the following day

**Full retreat: £247**

**13 MARCH**

**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**

**15-17 MARCH**

**Heart & Soul Singing Retreat I**

**Tutor: Keely 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.

Keely Hodgson is a composer and natural voice practitioner. She has worked as a music specialist in primary and special school settings and leads a number of community singing groups, including 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.

The second Heart & Soul Singing Retreat in our 2019 programme is from 11-12 October.

**£176**
Booking form for Parcevall Hall

Please complete this form, sign and return it together with the relevant deposit, after contacting the office to check availability. 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, download from our website, or ring the Hall to be emailed a copy.

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

Please note that bookings are not deemed complete until we have received a signed booking form and deposit. Spaces are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

We regret we’re no longer able to allow any device to be recharged in the bedrooms or public areas. Please ask a member of staff to arrange recharging, if required.

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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: £ |  |
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### Cancellation policy

**Programmed events and individual 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

**Group bookings:**

- 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

We ask any group or individual making a booking to note that in the case of snow or bad weather, unless you are notified by us that your booking/event has been cancelled, the cancellation policy above will apply.

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.

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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, Cowling, Keighley, BD22 0ND**

**Email:** pauline.welch.cowling@gmail.com
Joining Form (PLEASE COMPLETE IN CAPITAL LETTERS)

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☐ I enclose a subscription of £ ____________
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☐ I wish to Gift Aid my annual subscription
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   (a form will be sent to you)

By becoming a Friend you are consenting to your details being held and processed in order to keep you informed about news, events and activities. Your contact details may be shared with Parcevall Hall. See our Privacy Notice at parcevallhall.org.uk.

Gift Aid Declaration

I would like the Friends of Parcevall Hall to treat (please tick one or more boxes as appropriate)

☐ The enclosed donation of £ ____________ as a Gift Aid donation

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19-21 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 experienced 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. Contact Pauline at paulinewelch.moorfield@gmail.com for further details. Bookings should be made through the Hall.

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.

£177

22-24 MARCH  
Arrive Friday 4pm, depart Sunday 3pm

Literature Appreciation I

Poetry from Wales

Tutor: Hugh Parry

A weekend sampling poetry by Welsh writers from medieval to modern times. Dafydd ap Gwilym (in translation) to Gillian Clarke, with a doctor or two, a clergyman or two (yes, a Thomas or two, of course!). There may even be a Jones or two. Come and meet the ‘Celtic fringe’ – they are not all wild and woolly (though some are), and they speak your language – with great brio.

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£170
1-4 APRIL

Springtime Walking in Wharfedale

Join us for a companionable three-night walking break. There is a choice each day of either short or longer, more demanding walks with one of our 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, Graham Bettridge, will be on hand to provide spiritual leadership for those who wish to participate.

£245

18-22 APRIL

Easter Retreat Days & Residential Stays

DAY 1 MAUNDY THURSDAY – 18 APRIL

The first day of our Easter observances begins at 4pm on Maundy Thursday followed by our shared meal, concluding with the liturgy of the Last Supper.

(Please note that all other retreat days during Easter begin at 10am)

DAY 2 GOOD FRIDAY – 19 APRIL

Via Dolorosa Stations of the Cross, praying in the spring garden. Liturgy around the Cross with hymns and time for quiet thoughts.
DAY 3 EASTER EVE – 20 APRIL
A reflective day of preparation culminating in the celebration of the new light of Easter.

DAY 4 EASTER DAY – 21 APRIL
A celebration of the great Easter Day, renewing our hope, together in companionship and recollection.

DAY 5 EASTER MONDAY – 22 APRIL
Making Easter Mine – a personal meditation. The day and our Easter retreat end with a shared Communion or re-dedication.

Full day including morning coffee and lunch: £28
Arrive 10am, depart 4pm

Full day, as above, plus dinner, bed & breakfast: £80
Arrive 10am, depart 9.30am the following day

Maundy Thursday
Arrive 4pm, depart 8pm, including evening meal: £20
Maundy Thursday, as above, plus bed & breakfast: £69

Full retreat including Maundy Thursday: £295
Arrive Thursday 4pm, depart Monday 4pm

Full retreat excluding Maundy Thursday: £247
Arrive Friday 10am, depart Monday 4pm

23-25 APRIL
Arrive Tuesday 4pm, depart Thursday 3pm

Art Appreciation I
Landscapes of Wonder
Tutor: Tim Stimson

In the early 19th century in Britain spectacular paintings of epic events in awe-inspiring landscapes competed for popularity with enchantingly diminutive vistas of fairyland; both encapsulating a complex relationship between man, nature and the supernatural. These paintings expressed responses to the tumult following Napoleon’s defeat with images embracing the wild, garden design, ‘Panoramania’, millenarian hysteria and much more!

Tim’s involvement in art began with the practical. For a number of years he was a professional painter/ceramicist in Scotland and Wales, before returning to university to study literature and the history of art, then training to teach adults.

For the last 30 years he has been a freelance cultural/art historian, specialising
in 17th and 19th century art and society. He now lectures for the University of Cambridge, the WEA, the Art Fund and The Arts Society (previously NADFAS), and presents residential study courses in Britain and Europe. Tim has now completed two lecture tours of Australia, the last in 2016, and presented a lecture for Hull City of Culture 2017 on T E Ferens, patron of Hull’s newly refurbished gallery.

£190

29 APRIL  Monday 10am-4pm

Open Quiet Day II
Leader: Fr Derek Mills

Do I have to witness?

Understanding one of the basic elements of the Christian faith... Our Open Quiet Days this year offer the opportunity to think deeply about challenging questions and dilemmas faced by all people of faith, but perhaps seldom spoken about.

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

Freewill offering

29 APRIL–2 MAY  Arrive Monday 4pm, depart Thursday 3pm

Fellowship of Contemplative Prayer Retreat I

‘Come to me, all you who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest’
Mt 11 v 28

Contemplative Prayer is the expression of the desire to seek stillness amid the rush of life, to find silence amid noise, to listen amid the clamour to speak, to deepen the internal amid the purely external – to search for God amid busyness.

Silence experienced as a group can be deeper than that experienced alone and can greatly help and encourage a person in their own regular prayer time. During the retreat the witness will lead us collectively in 3 to 4 guided silent exercises following the FCP format. Each exercise lasts for one hour.

Silence will start late on the first evening and continue until just before lunch on the final day. The extended silences between the witness-led sessions give personal uninterrupted space to contemplate the direction into which God is guiding each of us, or simply to rest, relax and be. During these times retreatants are free to be in the house or gardens, or anywhere they wish.

Witnesses are usually long-term members of the Contemplative Fellowship. They are often ordained but may be lay people experienced in Contemplative Prayer.
and church life. There is also the opportunity for short private interviews with the witness. All are welcome.

For more information, enquiries and also to book this retreat, contact Sue Davies. Telephone 01924 25529 or email susandavies367@gmail.com. For more information about the Fellowship of Contemplative Prayer visit www.contemplative-prayer.org.uk.

£225

13-15 MAY

Beginner’s Birdwatching & the Dawn Chorus

Leader: Chris Bradshaw

Join us on a relaxed birdwatching break aimed at people new to birdwatching, or those just wishing to enjoy commoner birds in a tranquil location. We will have a programme of short birdwatching walks which focus on learning how to identify and understand more about the life histories of the commoner resident and migrant birds that occur in the area. There will also be plenty of opportunity to experience one of nature’s most delightful spring events; the dawn chorus.

Chris Bradshaw has been working as a freelance ornithologist and birdwatching tour guide for over 20 years. Although frequently to be found overseas, he runs customised birdwatching trips in the UK and finds great joy in watching and passing on his knowledge of the commoner British birds which first inspired his interest as a child.

£170

21 MAY

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
24-26 MAY

Arrive Friday 4pm, depart Sunday 3pm

Recorder Players’ Workshop II

Tutor: Mary Tyers

Ensemble playing in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere, this workshop is aimed at experienced 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. Contact Pauline on paulinewelch.moorfield@gmail.com for further details. Bookings should be made through the Hall.

Mary is well-established in the north of England as both teacher and performer. She founded and continues to be the musical director of the Durham branch of the Society of Recorder Players. She was awarded the SRP’s Certificate for Long Service to Recorder Playing in February 2015. Mary has also taught recorder and flute at Durham and Newcastle Universities and is regularly invited to guest conduct other SRP branches and festivals. She tutors in the Early Music summer schools NORVIS and HISS.

£177

6 JUNE

Arrive Thursday 10am, depart 8.30pm*

‘The Word Heart Deep’: Religious Poetry of the English Reformation

A Study Day with Joyce Simpson

Talks and shared readings, mainly on the lives and works of three poets: John Donne, George Herbert and Henry Vaughan. What were the pressures shaping the experience of these writers? How do they speak to seekers in the 21st century?

Arrival at 10am for Holy Communion at 10.15am. Price includes coffee, lunch, afternoon tea and evening meal.

Joyce Simpson is the former Head of Humanities at Leeds Trinity University, where she introduced students to the delights of poetry, novels and plays. Now, in retirement, she takes pleasure in sharing her thoughts and insights with fellow voyagers from different walks of life.
There is the option to stay overnight the day before or after this study day.

£45

**10-14 JUNE**  
*Arrive Monday 4pm, depart Friday 3pm*

**Anglican Association Retreat (part silent)**  
*‘Simple Prayer’ – Biblical references on our personal experience of God*

**Conductor: Revd Canon Andrew Hawes**

Services will be in accordance with the Book of Common Prayer and the Authorized Version of the Bible. It is not necessary to be a member of the Anglican Association to come on this retreat, and all are welcome.

All bookings should be made through Mrs Rosemary Hall. Rosemary is also the contact for questions and enquiries relating to this event. Telephone 0191 285 7534 or email hallrosyhall@gmail.com.

£310

**2-4 JULY**  
*Arrive Tuesday 4pm, depart Thursday 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 Wednesday 3 July.

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

£245

**1-4 AUGUST**  
*Arrive Thursday 4pm, depart Sunday 3pm*

**Summer Walking in Wharfedale**

Join us for the second of our three, companionable three-night walking breaks this year. There is a choice each day of either short or longer, more demanding walks with one of our 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, Graham Bettridge, will be on hand to provide spiritual leadership for those who wish to participate.

£245
5 AUGUST

Open Quiet Day III
Leader: Canon Adrian Botwright

Do I have to do that?

Handling positively the desire not to kneel down to pray but rather go for a walk!
Our Open Quiet Days this year offer the opportunity to think deeply about challenging questions and dilemmas faced by all people of faith, but perhaps seldom spoken about.

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

Freewill offering

6-8 AUGUST Arrive Tuesday 4pm, depart Thursday 3pm

Art Appreciation II Klimt & the Golden Age of Vienna
Tutor: Tim Stimson

Klimt, as the leader of the Vienna Secession, began his career adorning the new buildings of the Ringstrasse, yet at the height of his fame his works became increasingly controversial, especially his images of the Femme Fatale; yet he also painted sensitive landscapes and portraits, and complex allegories. Above all his works are gloriously decorative and exuberant. This course locates Klimt within the social milieu of Vienna and investigates his idiosyncratic art and life.

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Cambridge, the WEA, the Art Fund and The Arts Society (previously NADFAS), and presents residential study courses in Britain and Europe. Tim has now completed two lecture tours of Australia, the last in 2016, and presented a lecture for Hull City of Culture 2017 on T E Ferens, patron of Hull’s newly refurbished gallery.

£190

16-18 AUGUST  
Arrive Friday 4pm, depart Sunday 3pm

**Recorder Players’ Workshop III**

**Tutor: Margaret Shearing**

Ensemble playing in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere, this workshop is aimed at experienced 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. Contact Pauline on paulinewelch.moorfield@gmail.com for further details. Bookings should be made through the Hall.

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. She is a member of Tutti Flutti, led by Philip Thorby and plays in Recorders Incorporated conducted by Tom Beets. She regularly attends courses by Bart Spanhove, Tom Beets, Philip Thorby and others.

£177

30 AUGUST-1 SEPTEMBER  
Arrive Friday 4pm, depart Sunday 3pm

**Literature Appreciation Shakespeare’s Extras**

**Tutor: Hugh Parry**

This course is a celebration of the extraordinary generosity with which Shakespeare treated the minor actors in his company who did the bit-part chores. Even in a few lines he could create cameos which would be a privilege to play, either illuminated by flashes of wonderful poetry or given narrative significance far beyond their apparently meagre word-count.
Hugh Parry has offered adult education classes in literature for over 30 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.

£170

**18-20 SEPTEMBER**

**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 information skills-sharing.

Revd Elizabeth Brown serves as a Hospital Chaplain in the Northumbria NHS Trust and is an experienced workshop and retreat leader. This will be Elizabeth’s second 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

**3 OCTOBER**

**Thursday 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

**7-10 OCTOBER**

**Arrive Monday 4pm, depart Thursday 3pm**

**Autumn Rambling in Wharfedale**

Join us for the last of our three-night walking breaks this year. There is a choice each day of either short or longer, more demanding walks with one of our 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, Graham Bettridge, will be on hand to provide spiritual leadership for those who wish to participate.

£245
11-13 OCTOBER  Arrive Friday 4pm, depart Sunday 3pm

Heart & Soul Singing Retreat II

Tutor: Keely 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.

Keely Hodgson is a composer and natural voice practitioner. She has worked as a music specialist in primary and special school settings and leads a number of community singing groups, including 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.

£176

14 OCTOBER  Monday 10am-4pm

Open Quiet Day IV

Leader: Canon Adrian Botwright

Do I have to say that?

Handling positively some of the odd or tricky things we find ourselves saying in church... Our Open Quiet Days this year offer the opportunity to think deeply about challenging questions and dilemmas faced by all people of faith, but perhaps seldom spoken about.

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

Freewill offering
15-17 OCTOBER

Arrive Tuesday 4pm, depart Thursday 3pm

Recorder Players’ Workshop IV

Tutor: Sandra Foxall

Ensemble playing in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere, this workshop is aimed at experienced 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. Contact Pauline on paulinewelch.moorfield@gmail.com for further details. Bookings should be made through the Hall.

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.

£177

25-27 OCTOBER

Arrive Friday 4pm, depart Sunday 3pm

Fellowship of Contemplative Prayer Retreat II

‘Be still and know that I am God’ Ps 46 v 10

This retreat follows the format of the earlier one in April, but with a different Witness. After meeting and welcoming both old and new friends and having our first excellent Parcevall Hall meal together, we will later in the evening have Compline after which the silence will begin. It is possible to go into silence personally before then if you wish. The Witness will tell us the plan for and theme of the retreat. Silence continues until just before lunch on the final day.

The extended periods of silence between the hour-long contemplative exercises gives each person time and space to be in God’s presence, to be guided or simply to rest in Him from the busyness of life, and be refreshed. There will be opportunity for personal private short interviews with the Witness. All are welcome.
5 DECEMBER  

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

6-8 DECEMBER  

Recorder Players’ Workshop V

Tutor: Ruth Burbidge

Ensemble playing in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere, this workshop is aimed at experienced 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. Contact Pauline on paulinewelch.moorfield@gmail.com for further details. Bookings should be made through the Hall.

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.

£177

10-13 DECEMBER  

Advent Retreat

Leader: Canon Adrian Botwright

Advent is all about the ‘not just yet’. Unlike Christmas, Easter, Pentecost or Ascension, we’re not busy celebrating something which has already happened, rather we’re there before it all happens; we’re waiting, calm, open, poised – and
this gives Advent a very different and rather special feel. This retreat will try to help us enjoy to the full these days of 'not yet'; to set aside the trivial things which too often dominate our lives; to develop an attitude of waiting on God, and to dare to be surprised, challenged and thrilled by what may happen at the end of Advent.

Canon Adrian Botwright was Rector of Holy Trinity in Skipton for almost 20 years. He now lives in Thirsk and focuses on leading retreats, quiet days, offering spiritual direction and serving as Chaplain in various places, including four weeks each year on Bardsey Island. He enjoys hugely music, poetry, walking, trains, a campervan, and scuba diving.

£225

18-20 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. All will be invited to spend an afternoon in discussion and contemplation. Wholesome food and a warm welcome are assured.

£165

23-27 DECEMBER

Arrive Monday 4pm, depart Friday 10am

Christmas Houseparty & Retreat

Spend a traditional 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 celebration.

£372
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.
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