

# THIRD ORDER

## news



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### Bullet points from Chapter, October 2013

- Somerset Area has posed the question "How can TSSF bring about a change in the life of the church?" Chapter's response had been to ask the Area to go back and find out for themselves and then bring their response to Chapter.
- The Minister Provincial had reported on the Ministers' discussion at the meeting of Ministers Provincial which she had attended in the summer which considered the four marks of the professed tertiary: the keeping of the Community Obedience, making an annual report, the renewal of the Pledge, and "remuneration" to the Order (not purely financial)
- Chapter approved the appointment of two teams instead of individuals to fulfil the roles of Provincial Disability Adviser and Provincial Webmaster.
- Chapter agreed that Area Teams should report once a year to Chapter, through the LTs, on the spiritual health of their Area.
- Outgoing officers to be encouraged to provide mentoring for their successors.

Chapter minutes are on the web.

### TSSF Retreats and other events

**11 – 13 July 2014** (Fri 5pm – Sun 2pm)

*Silent Retreat*

At Bishop Woodford House, Ely, Cambs

Conductor: Bishop Martin Shaw TSSF

Cost: £126.50 (standard room)

£141.00 (ensuite) + conductor's expenses

Booking forms from: Katharine Ames-Lewis,

21 Victoria Street, Cambridge, CB1 1JP

E: k.ameslewis@btinternet.com

### Retreats at the Old Parsonage, Freeland

**14 – 17 March 2014** (Fri – Mon)

*Silent Retreat*

Conductor: Rev Ann Wren, TSSF

Cost £135 inclusive

**9 – 12 June 2014** (Mon – Thu)

*Silent Retreat*

Conductor: Father Michael Campling, TSSF

Cost £135 inclusive

**25 – 28 July 2014** (Fri – Mon)

*Silent Retreat*

Conductor: Revd David Norwood, TSSF

Cost £135 inclusive

**10 – 13 October 2014** (Fri – Mon)

*Silent Retreat*

Conductor: Brother Sam, SSF

Cost £145 inclusive

**Bookings:** Lesley Sutton,

12 Hill Top Road, Oxford, OX4 1PB

T: 01865 248847

E: oxfordretreat@yahoo.co.uk

### Irish Retreat 2014

**9 – 11 May** (Fri 4pm - Sun 3pm)

*Silent Retreat* at the Emmaus Retreat &

Conference Centre, Swords, North Dublin

Cost: tba; Leader: tba

Booking forms from:-

Mrs Shelagh Norton, Ard na Cree,

Church Hill, Wicklow, Republic of Ireland.

It was so good to have UK Tertiaries joining

us this year. I hope some will come in 2014

### JPIC weekend at Hilfield.

**28 Feb - 2 Mar 2014** (Fri - Sun)

Details and forms will be available in

December 2013.

Contact: Caroline Ugbo,

E:cjugbo3@hotmail.co.uk or

Tel:0113 266 6649.

### **Silent Retreat for Wales Area, 2014:**

**26 - 29 Aug** (Tue - Fri)

St. Non's Retreat House, St. Davids,  
Pembrokeshire

£145.00 plus Leader's expenses.

Deposit required: £30.00

Contact: Carolyn Waters

1, South Mews, Orange Gardens,  
Pembroke, Pembrokeshire SA71 4DZ

Tel: 07875245002

E: carolyn.waters@blackberry.orange.co.uk

### **Wyevern Area Retreats 2014**

#### **Llangasty, 28 Apr – 2 May (Mon-Fri)**

We will focus on the resurrection.

We will say the office together morning and evening, and celebrate communion at midday. There will be two talks each full day and one on each on Monday and Friday, and opportunities within the week to meet individually with the retreat conductor Sarah Cawdell. The cost will be around £240

#### **Freeland, 22 - 26 Sep (Mon-Fri)**

We will focus on creation and harvest.

We will join the worship of the community each day, and there will be two talks each full day, and one each on Monday and Friday and opportunities within the week to meet individually with the retreat conductor Sarah Cawdell.

The house asks for a donation which should be of the order of £40 a night, making £160.

If you would like to come on either of these retreats please contact Sarah Cawdell, 16, East Castle Street, Bridgnorth WV16 4AL  
T: 01746761573

E: sarah.h.l.cawdell@btinternet.com

### **South West Cluster Day**

**Saturday, 21 June 2014**, 10am - 4pm

St Boniface Centre, Crediton

Contact Link Tertiary Hazel Sharp

E: hh.psharp@btinternet.com

### **East Midlands and Yorkshire Cluster Day**

**Saturday, 13 September 2014**

St Mary's Centre in Sheffield

Theme: Following Jesus in the way of St Francis: Ongoing transformation.

Keynote Speakers: Averil Swanton and Brother Damian

Contact Link Tertiary Jan Davies,

E: janofreegarth@live.co.uk

### **Don't hide your expertise under a bushell!**

*Paul Bodenham, Provincial Formation  
Guardian writes...*

Many elected officers in the Third Order are saying they would value training for their role. Meeting those needs is one of the things in my job description. Our training needs to use the best knowledge and practice around – but your current PFG is only an amateur!

I am sure that among our 2,000 members we have people with the expertise we need. At a guess, this includes:

**Training and development:** Do you have professional experience in personnel, adult education or theological formation?

**Franciscan origins:** Have you undertaken advanced study in the contemporary relevance of the life and spirituality of Francis and Clare?

**Writing and editing:** Have you published materials which enable groups to apply theory to practice, and enjoy themselves? Or you might have a relevant skill I have not thought of. If any of these apply to you, please get in touch. I can't promise to take your offer up, but it would be good to know who is around.

Email formation@tssf.org.uk or  
phone 01949 861516

### **Joy in Enough:**

#### **awakening to a new economics**

**Sat, 29 March 2014** (11am - 5pm)

Carrs Lane URC Centre, Birmingham

Francis had a lot to say about true prosperity. But exactly how are we as Franciscans called to transform today's relentless growth of consumption, debt and inequality?

As reported in the last *Little Portion* we Tertiaries are being invited to help build a Christian vision for an alternative economics. Now the organisations behind it (Christian Ecology Link, A Rocha and the student campaign network SPEAK) have announced a conference to launch the initiative to which we are invited.

**Joy in Enough** features Dr Dan O'Neill, economist at Leeds University and co-author of **Enough is Enough**. There will hopefully be enough Tertiaries for a special Franciscan workshop at the conference.

For further details and a booking form, visit [www.greenchristian.org.uk/joy](http://www.greenchristian.org.uk/joy) but please also contact Paul Bodenham (pb@cooptel.net or 01949 861516) so that we can establish the scope of the TSSF part in the initiative.

## **Pilgrimage to Walsingham**

**15 - 20 June 2014** (Sun - Fri)

Contact : Lorraine Scott

E: [andrewls@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:andrewls@tiscali.co.uk)

T: 0191-2534567 M: 07739072514

Deposit of £30 payable when you book.

## **Art retreat**

**16 - 18 May 2014** (Fri - Sun)

Tertiary artists in any medium, and of any level of ability, are invited to join an informal weekend art retreat at Freeland Convent near Oxford. Participants will bring their own materials. If you would like to register interest please contact John Wiltshire at [katherine.wiltshire1@ntlworld.com](mailto:katherine.wiltshire1@ntlworld.com) or M: 07717 547672.

This weekend may prove to be popular.

## **Younger tertiaries**

This newish initiative is for tertiaries in their 20s and 30s (or maybe a little older, to avoid being inflexible). Those already in touch with each other hope to arrange a first event at Freeland Convent one weekend in Spring 2014. If you are interested in the group, and/or the event, please contact John Wiltshire as above.

## **Wayfarers**

The Wayfarers initiative is for tertiaries who feel "at the edge" of the TSSF, including those who may be uncertain about their future within the order. The report of our first meeting, in 2012, gives more information at <http://www.tssf.org.uk/life-in-the-tssf/384-tssf-wayfarers-oct-2012-report>

Six tertiaries met again this September, found the occasion mutually supportive and helpful and agreed to meet twice a year in future. If you are interested in Wayfarers, and perhaps joining one of these meetings, please contact Mike and Susan Farley at [mike.farley@live.co.uk](mailto:mike.farley@live.co.uk)

## **Safeguarding**

The attention of Tertiaries is drawn to the section on Safeguarding in the draft Chapter Handbook on the web:

<http://www.tssf.org.uk/information-and-publications/governance-working-group>

## **Francis of Assisi and His "Canticle of Brother Sun" Reassessed**

by Brian Moloney TSSF, Emeritus Professor of Italian, University of Hull.

A launch of this book, arranged by Hugh Beach, will be held at St Mary The Boltons, London, SW10 9TB, on Thursday 28 November from 6.0-8.0pm. Professor Moloney's health does not permit him to attend but he will send a short piece about his book, Danae Eleni will perform the Canticle to a new musical setting by Richard Moore, Paul Alexander will perform a short part of his 'Life of St. Francis', covering the writing of the Canticle and Francis's death. Wine will be served and it should be an enlightening and enjoyable evening. All are welcome.

The book is available from the publishers (Palgrave Macmillan) at a discount (half the list price of £55) - a flier with the offer will be available at the launch and is on the TSSF website along with more details on the book.

## **"Beyond the Edge: spiritual transitions for adventurous souls"**

by Andrew Mayes, TSSF

is a new book published by SPCK. Andrew is leading a retreat/pilgrimage for spiritual directors on this theme, 16-24 June 2014 at St George's College, Jerusalem. For details E: [andrew.mayes@gmail.com](mailto:andrew.mayes@gmail.com)

## **Francis the Holy Jester**

*Francis the Holy Jester* is a one man show, a play which relies solely on the considerable skill of a highly experienced performer and the imagination of the audience. This is a show without props, without scenery and with the simplest of costume where the bond between the audience and the performer, and thus the material and subject is tangible, visceral. A whole range of characters from 13th Century Italy are brought to life before us:

Popes and Cardinals, Dukes and Duchesses, soldiers on the battle field, traders in the marketplace and St Francis himself.

The play traces some events from the life of this most colourful and renowned of holy men, his desire to follow the word of God and to communicate this to the people for the good of mankind. It illustrates his commitment to his beliefs, his willingness to sacrifice his wellbeing and material comfort for the sake of his faith and his readiness to challenge hypocrisy wherever he sees it to expose the truth. This is a play that truly addresses some fundamental questions about how we express our faith and commitment to Christian principles. It has the timelessness of a great story masterfully told and is full of relevance for our lives today

Mario Pirovano, who has translated Dario Fo's text into English, offers four episodes from St Francis life. One of these reflects and references an actual event when St Francis spoke to over 5,000 people in the main square in Bologna in August 1222. In this address, he used his whole being to express himself and communicate his message. The address was so powerful it caused warring factions to embrace lasting peace for the first time in many years.

Mario Pirovano is organizing a come back to UK with the monologue written by Nobel Prize Winner for Literature 1997, about the life of Saint Francis of Assisi.

Recently he toured UK last September, at Gloucester Cathedral Chapter House, Saint Stephen Church in Bristol, Hillfield Friary near Dorchester; the last performance was in Saint Francis Church, West Wickham.

To do the show very little is needed, it could be a theatre in a church, on the altar is quite like being on a stage, in a hall, in a school... almost everywhere really. People sitting around comfortably.

A small microphone ( the kind to pin up on to a shirt), some lights.

Any church interested in staging this performance, contact Rev David Faulks at:- david.faulks@btinternet.com

## **Provincial Disability Advisor and Webmaster Teams**

Chapter has agreed to the creation of small teams to cover these two important offices for the European Province of TSSF. Both teams will be part of the Communications Team and any general questions should be sent to me. Chris Petrie, pcc@tssf.org.uk

### ***Disability Advisor (PDA) Team***

The team is Margaret Armstrong, Philip Blundell and Steve Nutt. We shall continue to offer support and advice to Tertiaries with disabilities, including the supply of alternative formats for printed material (audio and large print). Margaret will be the contact person for the team; contact details are at the end of TON, as usual.

### ***Web Team***

The team is Ben Davies and Ben Gibbs with Chris Petrie.

Contact E: webmaster@tssf.org.uk

## **Election of a Provincial Novice Guardian**

Voting papers are likely to be distributed in December, with a month in which to vote. All Professed Tertiaries are encouraged to pray about this and to cast a vote. You can contact candidates or those who nominate them to ask questions - details will be on the ballot papers.

## **Summary of last year's accounts**

### **Income for year:**

Contributions from Tertiaries	£72,554.00
Gift Aid recovered	£15,208.00
Bequest	£30,000.00
Area and other income	£12,100.00
Total income	<b>£129,862.00</b>

**Expenses for year** **£101,550.00**

Excess of Income over Expenditure  
**£28,312.00**

This means that if we had not had the generous bequest we would be

**in the red to the sum of £1,688.00**

This year we have several cluster days which may increase our expenditure. We may like to have this in mind when we review our annual contributions to the order!

## Financial assistance for retreats

Are you finding it financially demanding to go on Retreat? If so, you should apply to the **KNOX DICK FUND**. This Fund is used to help Tertiaries of modest means keep their Rule of Life by helping with the costs of going on retreat. Please write or send an email to: Rachel Cornish,  
36 Highfield Road, Felixstowe, IP11 7BZ  
E: [knoxdick@tssf.org.uk](mailto:knoxdick@tssf.org.uk)

## Future Chapter Dates

**2014** 13-15 March,  
13-14 June  
17-19 October  
**2015** 19-21 February  
12-13 June  
16-18 October

## Election of the following Novices to Profession was ratified by Chapter, with prayer (20)

Sara Thomsen	Sweden
Jo Goodall	Blackmore Vale
Beverley Hervé	Channel Islands
Rosemary Cordan	Sussex
David Nowicki-Stephen	Sussex
Susan Charles	London South
Karen Crussell	Chiltern
Ian Orr-Ewing	Chiltern
Irene Spoor	Chiltern
Nigel Spoor	Chiltern
Constantina Wood	Chiltern
CarlosTome da Silva	Northampton
Beth Knowles	Oxford
Margaret Dew	Lincoln
Mark Burns	Yorks S & N Derbys
Jo Bradley	Wales
Sian Dawson	Wales
Jim Harwood	Wales
Zoe King	Wales
Heidi-Maria de Gruchy	Wales

## The following are the names of Tertiaries who have died during the twelve months to Francistide 2013. They were remembered with prayer at the final Eucharist held at Chapter (39)

* Mervyn Anglesea	Shrewsbury
* David Anthony	Notts & S Derbys
David Balding	Guildford
Olga Bell	Durham
Michael Benton	Scotland
* Peggy Berryman	East Anglia
Anne Bevan	Somerset
Giles Blomfield	Cornwall
Trevor Boycott	Newcastle
Barrie Briggs	Yorks S & N Derbys
Frances Butler	Cornwall
David Chamberlain	Cornwall
Tony Coxon	Wales
Lloyd Davies	Sussex
Guy Denham	Wessex
Margaret Edington	London West
Hannah Elizabeth	Wessex
Molly Finch	Berkshire
Cathie Hall	Newcastle
Marjorie Hodson	Shrewsbury
Graham Hullett	Lincoln
Kenneth Johnson	Mercia
Marion Kettle	Severn
Maurice Lakeman	Channel Islands
Fianach Lawry	Scotland
Morwenna Lea-Wilson	Chiltern
Bob Leigh	Wessex
Christopher Martineau	Wyevearn
Pamela Mitchell	Beds & Herts
Dorothy Patrick	London West
Tony Riley	Mercia
Ann Rust	Yorks North & East
Margaret Scott	Cambridge
Ken Seagers	London South
Rosalind Seddon	Mersey Valley
Kathleen Taylor	Lincoln
Judy Walker	Winchester
Violet Webdale	London E & Essex S
Hilda Wiltshire	Somerset

\* Died before October 2012 Chapter but notification not received until later.

## **Who to send things to:**

### ***Changes in address, telephone number, e-mail address, TSSF Office held***

Mollie Kingham, Membership Secretary,  
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West Molesey, KT8 1TH.  
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E: memsec@tssf.org.uk  
Copy to Chris Petrie, E: comms@tssf.org.uk

### ***Information for Little Portion***

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### ***Contributions for TON***

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### ***All other matters to do with communication***

Chris Petrie, Provincial Communications  
Coordinator, 55 Briardene Crescent,  
Newcastle upon Tyne, NE3 4RX  
T: 0191 2855131 E: comms@tssf.org.uk

### ***Contributions, TSSF expense claims and letters about finance***

John Reynolds, Provincial Treasurer,  
The Friary, Hilfield, Dorchester, DT72 7BE  
T: 01300 342312 E: treasurer@tssf.org.uk

### ***Enquirers interested in joining the Order***

Philippa Bird, Provincial Novice Guardian  
T: 020 8932 1518 (ansaphone)  
E: novguard@tssf.org.uk

### ***All other enquiries about the Order***

Averil E Swanton, Minister Provincial  
11 The Grange, Fleming Way  
Exeter, EX2 4SB.  
T: 01392 430355  
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### ***Disability Advisor Team (alternative formats, access, support)***

Margaret Armstrong, Cridlands Barn,  
Brompton Ralph, Taunton, TA4 2RU  
T: 01984 623918  
E: disabilityadvisor@tssf.org.uk

### ***Third Order Resource Material***

Third Order Distribution,  
The Old Parsonage, 168 Wroslyn Road,  
Freeland, Witney, OX29 8AQ.  
E: distribution@tssf.org.uk

Much material is available on the TSSF website and can be downloaded. Paper copies are kept at Third Order Distribution where you may send your requests and make arrangements for payment.

### ***Franciscan Aid***

The **Treasurer** (for donations to the fund) is Roland Randall, St Francis Toft, The Green, Hilton, Huntingdon, Cambs, PE28 9NB. E: treasurerfaf@tssf.org.uk

The **Secretary** (for applications for grants) is Helen Mossop, The Rectory, 19 Abbey Street, Plaistow, London E13 8DT  
E: secretaryfaf@tssf.org.uk

See also [www.tssf.org.uk/franciscan-aid](http://www.tssf.org.uk/franciscan-aid)

### ***Email Contacts for TSSF Networks:***

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