

# THIRD ORDER

## *news*



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### THIRD ORDER PROVINCIAL CHAPTER FEBRUARY 2017

Below is a summary of the principal issues and points for discussion and issues.

Jamie Hacker Hughes, the new Minister Provincial-elect, and Martin Allen, the new Provincial Secretary were introduced to Chapter. Martin has now been commissioned and Jamie will be commissioned in June.

On administrative matters, it was brought to Chapter's attention that in some cases, the correct paperwork, duly signed was not submitted in time for professions. Areas are reminded of the importance of keeping and submitting up to date records. To this end, it was also mentioned that Areas must update the Membership Secretary, Mollie Kingham, of any changes in names, home addresses (especially important concerning Gift Aid, as the implications for incorrect addresses could be serious), telephone numbers, email addresses, movement in and out of Areas, deceased tertiaries and new office holders. Link Tertiaries are to follow up any missing tertiaries from information given by the Membership Secretary, to see if they can be traced, and were also asked to find out from Areas if there are any lone tertiaries who may be in isolation as well as any ex-pats linked to their Areas, concerning pastoral care, and to inform the Minister Provincial.

It was mentioned that there are several upcoming vacancies for the Little Portion Editorial Team. A new Little Portion editor is needed, as is a new editor for TON. Also needed is a new Membership Secretary. Your Link Tertiary would be pleased to hear from anyone who feels called to these positions, and also others who have appropriate editorial skills as well. Provincial Chapter will also need a new Chapter Minutes Secretary, to take over from Katherine Ames-Lewis in June. There is an honorarium of £167.00 per Chapter, plus expenses.

The Minister Provincial is to produce a report concerning elections to Chapter, especially in view of the number of candidates put forward for the Minister Provincial role. There have been various suggestions put forward which will be discussed by the Working Group set up for this purpose. Please send Averil any comments you may have about the process of TSSF elections.

The subject of formation was raised, and the recommendation made by the Formation Team Working Group was agreed. It was felt that formation should be 'owned' by Chapter, and that a new team should be constituted. The new team will now comprise the Provincial Formation Guardian, the Provincial Novice Guardian and the Link Tertiaries. The team will meet at Ely the day before each Chapter begins.

Areas are requested to ask their tertiaries to supply their respective YEAR of birth, so that the Order can calculate an accurate age profile. Also, Areas and Chapter members are asked to submit monthly budgeting estimates, rather than yearly, to assist the Provincial Treasurer in calculating more accurate budgeting forecasts. On the subject of costs, Chapter felt it necessary to ascertain the cost of 'The Franciscan' and other printing costs, to see where real savings can be made, without compromising on quality.

A copy of *Finding Saint Francis* DVD is to be sent to Areas. The film is listed as a requirement for postulants and novice formation.

Concerning publications, it is hoped to have most of the revised Area Team Handbook finished very shortly. It will be put on the website once completed and signed off. Similarly, it is hoped to have a first draft of the proposed Assisi Booklet on Ageing before Chapter in June. Finally, it is hoped the new Safeguarding Policy will also be ratified in June.

*Peter Thompson TSSF*

The full minutes of Chapter  
are available on the website

The Annual Report is also circulated with TON – as a PDF

### **FUTURE CHAPTER DATES**

<b><u>2017</u></b>	15-17 June 13-15 October
<b><u>2018</u></b>	8-10 February 14-16 June 12-14 October

### **COPY DATE FOR FORTHCOMING ISSUES**

TON 61: 30 June 2017  
TON 62: 27 Oct 2017

**AREA TREASURERS' MEETINGS**  
**3 AND 10 SEPTEMBER 2016**

All Area Treasurers were invited to attend a Provincial meeting - either in London or Manchester. Twenty- four came to London and seven to Manchester. The purpose was to discuss Area accounting in depth as well as liaison with the Provincial Treasurer. There was the chance to meet with fellow Treasurers and to share our many ways of working and views.

A briefing paper was sent out before the meeting, so all had a chance to prepare and share their views during the day.

As a result of the information and discussions a new set of Guidelines for Area Treasurers will be issued. It hoped that they will be circulated to all Treasurers in November and will also be available on the website.

*Rona Duncan and John Lovatt*

**Election to Profession (with Prayer)**

The following were elected to profession,  
with prayer:

Anne Whittlesea	Canterbury
Peter Allen	London South
Penny Molyneux	London South
Roger Molyneux	London South
Peter Coombes	London and South East Essex
Tim Rose	Blackmore Vale
David Wheeler	Cornwall
Pam Hitchens	Avon Vale
Alasdair Kay	Notts, Leic and Derbyshire
Saxon Barrie	Notts, Leic and Derbyshire
Angela Morfett-Jones	Lincs
Eilleen Ridge	Yorks West and Skipton
James Longe	East Anglia
Rosie Livingstone	East Anglia

## **STUDY & PRAYER NETWORK**

The **Study & Prayer Network** exists to support and facilitate the study and prayer to which all members of the Third Order are called, as part of our life-long formation. If you would like to be kept informed of events and issues particularly relevant to study and prayer, and/or to share news and requests with an interested group, please email [studyprayer@tssf.org.uk](mailto:studyprayer@tssf.org.uk) and ask to be added to our mailing list. Our apologies that we cannot extend this service to Tertiaries who do not use email, but perhaps you could link with someone who would be prepared to be in contact on your behalf.

### **What Should We Study?**

This was the title of one of our sessions during the 2016 Alnmouth week when we focused on the AIMS of TSSF. Brian Macdonald-Milne led us in a search for Bible passages which are illustrative, exhortative and/or instructive in relation to the Aims. The exercise in itself was very valuable – Brian sent us away in twos to be guided in our search by three specific questions for each Aim – and the resulting list of Scripture references which we compiled will, we hope, be useful to all Tertiaries. But it is very incomplete, and we hope you will help us build up the resource. Using Brian's well-designed questions, a group large or small (assuming you have space to work together in 2s or at most 3s) can spend an enjoyable and profitable hour or so on this exercise, or perhaps an individual might like to set her/himself the task for personal study. Or you might prefer to do a similar exercise with a different bit of the Principles. Maybe your Local Group or Area is looking for an activity for a meeting?

The notes from the session, including a fuller explanation of what we did and the list of Scripture passages, can be found on the Study & Prayer pages of the website <http://tssf.org.uk/resources/studyandprayerarticle/> Scroll down to find the title *What Should We Study?* If you do not have access to the internet, please phone Helen Hood on 0131 447 6469 to arrange for a printed copy to be sent to you.

We hope you'll have a go, however you choose to tackle it, and we encourage you send in any so-far-unmentioned Scripture references by email to [studyprayer@tssf.org.uk](mailto:studyprayer@tssf.org.uk) (or phone Helen to find out a postal address) so they can be added to the resource.

### **Suggestion: a Principle for Day 31**

Another session at Alnmouth Friary last year included a suggestion from Brenda Stephenson which we would like to bring to your attention:

"The Principles discuss Joy, but they don't mention Fun at all. Is there a link between having space for leisure (not being a workaholic) and leading a life of Simplicity? For Francis, the simple life involved the ability to turn in a moment from weeping to laughter, from playing the fool to being serious: two sides of a single coin, the 'both/and' Richard Rohr often speaks of. Many people find it hard to keep a balance between work and play. Some of us felt we should include in our Rule something on this aspect of life, and possibly append a note to the Principles for use in months with 31 days."

If this idea appeals to you, here is Brenda's suggestion for Day 31, adapted from a paragraph of the Rule of the Freeland Sisters:

DAY 31 We should give due consideration to the way we organize space for leisure. It is part of God's plan that there should be times of rest and refreshment to restore and invigorate us in body mind and spirit, so that we may return better able to do him service.

## **Invitation to Submit Additional Study & Prayer Week Papers**

The Alnmouth Study & Prayer Week in October this year will be on the theme of *The Writings of Francis and Clare*. This has proved a popular topic and places filled up quickly. There will also be those who would have been interested to attend and contribute, but are not able – for any number of reasons. Building on a suggestion from one of our Network members, we would like to invite any Tertiaries not participating personally in the Study & Prayer Week, but who wish to contribute a paper, to do so. If you would like to write about one or more of *The Writings of Francis and Clare*, please send a paper no longer than 6 A4 pages to [studyprayer@tssf.org.uk](mailto:studyprayer@tssf.org.uk) (or phone Helen for a postal address) to arrive by latest Friday 15 September. This will allow time for the participants at Alnmouth to consider any additional papers, which may subsequently be added to the Study & Prayer papers on the website.

### **SYRIA COMES TO BUTE**

Just before Christmas 2015 a group of Syrian families arrived on the Isle of Bute. At the darkest time of the year, and it had been raining every day since the middle of the previous July, they came cautiously off the ferry in the pouring rain to be greeted on the pier by a huge sign in coloured lights saying Merry Xmas Bute. Some thought they were going to London, some thought they were going to Manchester. They did not know each other until they met on the ferry. We all know something of the atrocities they were escaping. Their individual stories are as varied and different as each one of them. Their journey to Scotland was in the dark in every sense. They possessed nothing and put their faith and trust totally in the hands of the UNHCR organisation.

The churches on Bute had often held the Syrian people in their prayers. One day in late summer our curate spoke very powerfully about the challenge we all faced with such disaster and destruction going on in the Middle East and the uncomfortable feeling of longing to help and not knowing how. The United Church of Bute arranged a vigil, inviting anyone concerned for the people of Syria to come along. About fifty people came and we sat in silence for about an hour. A few weeks later we heard that fifteen Syrian families were coming to Bute.

The arrival of the first group of families just before Christmas, aroused a great deal of interest and good will amongst the islanders. Clothes for men, women, children and babies were donated in vast quantities, all carefully sized, washed, ironed and folded. St Paul's Church Hall was filled clothes and tea and biscuits and energetic helpers. Each family had one, two, three or four children and the council provided refurbished flats for them. These flats were freshly decorated and fitted with white goods and heating. Recycled furniture was mostly given and the cupboards were stocked with Arabic groceries. The shops in Rothesay were very generous in donating washing powder, soap, toothpaste etc., etc. A Halal butcher in Glasgow sent a couple of lambs and a quantity of chickens. The ladies of Dunoon Episcopal Church made beautiful patchwork quilts for each child and each couple. The Catholic Church have a large hall which they gave for use as a community centre for seven months and the government payed the heating and electricity bills. The Rotary Club gave each family a mobile phone which was a life line for them to contact their families back home. A person from the council co-ordinated the endless appointments for the refugees and someone in the community organised the great band of volunteers. There were many rotas and unexpected calls for help until the day came when our new friends arrived.

They mostly came from Lebanon where they were in UNHCR camps. They had fled Syria, leaving behind their families and the relentless war. They had to pay to cross the border, about £2,000 each. One lady told me that she and her ten year old son worked for two years to raise the money. There was no such thing as school for him. Now the only time he is low is the school holidays because he loves being at his Rothesay

school so much. He is even acquiring a good Scottish accent. On arrival at the camps they would sign up with the UN if they wanted to be considered as candidates to come to Britain. It was on the ferry coming across to Rothesay that they first met each other and actually found out where they were going. Of course it was the darkest wettest winter any of us could remember and we wondered how on earth they would feel coming here. They were exhausted from their travelling and pretty apprehensive and were immediately thrown into sessions of finding clothes, registering with the medical practice, signing on at the dentist and signing on for benefits.

Language lessons started straight away. Arabic has many different dialects, varying from country to country. It seems to be a very beautiful and poetic language. For instance, a prefix or suffix on a word will be added to give emphasis or slightly alter a nuance. Sometimes a word or the middle of a word will be left out because it is assumed that you would know it was there. They write from right to left. When first learning to write English some wrote each letter starting where we would finish. Their alphabet is completely different so you could imagine their bewilderment and frustration trying to learn. It was especially hard for some of the men who felt easily humiliated. These people come from widely varying backgrounds, some university educated and some from rural areas and illiterate. They soon found they were able to laugh when they watched us struggling with Arabic. When they arrived these people had no concept of time keeping. There was a lot of chasing about looking for people when appointments were imminent. Equally they soon became bored with their lack of progress with the language and stopped turning up to lessons. It was pretty frustrating for us too waiting around all morning with nothing to do. Eventually they were told that the government said they must attend or they would lose their benefits.

When I first joined the volunteers I was a little nervous about how traumatised the people might be and how strict they might be with their religious observance. I wondered if they might object to my being Christian and a female. From the start I wore my Franciscan cross and I soon noticed that some folk gravitated towards me. One of them said: 'We trust you because you pray.' On Fridays at midday the men would go up on the stage in the hall with the curtains closed and said and chanted their prayers, while the women sat in reverent silence and the children raced around on tractors and scooters. Interestingly their attitude to their religion varies as much as ours. One young woman was glad to dump her headscarf, but at some cost because some more devout people then ostracised her. Early on the group became divided into more or less devout, but I think there was an element of social snobbery.

Having spent years in a war zone and months, if not years in a refugee camp our new Syrian friends were in great need of medical and dental care. One of my jobs as a volunteer was to accompany families on hospital visits. These are potentially emotional, worrying and tiring and I saw it as my job to reassure whoever I was accompanying. Travelling on the ferry we would try very hard to have a conversation. There is an app on mobile phones for translating and first it was my turn to look perplexed and then burst out laughing and then it was their's. You had to keep your translation request very simple or it would quickly become gobbledygook. Some used the journey to tell horror stories of torture and murder and to show pictures on their phones of bombed out homes. One lady has a sister who was married off at the age of eleven and by the time she was twenty one she had six children. They were living in the rubble and ruins of buildings in Aleppo because it is too dangerous to live in anything that looks like an intact building. They were starving and ate grass.

Early in January the Syrians made a feast for all the people who had helped. It was a great celebration and there were several speeches. It was very moving, especially one which was delivered via the interpreter with a passionate plea for the end of the war. One short amazing speech of gratitude was given by a single mum in English. It was all very poignant. They made the most delicious spread of spicy rice with roast meat on top, scattered with roast nuts. There were beautiful salads and dishes of dates. A feast for the eyes as well as the stomach.

In the second week of February, five more families arrived and this time the weather was so bad that they had to drive in the coach back over the Erskin Bridge, over the Rest and be Thankful and down to Colintrave to take the little ferry across to Rubodeach. This time our work really was cut out. By now the volunteers had dwindled to handful, but these tired and bewildered people needed just as much assistance.

One really lovely thing happened and that was that the Syrians who had arrived earlier went knocking on the doors of the new arrivals, not only to welcome them, but to tell them they were amongst friends, and no more would they be cold, hungry or afraid.

Around the time of Burn's Night the volunteers and their families laid on a ceilidh in the Catholic Church hall for the Syrians. It was wonderful. In front of the stage was a long table groaning with the weight of the food everyone had brought. There was a lot of loud music and ceilidh dancing and the Syrian men and children joined in. All the mums sat around the edge of the hall, their culture forbidding them to dance. Then suddenly some traditional Syrian music was played and all the Syrian men got up, linking shoulders, they made a curving line of dance. The leader of the line dictated the footwork, and then , spontaneously, a man would break out of the line and improvise some wild energetic dancing and then rejoin the line.

These people have a great dignity and grace and their children are an utter delight. If I see a family in the street, the children will come running up and hugging me, shout 'hallo!' The children's ages range from newborn to nineteen. The ones who are at school are learning English fast. They are very friendly and play happily in the street with the local children.the nineteen year old wants to go to medical school. His English is practically perfect. He learned by translating pop songs on his mobile phone.

The question of language is very important because these people come from a culture where there is no welfare state and they are desperate to find work and pay their own way. One man is a trained and experienced barber, but he has been told he must do a British training before he can set up in business. Another man is a trained chef and wants to open his own restaurant. One young woman wants to train to be a hairdresser but has been told to improve her language skills first.

Recently a few more Syrians have arrived who are relatives of some already here. What a pleasure it is to see the delight on the faces of their families. Their culture is very different to ours. The men do quite a lot of the shopping and cooking. We set up a knitting and crochet group last winter for the shyer ladies, but it was the bolder ones who turned up. I think we must all be patient. They now drink Nescafe and we eat dates, so we have made some progress.

*Judith West TSSF*

## **IPTOC – DRIVERS NEEDED**

Third Order representatives from round the world will come together for the Inter-Provincial Third Order Chapter (IPTOC) in September this year, and our First Order brothers and sisters will hold a similar Chapter at the same time. A total of around 30 people will be coming from overseas.

We want to make it easy for our guests to travel between the airport and the conference centre, at High Leigh in Hertfordshire. Could you offer to meet and greet some of them at an airport (probably Heathrow for most, but maybe others) and drive them to High Leigh, and/or take them back afterwards? We expect people to turn up from Monday 4 to Wednesday 6 September (probably in the morning), and return on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> (afternoon). We'll pay for your mileage and parking. Nearer the time, we will let you know who you will be meeting and what flights they are on.

This is your chance to meet some of the Tertiaries and First Order brothers and sisters for whom (we hope) you pray monthly.

Please contact Robert Dimmick [robert@dimmick.me.uk](mailto:robert@dimmick.me.uk) or ring 0118 947 0258 and say when you would be available. Thanks to those Areas whose Ministers have already found volunteers.

## **HELP SUPPORT (YOUNG) REFUGEES IN CALAIS**

Do you like to work with young refugees? Are you open minded and have a big heart (= have a lot of patience ;-)) and your are emphatic)?

We are looking for people who can do some accompaniment of young refugees in Calais (North of France) and surroundings and who take an active role in our house.

For more than a year Maria Skobtsova House has been a Christian community that lives and works amongst the refugees in Calais. Building community with local Calaisians, volunteers and refugees. We have been present in what was called 'the jungle', trying to help the most vulnerable amongst the refugees. And even if the refugee camp in Calais has been demolished - about more than 400 refugees already have come back to Calais and are in need of help.

### **Consider becoming a (live-in) volunteer with us?**

**Short-term:** you can dedicate some days (for example a long weekend) or your vacation to work with refugees in Calais.

Or on a regular base you could come for a weekend?

**Long-term:** you would like to become part of a Christian community for 3 months or more and work amongst refugees in Calais?

Tasks in our community are diverse and for example include: housekeeping, prayer, cooking, writing, accompanying refugees, helping in English or French, sign posting, distribution of aid material, befriending. Volunteers will be encouraged contributing with their own skills and abilities to the work in our community; but also to support and nurture each other.

For more information contact us:

MARIA SKOBTSOVA CW HOUSE Email: [johanmaertens@hotmail.com](mailto:johanmaertens@hotmail.com) Mobile: UK mobile 00 44 7488 407 108 FR mobile 00 33 66 804 33 28



## RE-INVIGORATING PRIESTHOOD

Andrew D. Mayes, Sussex Area Formation Guardian, is putting together a resource on how the Franciscan vision and values can energize and inspire the practice of priesthood. He would like to include some testimonies, of 200-300 words, from priests who can express what difference being a Franciscan makes to being a priest.

Any offers or questions please to [andrew.mayes@gmail.com](mailto:andrew.mayes@gmail.com)

### THIRD ORDER RESOURCE MATERIAL AVAILABLE FROM TO DISTRIBUTION

#### Assisi Booklets

Poverty	£1.50
Francis as Peacemaker	£1.50
Exploring Diversity	£2.50
Fasting	£2.50
Obedience	£2.50

#### Other publications

Chasing the Wild Goose	£2.00
Obedience (Hugh Beach)	£2.50
'Martha' (Biography of Dorothy Swayne) with study notes	£6.00
South Pacific simple language Principles	£5.70
South Pacific Franciscan Stories	£3.50
Postcards for meditation (6/pack)	£3.00
Replacement Manual	£10.00
Back copies of <i>Little Portion</i>	£2.50
Current copies of <i>Little Portion</i>	£4.00
Replacement Profession Cross	£3.00
Lapel Badge	£3.00

All prices include postage and packing.

#### Free of charge

Novice Training Notes  
Area Team Handbook  
Enquirers' Leaflets  
A3 and A4 blank posters with motif for your own event

#### Available from

TO Distribution The Old Parsonage  
168 Wroslyn Road,  
Freeland, Witney OX29 8AQ

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### TON Editor

Sue Charles will soon have served three years in this post and TSSF needs a volunteer to replace her. Tertiaries who have suitable skills (the ability to edit a document, turn it into a file in PDF format and email this to Areas) are invited to contact Chris Jenkins (Communications Coordinator). The Editor is appointed by Chapter after a recommendation from him. More information can be obtained from Chris or Sue.

### FOR REFLECTION

Anne Spalding's photographs, first seen in the TSSF Contemplatives Newsletter, are now available as postcards from Third Order distribution. The pictures (see below) are of sea, desert, reeds, a ruin, and plants, and the cards are intended to be used as a focus for meditation... or to send a note to a friend. They come in packs of six, one of each photograph, costing £3 incl P&P.



### TSSF Banner

We now have a pop-up banner for use at events at which the Third Order has a presence. It is kept at Third Order Distribution at Freeland. The main picture on the banner is the picture which is used on the new enquirer leaflet and on the front of the first issue of *Little Portion*. The stand which is easy to erect, packs into a box approximately 5"x5"x36" and, can be booked by contacting Third Order Distribution: [distribution@tssf.org.uk](mailto:distribution@tssf.org.uk) or

The responsibility for cost of transport will be with the person or group borrowing the banner.

## **TSSF STUDY AND PRAYER ENABLING GROUP EVENTS IN 2017**

### **Freeland Study & Prayer Weekend: Friday 21 - Sunday 23 April 2017**

(Old Parsonage guest house of the Community of St Clare, Freeland, Oxfordshire: arrivals late afternoon Friday, departures after lunch on Sunday. Inclusive cost £100)

The theme will be ***From Passion to Pentecost***. The sessions will include:

*From Passion to Pentecost*: Exploring the Gospel events from the darkness of the Crucifixion to the 'Stations of the Resurrection'/ 'The Way of Light' - reflections based on some 20<sup>th</sup> century paintings, with Roger Willson TSSF.

A presentation by the artist Nicholas Mynheer ([www.mynheer-art.co.uk](http://www.mynheer-art.co.uk)), who lives near Oxford and who has created paintings, sculptures and glass on these themes for many churches. The weekend may also include an opportunity to visit a nearby church/churches with examples of Nicholas's work.

Everyone is invited to bring an example of a work of art, poem, or piece of music inspired by the events after the passion, which has moved them.

The weekend is also an opportunity to share in the prayer life of the community at Freeland.

For more information, or to enquire about a place, please email [studyprayer@tssf.org.uk](mailto:studyprayer@tssf.org.uk) putting 'Freeland 2017' in the subject line.

If you do not have access to email, please phone Andrew Baker on 07850 572869.

### **Alnmouth Study & Prayer Week: Monday 9 – Friday 13 October 2017**

(Friary of St Francis, Alnmouth, near Alnwick, Northumberland: arrivals 4pm Monday, departures after breakfast 10am Friday. Inclusive cost £160)

The theme will be ***The Writings of Francis and Clare***.

The week will provide an opportunity for participants to reflect on the various documents which Francis and Clare left to us. We hope that each session will focus on a different writing, and we encourage contributions in any form (written papers, guided reflections, creative activities, music, images . . .) which can be personal responses to the writing, an academic commentary on it, or anything in-between. The brief is that each participant has roughly one hour during which to assist the group reflect more deeply on one of Francis' or Clare's writings, in the prayerful surroundings of the Friary where we share in the life and worship of the First Order Brothers. This week may be of particular interest to Novices – we shall try to maintain a balance of participants so that all may benefit.

For more information, or to enquire about a place, please email [studyprayer@tssf.org.uk](mailto:studyprayer@tssf.org.uk) putting 'Alnmouth 2017' in the subject line. If you do not have access to email, please phone Helen Hood on 0131 447 6469.

## TSSF RETREATS AND OTHER EVENTS

### RETREATS AT THE OLD PARSONAGE, FREELAND

**Dates: Monday 8 – Friday 12 May 2017**

*Individually Guided Retreat*

**Conductors:** Sr Carolin Clare, OSC & Janet McDonald

**Cost:** £175 including conductors' expenses

**Dates: Monday 24 – Thursday 27 July 2017**

***Growing in our relationship with God***

*Silent Retreat*

**Conductor:** Br David Jardine, SSF

**Cost:** £150 including conductor's expenses

**Dates: Friday 13 – Monday 16 October 2017**

***The sun and moon over Assisi'***

*Silent Retreat*

**Conductor:** Revd David Norwood, TSSF

**Cost:** £150 including conductor's expenses

*Bookings: Lesley Sutton,*

*12 Hill Top Road, Oxford, OX4 1PB*

*T: 01865 248847*

*E: oxfordretreat@yahoo.co.uk*

### PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY & ASSISI in 2017

A leaflet is attached with this copy of *TON* detailing pilgrimages offered by Revd David & Ann Faulks, TSSF to Italy & Assisi. Please note the revised dates of:  
23 – 30 September 2017, cost £729 pp

### EAST ANGLIA THIRD ORDER RETREAT

**Dates: Friday 14 - Sunday 16 July 2017**

**Conductor:** Brother Samuel SSF

**Cost:** £140 for a Standard room

£155 for an en-suite room

At Bishop Woodford House, Barton Rd, Ely

*The Retreat House is very comfortable with a very lovely garden Ely Cathedral ten minutes walk from Retreat House*

*Any Member of the Third Order wishing to join us for this retreat should write to:*

Capt. Bruce Worsfold CA TSSF,  
'The Friary', 21 Somerton Avenue,  
Lowestoft, Suffolk, NR32 4EY.

*Requesting a booking form with a non-returnable deposit of £50.*

### **TSSF CAMBRIDGE AREA RETREAT:**

**Dates: Friday 14 – Sunday 16 July 2017**

**Conductor:** Brother Nicholas Alan

**Cost:** £146/£156 plus some expenses.

**Venue:** The Retreat House, Pleshey, Essex

Contact for booking:

Judy Nightingale 01223 891806 [nightingale41@greenbee.net](mailto:nightingale41@greenbee.net)

11 Mill Lane, Linton, Cambridge CB21 4JY

A deposit of £40 is requested on booking.

### **WITH A COMMEMORATION OF THE STIGMATA OF ST FRANCIS**

**Dates: 14 – 20 September 2017**

**Conductor:** by Bishop Martin Shaw

**Cost:** £939

This price is assured until 16 December 2016.

If you are interested in booking, please telephone or email Pax Travel Ltd,

2nd Floor, 102 Blundell St, London, N7 9BL

Tel: 020 7485 3003 Fax: 020 7485 3006 Email: [info@paxtravel.co.uk](mailto:info@paxtravel.co.uk)

Web: [www.paxtravel.co.uk](http://www.paxtravel.co.uk)

If you would like more information please contact Martin:

[amartinshaw@gmail.com](mailto:amartinshaw@gmail.com) or 07801 549615.

### **INDIVIDUALLY GIVEN RETREAT AT LLANGASTY**

**Dates: Monday 23 - Friday 27 October 2017**

**Venue:-** Llangasty Retreat House, Llangasty, Brecon, Powys. LD3 7PX

**Guides:-** John and Tricia Hall-Matthews

(both tssf).

2 wheelchair accessible rooms with ensuite facilities are available.

To book, contact [enquiries@llangasty.com](mailto:enquiries@llangasty.com), 01874 658250 or the booking secretary at above address.

### **HERTS AND BEDS THIRD ORDER RETREAT**

**Dates: Monday 23 - Friday 27 October 2017 (Mon 5pm - Wed 2pm)**

**Conductor:** The Revd Dr David Munchin

**Cost:** £146 + share of conductor's expenses

**Venue:-** Chelmsford Diocesan House of Retreat, Pleshey, Essex

There are a few places left.

Contact: Nigel Bridger [n.bridger@btinternet.com](mailto:n.bridger@btinternet.com)

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## WHO TO SEND THINGS TO

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

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