

# Encounter

June 2023–April 2024

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RETREATS

HOLIDAYS

CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

Lee  Abbey  
Christian Community

[leeabbeydevon.org.uk](http://leeabbeydevon.org.uk)

# Lee Abbey Devon ... a very special place

Lee Abbey Devon is a residential Christian Community situated on a beautiful 280-acre estate in Exmoor National Park on the North Devon coast. Within our grounds there is a listed 120-bed House for holidays, retreats and groups, The Beacon Activity Centre, tea cottage, camp field, working farm, woodland and a beach.

Lee Abbey exists to enable those who visit – guests and resident Community – to encounter Jesus Christ through worship, teaching and ‘doing life together’. In this way lives, relationships, communities and the environment are transformed by the life of God.

Lee Abbey Devon has been described as a ‘thin place’ where the closeness of God can be experienced. Come and be renewed, refreshed and resourced as you find rest and nourishment in time away.

## Our Values

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### ENCOUNTER

We are here to facilitate life-changing encounters with Jesus Christ, to hear his call and live it out as part of his church.

### COMMUNITY

We encourage shared living with grace, humility and honesty, enabling all to flourish and grow.

### HOSPITALITY

We share what we have, welcome with generosity and make space for the ‘other’.

### SIMPLICITY

We keep ‘the main thing the main thing,’ wishing to ensure sustainability of people and the planet by living simply.

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Dear Friends

## Welcome to Lee Abbey in Devon!

*People come to Lee Abbey for many reasons: to relax, retreat, reset, get creative, meet (or make) friends, or because a family member (adult or child) insisted! They are drawn by the beauty of the estate, from woodland and moor to the beach. Or by the historic (yet comfortable) house, Beacon Activity Centre and international Community. Or because of the opportunities of the varied programme. Or perhaps because God is drawing them? No matter what the reason, all are welcome and we pray that God will meet each according to their need.*

*Jesus said: 'Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.' And, with compassion, he fed the many coming to him with words of God and nourishing food. In these days of uncertainty and turbulence, Lee Abbey is a place to rest awhile, to reflect, and to receive the ministry of God to heal, teach and empower for fullness of life. We pray that the vision that directed the founding of Lee Abbey in 1946 would continue to be true: a 'rekindling of the fires of faith, prayer and witness'.*

*On behalf of all of us serving here, I invite you to come.*

*With our prayers,*

Rev Gordon Crowther  
Warden

## Keep in touch

Visit our website:

[leeabbeydevon.org.uk](http://leeabbeydevon.org.uk)

Go through the programme and then follow the link to book your stay.

The website is the place to find all the latest news about what's on at Lee Abbey, as well as special offers and features.





Sign up online to receive regular email updates.

And remember – it's never been easier to book your stay through the website.

Alternatively call us on 01598 752621.

## Follow us on Social Media

Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter and do look at our YouTube channel.

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# Accommodation in the House and The Beacon

Lee Abbey Devon has a range of bedroom types including single, twin, double, triple and family rooms, the majority of which have sea or country views.



At Lee Abbey Devon, we can accommodate up to 150 people within the House and The Beacon Centre. In addition, we have a number of cots and Z-beds. Many of our rooms enjoy en-suite facilities (for which there is a surcharge) and there are guest bathrooms and toilets on each floor. Most rooms also have sea or country views. Bed linen and towels are provided in each room. Within the House there is a tea and coffee making room (with fridge and microwave) on each floor.

## PRICING STRUCTURE

All prices given in this brochure are per person, per event in either a standard or an en-suite bedroom. Please see each event for its price, and please give your room type preference when booking.

## BURSARY FUND

If you would like to enable somebody else to come and stay at Lee Abbey, please ask about contributing to our Bursary Fund or make a donation during your stay here. Equally, if you would like to make use of our Bursary Fund, please contact us for details.

**We offer a range of discounts all year round, supported by generous donations to our Bursary Fund:**

All ordained ministers, spouses and dependents	10% off
Missionaries, spouses and dependents, on furlough from working overseas for a UK society	50% off
Lone parents bringing dependents	25% off

**We also offer a wide range of other discounts, thanks to the generous support of Hopeswood (previously known as the Woodlands House of Prayer):**

Those in formal training for ministry or missionary work	25% off
Students in full-time education	25% off
Those who are a main carer for a family member (whether or not the person for whom they provide care is also staying)	25% off
Those in receipt of UK benefits*	25% off
Refugees, and anyone who is a main supporter of a refugee	25% off

These reductions apply to UK residents only, and do not apply to **self-catering units** or when special rates are stated in the programme. Only one discount can be claimed at a time.

**\*UK benefits means:** Child Tax Credit, Council Tax Benefit, Housing Benefit, Incapacity Benefit, Income Support, Jobseeker's Allowance, Pension Credit, Universal Credit, Working Tax Credit.



A room in The Beacon

Children aged 4 and under go **FREE**

## SINGLE PARENTS

Lee Abbey is pleased to be able to offer a 25% discount to single parents bringing dependent children. This offer is available for any full priced conference in this brochure (and children's normal discounts apply). However, there is limited availability so please telephone the Bookings Office to check availability for your preferred dates. Terms and conditions apply.

## CHILDREN'S PRICES

Children aged four and under come FREE.

These other reductions also apply:

Ages 0–4	Free
Ages 5–7	25% of adult rate
Ages 8–11	35% of adult rate
Ages 12–16	50% of adult rate



The Beacon entrance



Preparing for the zipwire

# Your stay with us

At Lee Abbey Devon the price you pay is fully inclusive. Knowing that everything is included can help with your budgeting, especially if you come as a family or group. The price includes the following:

- 1 **Great accommodation and facilities, including a library, gift shop, book shop, estate walks and the beach!**
- 2 **All meals and drinks**
- 3 **Bed linen and towels in every room**
- 4 **Inspiring teaching and worship**
- 5 **Lively youth and children's ministry (seasonal – please ask)**
- 6 **Pastoral Helpers available to chat, listen and pray with you**
- 7 **Activities, games and sports facilities including sports hall, two tennis courts, sports field and Beacon activities when available (including archery, zip wire and indoor climbing)**

## COME AND BE!

We offer the Lee Abbey House and estate as a home for you to just 'come and be' any week or weekend that we are open. Come and enjoy the space and tranquillity in order to rest and recharge your batteries.

You could walk, play games, read, enjoy the beach, visit the local area, pray and spend time with God in this 'thin' place.

We pray that every guest encounters the transforming love of God in Jesus Christ and returns home refreshed, encouraged and inspired.

All stays are  
**FULLY INCLUSIVE**

## A typical day at Lee Abbey

A structured and bespoke programme is arranged for guests for most weeks and weekends. There is a Welcome Team each week made up of Community members, who take time out of their daily roles to help you to make the most of your stay with us.

**Each day is likely to include:**

- Morning Worship with Community
- Buffet breakfast
- Teaching session with sung worship
- Morning refreshments
- Lunch, served by Community members
- Free afternoons
- Afternoon tea and cake
- Dinner, served by Community members
- An evening activity





## Bringing a group to Lee Abbey Devon

Are you looking for a place to take your church or small group to for a weekend away? Lee Abbey Devon could be the place for you!

There is something remarkable about the way God brings unity and renewal to a church or group that spends time away together. A key part of Lee Abbey Devon's vision is to serve the Church in exactly that way. We can cater for groups of up to 120 people in the House and a further 44 in The Beacon.

### How to book your group

- 1 Decide on a date.
- 2 Phone us on 01598 752621 to check availability and request a Group Booking Pack.
- 3 Complete and return the Group Booking Form to us, along with the deposit.

### RENEW, REFRESH, RESOURCE WEEKENDS

'Renew, Refresh, Resource' weekends are designed for everyone, whether Christian or exploring. Come on your own, as a couple, group, team, community or church, to this beautiful house and 280-acre estate on the edge of Exmoor. We invite you to encounter Jesus Christ and be transformed in every area of life. Through worship, teaching, prayer and the simple hospitality of our Community, find the space you need to be renewed, refreshed and resourced.

### DAY VISITORS

You are very welcome to visit for the day. Come and enjoy lunch, refreshments, and sessions if the programme permits. The cost is £20 pp and if you would like to enjoy an evening meal, this will be charged at an extra £15 pp.

## Group rates for Renew, Refresh, Resource weekends 2023–24

For groups including 10 adults or more (no other discounts apply)

Age	May–July 2023		Sept–Oct 2023		Age	Nov 23–Feb 2024		Mar–April 2024	
	Standard	En-suite	Standard	En-suite		Standard	En-suite	Standard	En-suite
17+	£145.00	£180.00	£155.00	£195.00	17+	£130.00	£175.00	£155.00	£195.00
12–16	£85.00	£105.00	£90.00	£112.50	12–16	£80.00	£102.50	£90.00	£112.50
8–11	£59.50	£73.50	£63.00	£78.75	8–11	£56.00	£71.75	£63.00	£78.75
5–7	£42.50	£52.50	£45.00	£56.25	5–7	£40.00	£51.25	£45.00	£56.25
0–4	<b>FREE</b>	<b>FREE</b>	<b>FREE</b>	<b>FREE</b>	0–4	<b>FREE</b>	<b>FREE</b>	<b>FREE</b>	<b>FREE</b>

# Self-Catering

Why not enjoy one of our programmes, and experience Lee Abbey Devon at your own pace? Self-catering offers you more flexibility and the freedom to come and go as you please. It also offers fantastic value for money.

Whether you want to bring your family or come away as an individual or couple for a secluded getaway, Lee Abbey Devon self-catering has something for you.



Beach Chalet

We have three self-catering units on the estate in some of the most stunning locations, each of which is available all year round, with booking dates matching the start and end of the House programme. You are, of course, also free to do your own thing.

Please let Bookings know the extent to which you would like to participate in the programme, and in particular if you would like young people and children within your group to join the Youth and Children sessions alongside the morning ministry session.

You are welcome to book a self catering unit at a time when there is no House programme, but we will then need to charge VAT.

## BEACH CHALET

Situated directly above the beach, the Beach Chalet has a stunning sea view and is a fantastic base for groups of up to 12 people to enjoy the coast, the sunsets, and all that Lee Abbey Devon offers.

It consists of an open plan and well equipped kitchen and living room, bathroom, shower room, wet room, two additional toilets and four bedrooms. Bed linen and indoor towels are provided, as are two travel cots and two high chairs. The kitchen is equipped with crockery, utensils, a range cooker, sink, a fridge/freezer and a dishwasher. A washing machine and ironing board are also provided.

PRICE PER NIGHT	Beach Chalet	Lee Cabin	Tinkerbell
<b>High Season:</b> per night	£345	£160	£145
<b>Mid Season:</b> per night	£315	£145	£130
<b>Low Season:</b> per night	£235	£125	£115

**High Season:** July to September, all half terms, Christmas, New Year and Easter

**Mid Season:** March to June and October (excluding Easter and half terms)

**Low Season:** November to February (excluding Christmas and New Year)

All options are available for online booking.



Beach Chalet interior





Lee Cabin



Lee Cabin



## LEE CABIN

Newly built on the same site as the old cabin, but now with a magnificent view of the sea, Lee Cabin is ideal for a family holiday. It accommodates four people in two bedrooms (one double, one twin) and is just 250m from the private beach. It has its own parking space nearby but, because it is accessed via steps, it is unsuitable for wheelchairs. Bed linen and indoor towels are provided.

*Please note: Lee Cabin lies in a normally peaceful location. However it is also close to our camp field and there will be more noise and bustle in the area during the set up and operation of Camp from 22 July to 26 August.*

## TINKERBELL

A historic one-bedroom cottage, hidden away in the woods down the hill from the House. Tinkerbell's gorgeous sea view and intimate setting make it perfect for a single person or married couple wanting to get away from it all.

Tinkerbell contains a double bedded room and a kitchen equipped with a microwave, a two ring hob and ample storage space. There is also a shower and separate toilet. Bed linen and indoor towels are provided. Car parking is 50m from the cottage. Unsuitable for wheelchairs.



Tinkerbell

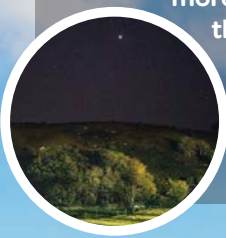
# Things to do during your stay



## Explore the Estate

Ask at reception for an Estate map and explore the miles of footpaths and bridleways. Take a woodland walk or climb to the highest points on the estate and take in the breathtaking view of the Valley of Rocks. Spend time on your own and watch the sunrise or sunset. Go for a dusk or night ramble – but don't forget to take a torch!

**Stargazing** Exmoor National Park has been designated the first International Dark Sky reserve in Europe. The area around Lee Abbey and the Park is home to some of the darkest skies in the country. On a clear night the sky around Lee Abbey is simply stunning when many astronomical sights can be seen with the naked eye and even more can be discovered through a telescope or binoculars. Binoculars can be borrowed at reception.



## Feeling sporty

If you want to let off steam or pit your skills against a friend you can take advantage of the many sports facilities here. There are two tennis courts, a five-a-side football pitch, an indoor sports hall suitable for badminton, volleyball and table tennis or, for a more sedate game, play croquet on the North Lawn.



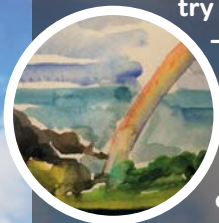
## Mountain biking

Bring your bicycle and enjoy the absence of traffic. Explore the peaceful tracks that wind through and across the estate. Although the estate is hilly it offers enjoyment and challenges for all abilities. Alternatively travel a little further afield and explore Exmoor National Park or the Tarka Trail which runs from Ilfracombe to Bideford and beyond.

**Be creative** whether your passion lies with paints, pencils or a camera, Lee Abbey Devon offers a wealth of subjects in a wonderful, stimulating and creative environment. You could



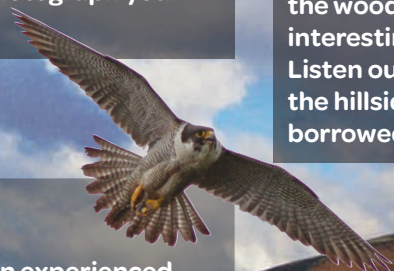
try something different – let your creative side run riot. Write a poem, start that journal you promised yourself or bring a camera and photograph your favourite places.



**Birdwatching** Lee Abbey estate's bird population is wide and varied, from woodland birds to sea birds. Keep an eye out for the many species of raptors including buzzards, sparrowhawks and peregrine falcons. Along the streams there have been sightings of dippers and herons and in the woodlands there are many interesting summer migrants. Listen out for the raven's call from the hillsides. Binoculars can be borrowed from reception.

## Walking

Whether you are an experienced rambler or just an ambler, the estate and surrounding countryside have something for you. Stroll along valley bottoms, beside rivers and streams or imagine yourself walking back in time as you explore nearby Lorna Doone country. Follow the coast path which runs through the estate to Hunters Inn and beyond. You'll be spoilt for choice. Exploring on foot will help you to switch off, relax and enjoy God's creation, notice flowers, wildlife and the sound of the wind or the ocean.



## Quiet Spaces

Take a walk up to Jenny's or to the crosses on top of the hill, sit on a bench and look over the beautiful sea or watch the sunset. Visit the Chapel, or go to the Library and read a book, sit in an open space or in silent contemplation in a small Poustinia. There are many 'Quiet Spaces' at Lee Abbey to enjoy an 'encounter' moment.



# Children and young people

## HOLIDAY WEEKS

School holiday weeks are specially designed so that your children have an action-packed time finding out about Jesus. We offer:

### THEMED WEEKS

- *Opportunities to discover more about God*
- *Adventurous activities for 8s and over*
- *Morning sessions for all children (shorter sessions for youngest children not yet at school) so parents can have space to receive from God*
- *All-age worship services*

## ADDITIONAL NEEDS

We welcome children with additional needs and are happy to discuss with parents and carers ways in which we can help all children feel welcome and included in the programmes we offer.

## OUT OF SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Children's work is always available during our Renew, Refresh, Resource weekends. In addition, if you are home schooling or visiting from abroad, we also seek to offer school-aged children a programme midweek during term time, and for some of our other weekends. Provision is subject to requests being given with plenty of notice, as our Youth and Children's team often lead mid-week school programmes at the Beacon, and therefore may not be available.



## CRÈCHE

We offer mid-week crèche facilities for children aged six months to five years so parents can join in with the morning programme.

- *Please let us know, several weeks in advance, that you require childcare when you book, so that we can run the crèche as well as school programmes at The Beacon*
- *There are two rooms dedicated to small children in the Preston Rooms. The Ark and The Pod have age-appropriate books, toys and games that can be accessed by families at any time*
- *Highchairs and child-friendly plates, bowls and cutlery are available in the dining room*



## CHURCH WEEKENDS

Come with your whole church family knowing that the children will have their own tailor-made programme of events. We offer:

- *A programme which is especially designed for the age group of the children*
- *Morning activities for all children so that parents can have space to relax, unwind and receive from God*
- *Free time in the afternoon for you to 'do your own thing' and enjoy the area*
- *Creative ways of exploring faith and growing in understanding God's love*
- *Opportunities for building church community together*

## Safeguarding

Please note that we take the issue of safeguarding very seriously at Lee Abbey. We have four safeguarding officers and a full policy that we commit to, to ensure, as much as possible, that everyone has a safe and enjoyable stay with us.

We take responsibility for your children when they are attending the Youth and Children sessions. However, once the session is over and children have been 'handed back', full responsibility for your children reverts to you.

*Mark Scyner, Head of Youth and Children's Ministry*

# The Beacon Activity Centre

Activities include indoor climbing, crate stack, zip wire, archery, low ropes, bush craft, orienteering and much more on our stunning 280-acre estate.

## FOR A LIFE OF DISCOVERY

Bring your group of any age and see them discover a new-found confidence in themselves, in each other and in God, as our dedicated team lead and guide them in living life to the full. If you are looking for a unique venue:

- to bring your school to
- where you can complete your Duke of Edinburgh award
- for a church youth weekend
- for a team-building retreat for your staff
- a self-catered weekend

then give us a call on 01598 754206. We can accommodate up to 44 people in The Beacon, and host only one group at a time. We are more than happy to help you deliver your programme or create an environment that is tailored to your needs.

**For more information visit:**

[thebeaconactivitycentre.org.uk](http://thebeaconactivitycentre.org.uk)



*"Thank you for all your care and hard work making it such a fun and happy week for the children! You've given so much encouragement and support which has really helped them all."*



Lynton Primary School



# The year at a glance 2023–2024

This programme is correct at the time of going to print. However, additions and changes to the programme may be made, so for the latest information please see [leeabbeydevon.org.uk/visit/programme](http://leeabbeydevon.org.uk/visit/programme)

## JUNE

2–4 June

### RENEW, REFRESH, RESOURCE

Rob Richards

5–9 June

### HEARING THE FATHER'S VOICE

Lin Button

5–9 June

### BIRDS OF EXMOOR

Andrew Mann

9–11 June

### RENEW, REFRESH, RESOURCE

Worship and Prayer Focus

19–23 June

### LEADERSHIP REIGNITE

Paul and Liz Lynch

19–23 June

### INDIVIDUALLY GUIDED SILENT RETREAT

Rob Eastwood Dewing

26–30 June

### ALIVE IN CHRIST

Ruth Hassall

30 June – 2 July

### RENEW, REFRESH, RESOURCE

## JULY

3–7 July

### FRIENDS WEEK

The Lee Abbey Team

3–7 July

### COME AND BE!

7–9 July

### ENNEAGRAM 1 WEEKEND

Catherine Park and

Joanna Pearson

7–9 July

### RENEW, REFRESH, RESOURCE

Rural Churches Focus

Verena Breed and

Gordon Crowther

10–16 July

### WALK AND TALK

Helen and Graham Worsfold &

Rob and Mary Wakeling

10–16 July

### LANDSCAPE PAINTING

Val and Mark Turner

16 July

### LOCAL CHURCHES EVENING

17–21 July – House Closed

22–28 July

### I WILL GIVE YOU REST

Will and Caroline Kemp

24–28 July

### LIVING WITH LOSS 1

(At The Beacon Centre)

Abi May

29 July – 4 August

### A BIGGER GOSPEL

Paul Woolley

29 July – 7 August

### THE FIELD (18–30 year olds)

Chris Newman-Day

## AUGUST

5–11 August

### CROSSING BOUNDARIES IN A POLARISED WORLD

Andy and Emma Dipper

12–18 August

### ALL IN!

Simon Guillebaud

19–25 August

### MAKING SPACE FOR WHAT MATTERS MOST

Cathy Madavan

19–25 August

### YOUTH CAMP (13–18 years)

Tom Rogers

26 August – 1 September

### ROAMING THROUGH ROMANS

Andrew Ollerton

## SEPTEMBER

2–10 September – House Closed

15–17 September

### RENEW, REFRESH, RESOURCE

15–17 September

### KEEP FIT FOR MARRIAGE

Prepare/Enrich Team

18–22 September

### LIVING WITH COURAGEOUS FAITH

Jen Baker

18–22 September

### TAPESTRY OF LIFE

Vittoria Hancock and

Gretel White

22–24 September

### RENEW, REFRESH, RESOURCE

25–29 September

### WALK AND TALK

Helen and Graham Worsfold

and Dave Fisher

25–29 September

### ENNEAGRAM 1

Catherine Park and

Joanna Pearson

**25–29 September**  
**FREEDOM, REDEMPTION AND**  
**RESTORATION ART WEEK**

Lynne Pugh

**29 September – 1 October**  
**RENEW, REFRESH, RESOURCE**

**OCTOBER**

**2–6 October**  
**IN QUIETNESS AND**  
**CONFIDENCE IS OUR**  
**STRENGTH**

Micha Jazz

**2–6 October**  
**RETIREMENT IS GOD'S GIFT**  
**TO US**

Christine and Martin  
 Swindlehurst

**6–8 October**  
**RENEW, REFRESH, RESOURCE**

**9–13 October**  
**NAVIGATING NEW NORMALS**

Rachel Oates

**9–13 October**  
**ESTATE WORKING PARTY**

Lee Abbey Estate Team

**9–13 October**  
**FINDING REST IN THE LOVE**  
**OF GOD**

Sharon Garlough Brown

**13–15 October**  
**RENEW, REFRESH, RESOURCE**

**16–20 October**  
**PRAYERS OF THE BIBLE**

Bible Society

**16–20 October**  
**BOOK OF BLESSINGS**

Val Turner

**20–22 October**  
**RENEW, REFRESH, RESOURCE**

**23–27 October**  
**ENOUGH: RADICAL LIVING,**  
**RADICAL DISCIPLESHIP**

A Rocha with Andy Lester and  
 Regina Ebner

**23–27 October**  
**LIFT YOUR HEART, LIFT**  
**YOUR VOICE – AFTERNOON**  
**SINGING WORKSHOPS**

Sam and Rachel Chaplin

**27–29 October**  
**RENEW, REFRESH, RESOURCE**

**NOVEMBER**

**3–5 November**  
**RENEW, REFRESH, RESOURCE**

*6–10 November – House Closed*

**13–17 November**  
**FOLLOWING JESUS THROUGH**  
**THIN AND THICK**

Paul Woolley, LICC

**13–17 November**  
**THE BOOK OF RUTH: GOD'S**  
**GUIDING HAND**

Bev Shepherd

**13–17 November**  
**LIVING WITH LOSS 1**

(At The Beacon Centre)

Abi May

**20–24 November**  
**ON THE PILGRIM WAY TO**  
**BETHLEHEM**

**SILENT RETREAT**

Bishop Bob Evens

**24–26 November**  
**ASSOCIATE COMMUNITY**  
**WEEKEND**

Lee Abbey Team

**24–26 November**  
**DADS AND LADS**

(At The Beacon Centre)

Lee Abbey Team

**27 November – 1 December**  
**THE MAGIC OF CHRISTMAS**

Steve Legg

**DECEMBER**

*1–21 December – House Closed*

**22–27 December**  
**CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION**

Lee Abbey Team

**29 December – 2 January**  
**NEW YEAR CELEBRATION –**  
**COUNTDOWN TO ETERNITY**  
**AND BEYOND**

Richard and Nicola Moy

**JANUARY 2024**

*2–7 January – House Closed*

**12–14 January**  
**RENEW, REFRESH, RESOURCE**

**8–12 JANUARY**  
**SONG WRITERS RETREAT**  
 (At the Beacon Centre)  
 Speakers TBC

**15–19 January**  
**LETTING THE PARABLES OF**  
**JESUS SPEAK TO US**

Lee Abbey Team

**15–19 January**  
**ENNEAGRAM 3**  
 Catherine Park and  
 Joanna Pearson

**15–19 January**  
**LIVING YARNS**  
 Vittoria Hancock and  
 Gretel White

**19–21 January**  
**RENEW, REFRESH, RESOURCE**

**22–26 January**  
**RETURN OF THE LIGHT**  
**SILENT RETREAT**

Michael Mitton

**26–28 January**  
**RENEW, REFRESH, RESOURCE**

**29 January – 2 February**  
**COME AND DRINK FROM**  
**LIVING WATER**  
 (For Clergy, Ministers and Church  
 Leaders)

Mark Melliush

**FEBRUARY**

**2–4 February**  
**RENEW, REFRESH, RESOURCE**



**5–9 February**  
**THE GOD OF CREATION AND**  
**NEW CREATION: JESUS,**  
**SCIENCE AND POPULAR**  
**CULTURE**

David Wilkinson

**5–9 February**  
**INDIVIDUALLY GUIDED**  
**SILENT RETREAT**

Becky Widdows

**9–11 February**  
**RENEW, REFRESH, RESOURCE**

**12–16 February**  
**LET ME TELL YOU A STORY**

Andy Kind

**16–18 February**  
**RENEW, REFRESH, RESOURCE**

**23–25 February**  
**RENEW, REFRESH, RESOURCE**

**26 February – 1 March**  
**PURSUING GOD'S WILL**

Jill Weber

**26 February – 1 March**  
**ESTATE WORKING PARTY –**  
**TREE PLANTING**

Lee Abbey Estate Team

**MARCH**

**4–8 March**  
**WHO YOU CAN BECOME**  
**WHEN LIFE DOESN'T GO AS**  
**PLANNED**

Sheridan Voysey

**8–10 March**  
**RENEW, REFRESH, RESOURCE**

**11–13 March**  
**SOUTH WEST BAPTIST**  
**ASSOCIATION ANNUAL**  
**MINISTRY RETREAT**

*14–17 March – House Closed*

**18–22 March**  
**BIG BANG TO BIOLOGY: DO**  
**WE DETECT THE HAND OF**  
**GOD?**

John Bryant and  
Graham Swinerd

**18–22 March**  
**ENNEAGRAM 1**

Catherine Park and  
Joanna Pearson

**23–27 March**  
**CREATIVITY, CULTURE AND**  
**CHRIST: TOWARDS EASTER**

Chris Duffett, Carl Smethurst,  
Andy Thomas and Dai Woolridge,

**28 March – 2 April**  
**EASTER CELEBRATION**

Lee Abbey Team

**APRIL**

**3–7 April**  
**NOMADLAND: LIVING**  
**MISSIONALLY IN A**  
**CONSTANTLY SHIFTING**  
**CULTURE**

Luke Cawley

**8–12 April**  
**ORDINANDS WEEK**

Bishop Mark Tanner

**12–14 April**  
**RENEW, REFRESH, RESOURCE**

**19–21 April**  
**RENEW, REFRESH, RESOURCE**

**22–26 April**  
**ABIDE, AND BEAR MUCH**  
**FRUIT**

Paul and Becky Harcourt

**22–26 April**  
**THE ARMOUR OF GOD PART 2**  
**CLAY WORKSHOPS**

Janey Petterson

**26–28 April**  
**RENEW, REFRESH, RESOURCE**

**29 April – 3 May**  
**THE CALL OF THE WILD, THE**  
**FEEL OF THE HOLY**

Michael Mitton and Russ Parker



# Lee Abbey Friends



Lee Abbey Friends are an essential part of the Lee Abbey Movement and have provided vital prayer support for our work and ministry since the Lee Abbey Movement began in 1946. The Movement has now grown into an extensive and varied ministry throughout the UK, and includes Devon, London, and Small Missional Communities in Birmingham, Bristol and Plymouth. Lee Abbey Friends are described

as a 'fourth Lee Abbey Community'. Once a year Friends are invited to come and join with other Lee Abbey Friends for a week of teaching, sharing and being Community together. Please do ask about becoming a Lee Abbey Friend.

*Declan Beales  
Friends' Secretary*



## Associate Community

The Associate Community is made up of individuals and couples who give their time, effort and talents to support the Devon resident Community. God has faithfully brought some amazing people to serve willingly and tirelessly over the years. We would like to recruit more Associate Community members (ACs) to work with the Kitchen and House Teams.

**The Associate Community support the resident Community by:**

- Working up to eight hours a day as part of, and supporting, the House, Kitchen and Mission and Ministry teams
- Being around to chat to guests informally
- Taking part in the rota for serving tea and coffee to guests
- Taking a significant role in formal Prayer Ministry sessions and Night Prayer

- Helping to serve meals to guests
- Attending Community prayers

**Please consider joining us**

If you are interested in becoming an Associate Community member, please contact us at: [martinswindlehurst@leeabbey.org.uk](mailto:martinswindlehurst@leeabbey.org.uk). We will send you a job description and an application form. Following receipt of your form you will be invited for a two day trial – for both you and us to discern whether becoming an AC is a right step for you.

*Martin and Christine  
Swindlehurst  
Associate Community  
Coordinators*



## Meet David and Celia Halsey – Head of Business and Deputy Operations Manager respectively



David and Celia moved to Lee Abbey in July 2022, with their sons Hugh (20) and Giles (17) who join them during the academic holidays.

David worked in HMRC and the Treasury for many years and was ordained in 2018. Celia has worked in heritage education in museums and historic sites, recently trained as a Pioneer Enabler, and was a member of Community in the 1990s.

The family has visited Lee Abbey regularly for retreats and holidays over the last 20 years, and 'wondered' if God might one day call them to greater

involvement. "Moving to Lee Abbey has been a huge change for us as a family, yet also rather like coming home. We're relishing this chance to contribute to Lee Abbey's mission, and continue to grow, through the Community's life and its ministry to guests".

David says, "I love wild scenery, walking, photography and bird watching, so this a great place to be! I've always sought to integrate faith, work and ministry, so I'm seeking to deepen this in discovering more of how God wants to work in and through this special place."

Celia is delighted to have returned to the Lee Abbey Community. She enjoys discovering and sharing the stories of local history, and getting creative with fabric, threads, colour and words.

They both love drawing people into God's wonderful story and are excited to be part of his next chapter at Lee Abbey.



# Is God calling you to serve at Lee Abbey Devon?

At Lee Abbey Devon every Community member has a shared purpose as well as a shared living environment. Our day is structured around the Lee Abbey Rule of Life which includes regular prayer, worship and fellowship. We live our lives intentionally, learning to give more of ourselves to God by serving one another, the wider world and creation.

Our primary ministry is to welcome and serve people in such a way that they can encounter Jesus. We work hard together as a Community, but in different teams including House, Kitchen, Estate, Personnel, Bookings, Worship, Youth and Children, Pastoral, Marketing, Business, Finance, Maintenance and Administration. In addition, we serve meals to guests, lead morning and afternoon prayers, organise activities and games, and, on 'Changeover' days in particular, help out practically wherever necessary.

Currently, our resident Community is smaller than in the past and includes many short-term (1 year) volunteers from all around the world. Thankfully, we are supported by wonderful Associate Community volunteers who come and help when needed, a dedicated group of local workers who work in key roles that require consistency and continuity, and by our prayerful Pastoral Helpers, Lee Abbey Friends and Trustees.

Come and join us! It is such a privilege to serve here as part of God's provision of rest and revitalisation for his people. We welcome those of all ages who are willing to be used by God to serve him and others, to grow in knowledge of him, to be challenged and reshaped, and to love him with all that they have and are. We don't promise it will be easy, but it will be amazing!



## JUNE

### RENEW, REFRESH, RESOURCE

**2–4 June (Fri–Sun) Rob Richards**

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**Code 10A £170 (£210 en-suite)**

### HEARING THE FATHER'S VOICE

**5–9 June (Mon–Fri) Lin Button**

This week we will be exploring the different ways in which God speaks, as well as hearing stories of how he has spoken up to now. We will also look at our heart images of God, as well as barriers to hearing him, with the goal of being able to hear him better for ourselves as he speaks to us in our everyday, ordinary lives.

**Code 11A £340 (£420 en-suite)**

*"I've been aware of God  
at work through the  
peace and beauty of the  
place and the kindness  
and care of the  
Community."*

### BIRDS OF EXMOOR

**5–9 June (Mon–Fri) Andrew Mann**

Lee Abbey lies in the spectacular and dramatic coastal landscape of Exmoor with its dramatic scenery and wonderful wildlife. Birds frequent a variety of habitats – sea cliffs, moorlands, meadows, woodlands and rivers are home to species such as Peregrine Falcons, Redstarts, Pied Flycatchers, Razorbills and Guillemots to name just a few. We will spend some time looking and listening out for these and more. Limited to 14 places. **PLEASE NOTE: A good basic level of fitness is required as there will be some walking involved of 1-2 miles at a time to reach the birds.**

**Code 11B £405 (£485 en-suite)**



### RENEW, REFRESH, RESOURCE

**9–11 June (Fri–Sun) Lee Abbey Team**

This weekend will have a worship and prayer focus. Please see RRR 2–4 June for more details.

**Code 12A £170 (£210 en-suite)**

### RENEW, REFRESH, RESOURCE

**16–18 June (Fri–Sun) Lee Abbey Team**

Please see RRR 2–4 June for more details.

**Code 14A £170 (£210 en-suite)**



## LEADERSHIP REIGNITE

**19–23 June (Mon–Fri) Paul and Liz Lynch**

We are living in unprecedented days in the life of the church. Leadership within the local church has never been so challenging, demanding, tough, exacting and all consuming. As leaders we need time to reignite our calling, passion, and gifting in God. During our time together we will discover through the leadership of Nehemiah how we can do that and much more. It will be refreshing, practical, encouraging, challenging and fun as Paul and Liz share from Nehemiah's life and their own 37 years in church leadership.

**Code 15A £340 (£420 en-suite)**

## INDIVIDUALLY GUIDED SILENT RETREAT

**19–23 June (Mon–Fri)**

**Rob Eastwood Dewing**

Our team of experienced spiritual directors will accompany you on a guided retreat involving a daily one-to-one session for up to an hour. Each day there will be a communion service in the chapel with a short reflection led by Rob Eastwood Dewing. Additional information will be sent at the time of booking. Please note that IGR retreatants will be in silence from Monday evening until Thursday afternoon. Limited to 20 places.

**Code 15B £405 (£485 en-suite)**

## ALIVE IN CHRIST

**26–30 June (Mon–Fri)**

**Ruth Hassall**

How do we live lives that reflect the gospel of Jesus Christ? In his letter to the Colossians, the Apostle Paul sets out the supremacy of Christ, captures the very heart of the gospel and gives clear guidance on how this should shape our lives and relationships. Join us to explore this letter, and what it means to live this out right where we are.

**Code 17A £340 (£420 en-suite)**

*"Amazing views,  
great food  
and lovely company –  
thank you!"*

## RENEW, REFRESH, RESOURCE

**30 June – 2 July (Fri–Sun) Lee Abbey Team**

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**Code 18A £170 (£210 en-suite)**



## JULY

### FRIENDS WEEK

**3–7 July (Mon–Fri) Lee Abbey Team**

This is a time for all the Friends of Lee Abbey, who provide such a strong ‘bedrock’ of prayer for the whole Lee Abbey Movement, and past members of Community, to gather together. During the week we will hear from a range of speakers from across the Lee Abbey Movement. They will be bringing the word of God to us, sharing updates from the last year, looking forward to the future, and asking for specific prayers. Come with expectant hearts to hear, see and reflect on how God is moving within the Lee Abbey Movement.

**Code 19A £300 (£380 en-suite)**

### COME AND BE!

**3–7 July (Mon–Fri)**

On a ‘Come and Be!’ week we offer the Lee Abbey house and estate as a home for you to just come and be! There is no programme for adults or children, just plenty of space for you to retreat, rest and recharge your batteries. You could walk, play games, read, enjoy the beach or relish the space around you. Come and encounter God through the beauty and peace of this ‘Thin’ place and enjoy good food and great views at the same time!

**Code 19B £340 (£420 en-suite)**

**Visit the Lee Abbey Tea Cottage – open throughout July and August.**

## RENEW, REFRESH, RESOURCE

### with a rural focus

**7–9 July (Fri–Sun)**

**Verena Breed and Gordon Crowther**

This ‘Rural RRR’ weekend is particularly for those involved in rural ministry or mission in the countryside. The main speakers will be Verena Breed, the Archdeacon of Barnstaple, and Gordon Crowther, Warden at Lee Abbey Devon.

**Code 20A £170 (£210 en-suite)**

## ENNEAGRAM 1 Weekend

**7–9 July (Fri–Sun)**

**Catherine Park and Joanna Pearson**

Enneagram (Greek for ‘9 points’) describes nine personalities. The Enneagram helps us to look at ourselves honestly, safe in the love of God, to see why we think or act in a particular way. It is a powerful tool for spiritual and personal growth. This course will have more teaching slots than is normal in a Lee Abbey day. Limited to 18 places.

**Code 20B £210 (£250 en-suite)**



## WALK AND TALK

10–16 July (Mon–Sun)

**Helen and Graham Worsfold,  
Rob and Mary Wakeling**

Come and walk with us in this glorious part of Devon. There are daily walks in a variety of areas ranging from the stunningly dramatic coastline, river valleys and moors of Exmoor. There is the opportunity to begin the day with worship and a biblical reflection, after which we offer a choice of three walks led by Graham and Helen Worsfold and friends. The walk options vary in length – long (9–12 miles), medium (6–8 miles) and shorter (4–5 miles). Part of the beauty of the area is due to the hills and rock formations but this does mean most walks have some ascent and descent. You will need to bring good walking footwear, appropriate clothing (including rain gear) and a small rucksack for your packed lunch. It may be necessary to share lifts on some days to reach the start and end point.

**Code 21A** **£570 (£690 en-suite)**

## LANDSCAPE PAINTING

10–16 July (Mon–Sun)

**Val and Mark Turner**

As we grow an emerging perspective on the gift of creation, this week is an oasis opportunity to worship while we observe and record what we see within the utter beauty of the North Devon landscape. Refocus your perspective on the Sovereign God of Creation who knows what is beyond the horizon and shows us how to engage with the foreground – integrating all that is into meaningful composition. Please bring your own preferred art materials. Limited to 20 places.

**Code 21B** **£510 (£630 en-suite)**

## LOCAL CHURCHES TOGETHER

16 July (Sun) 5.45pm–8.00pm

If you worship at a church close to Lee Abbey, join us for 'REKINDLE' – a Local Churches Evening Gathering. We offer the simple hospitality of afternoon refreshments at 5.45pm, followed by an opportunity to encounter Jesus Christ through sung worship, hearing the word and prayer at 6.30pm–8.00pm.

**Code 21dc**

**£FOC**

*17–21 July House Closed*



## I WILL GIVE YOU REST

22–28 July (Sat–Fri)

**Will and Caroline Kemp**

This has to be one of the best promises in the Bible! Jesus invites us to come to him (Matt 11:28–30) and when we do, he promises that we will find rest for our souls. In our hectic, super-fast C21 society, that rest can seem elusive and following Jesus can just feel like adding more items to the to-do list! What happened to those “unforced rhythms of grace” (Matt 11.29 TM)? We invite you to come and join us as we seek to slow down a little and take a whole week to reflect on these three wonderful verses. What does it mean to “take Jesus’ yoke upon us” and to “learn from him”? How can we learn to live “freely and lightly” as we work with Jesus to build his Kingdom, and not just for a week at Lee Abbey, but as a way of life?

**Code 23A**

**£510 (£630 en-suite)**



## LIVING WITH LOSS 1 – AT THE BEACON CENTRE

**24–28 July (Mon–Fri) Abi May**

Have you been struggling since the death of your loved one? Then, come and join with others who have also experienced life-changing loss through bereavement. The aim of this supported retreat is to help you cope with your life-changing loss. Through a creative variety of activities, including led sessions, discussions and quiet reflection, we explore the journey of grief, with a focus on finding a way forward in the changed circumstances that are the result of bereavement. It includes a special time of candle-lighting remembrance. This is a gentle retreat with a Christian perspective, sensitively led by Abi May, suitable for those who have lost a husband or wife, a child or other close family members, or who have suffered multiple losses, including those bereaved in traumatic circumstances. Limited to 12 places.

**Code 23B £280**  
*Accommodated at The Beacon Centre*

## A BIGGER GOSPEL

**29 July – 4 August (Sat–Fri) Paul Woolley**

75% of young adults from UK Christian homes no longer engage with the church by the time they're 35. It's not because they think Christianity is untrue, but because they don't see the connection between the gospel and their everyday lives and concerns. That presents us with a challenge and an exciting opportunity. Jesus came that we might have life in all its fullness. Join us to explore the implications of the gospel of Jesus for every part of life. Trigger warning: This week could change you!

**Code 24A £510 (£630 en-suite)**



## THE FIELD CAMP

**29 July – 7 August 2023 (Sat–Mon) Chris Newman–Day**

'The Field' is a Christian camping community opportunity for 18–30 year olds which is held at the beginning of the Summer. The Field is many things – a holiday, a Christian community, a chance to pause ... all in a stunningly beautiful location, framed by rolling wooded hills and our very own beach. The Field is a unique place for anyone aged 18–30, whether single, a couple or a family, to come and be, to explore God's great love, to meet new people, to be creative or simply to step out of the busyness of life. We will welcome you, cook for you, entertain you, worship with you, offer you inspiration, peace, rest or even a challenge. We will pray for you, laugh with you and stand beside you – whatever stage of the faith journey you are at. Sound good? It is. Join us!

**The Field £225 pp (or £30 per day)**



## AUGUST

### CROSSING BOUNDARIES IN A POLARISED WORLD

**5–11 August (Sat–Fri)**

**Andy and Emma Dipper**

What hope can we have as we look around our world today? Conflicts, the climate emergency and the high costs of living. It can all feel quite overwhelming. And yet. How do we as Christians navigate this landscape, and how do we make a positive impact in our world? We will explore what the Bible teaches us, reflecting on how we are sent into God's intercultural world around us to bring and live out the Good News as we engage in it with sensitivity and respect. Come with an expectancy to be challenged for the journey ahead!

**Code 25A**

**£510 (£630 en-suite)**

### ALL IN!

**12–18 August (Sat–Fri) Simon Guillebaud**

Surrender could sound grim but actually, with God, it's the place of true freedom. Come and 'enjoy' a week of looking at how we might go deeper with Jesus, stop bargaining with Him, and experience even more of what he promised to us, "life to the full".

**Code 26A**

**£510 (£630 en-suite)**

### LEE ABBEY YOUTH CAMP

**19–25 August (Sat–Fri)**

Lee Abbey has been running summer youth camps for 13–18 year olds for more than 60 years. It's an amazing week to explore the Christian faith through worship and creative teaching. With a programme full of fun, crazy and messy games, sports, activities, crafts and time to chill out and enjoy the beauty of camp (the field overlooks the beach), it's an opportunity to develop friendships and make life long new ones. If you're looking for a brilliant escape during the summer holidays Lee Abbey Youth Camp (LAYC) is the place to be!

**Camp Week**

**£190 pp**

### MAKING SPACE FOR WHAT MATTERS MOST

**19–25 August (Sat–Fri)**

**Cathy Madavan**

In a world where potential is maximised, busyness is glorified, and where we are told we need more of everything, how do we recalibrate and make space for what matters most? What would it look like to pursue less success and greater significance? To live with less complexity and increased clarity? Cathy will be our guide as we rediscover what it means to live in the Kingdom of God, where less really can lead to more.

**Code 27A**

**£510 (£630 en-suite)**



## ROAMING THROUGH ROMANS

26 August – 1 September (Sat–Fri)

Andrew Ollerton

The book of Romans is probably the most influential letter ever written. It contains deep and profound truths that make up an exhilarating challenge. During the week we will compare Romans to a vast mountain, which we can explore together. We will ascend out of the valley of sin and climb all the way up to the summit of hope. There we will enjoy such an incredible 'view of God's mercy' that we will return to everyday life with a fresh perspective on God's purpose and our place in it!

Code 28A

£510 (£630 en-suite)

## SEPTEMBER

1–10 September House Closed

## RENEW, REFRESH, RESOURCE

15–17 September (Fri–Sun)

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Code 31A

£170 (£210 en-suite)

## KEEP FIT FOR MARRIAGE

15–17 September (Fri–Sun)

Prepare/Enrich Team

Whether you are a pre-married couple or have been married for years, take the opportunity of some time away to build and strengthen your relationship with your partner, in an idyllic location! Before the event we provide you with a questionnaire to help you take stock of where you are at the moment. Then during the weekend, there are talks and exercises to encourage growth in communication and other key aspects of the way you relate to each other. You work only with your partner (unless you choose to share experiences with others on the weekend). Due to the nature of the course, there isn't a facility for children to accompany their parents on this weekend. See [prepare-enrich.com](http://prepare-enrich.com) for more information. There is a £30 charge for the questionnaire, payable directly to Prepare/Enrich. Limited to 20 places.

Code 31B

£170 (£210 en-suite)

*"The ministry and teaching was very clear, spiritual and a true blessing."*

## LIVING WITH COURAGEOUS FAITH

18–23 September (Mon–Fri) Jen Baker

Faith is a journey. That journey looks different for each of us, although courage is needed from all of us. This week we will take a Scripturally based look at what Biblical faith is and what it's not, how to use our authority from a place of peace, barriers to walking in courage and boldness, trusting God when the way is unclear and the dreams on the other side of your courage.

Code 32A £340 (£420 en-suite)

## TAPESTRY OF LIFE

18–22 September (Mon–Fri)  
Vittoria Hancock and Gretel White

This is a retreat for anyone interested in tapestry, embroidery or handicrafts. Whether you are a beginner at stitching, or an expert, come and join us as we spend time exploring the threads that make up our lives. You can unwind in the company of other crafters and, if you want, there will be the opportunity to learn two new skills. Materials can be provided for a small extra cost. Limited to 18 places.

Code 32B £380 (£460 en-suite)



### Meet Patterm RamyaKala

Patterm joined the Lee Abbey Community in January 2023, arriving from Andhra Pradesh, India, where she lived with her mother and two sisters. Sadly, her father died in 2020, a loss which sent her spiralling into depression. He had been the glue in their extended family, taking care of everyone. After his death everyone apart from her immediate family left the house, leaving them feeling completely alone. As a result, she turned her back on her church and on God.

Two years later, one night God spoke to her, three times. "I am there for you. Don't be afraid". He also showed her that turning her back on him wasn't the answer and gently corrected her thinking. Soon she returned to church and prayer. After seeing a Lee Abbey Instagram post she developed a strong desire to come here. Initially her mum refused to allow her to apply for a visa. However, after she prayed, she realised she must let her daughter go, a hard decision because, as a software engineer, Patterm had become the family's main provider. They had no spare money but God miraculously provided everything she needed to travel.

Initially, she spent a lot of time in tears but, as she realised that there were people here who cared about and looked after her, the sadness and loneliness subsided and her joy returned.

We are so delighted to have Patterm here – growing in faith and bringing much joy to the Kitchen Team and the whole Community.

## RENEW, REFRESH, RESOURCE

22–24 September (Fri–Sun)

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Code 33A

£170 (£210 en-suite)



## WALK AND TALK

25–29 September (Mon–Fri)

Helen and Graham Worsfold,  
and Dave Fisher

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Code 34A

£405 (£485 en-suite)

## ENNEAGRAM 1

25–29 September (Mon–Fri)

Catherine Park and Joanna Pearson

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Code 34B

£405 (£485 en-suite)





## FREEDOM, REDEMPTION AND RESTORATION ART WEEK

**25–29 September (Mon–Fri) Lynne Pugh**

For the artist, the themes of Freedom, Redemption and Restoration are challenging, enthralling and inspiring. The price of freedom was costly but Jesus paid it in full. We are all flawed and damaged but God lovingly redeems and restores us. Each day this week, we will share in a Bible reflection and then explore the theme in a visual way, sketching out ideas which may lead to a painting, collage or other 2-dimensional piece of work. Please bring your own preferred resources. Limited to 16 places.

**Code 34C £380 (£460 en-suite)**

## OCTOBER

### RENEW, REFRESH, RESOURCE

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**Code 35A £170 (£210 en-suite)**

## IN QUIETNESS AND CONFIDENCE IS OUR STRENGTH

**2–6 October (Mon–Fri) Micha Jazz**

Life is complex and we are surrounded by icons that easily destabilise our walk of faith. Whilst this walk is quite easily understood mentally, the reality of living in quietness and calm within life's turbulence is a challenge. Yet, this is God's invitation and promise, and together we shall explore how we navigate our way towards the heart of God and learn to find rich rest for our souls, and to quieten our troubled minds.

**Code 36A £360 (£450 en-suite)**

## RETIREMENT – GOD'S GIFT TO US

**2–6 October (Mon–Fri)**

**Christine and Martin Swindlehurst**

This week we will look at how to maintain our spiritual, emotional and physical health in retirement. This is not about finance or pensions but about how we prepare ourselves for a God centred, fulfilled new chapter of our lives.

**Code 36B £360 (£450 en-suite)**

## RENEW, REFRESH, RESOURCE

**6–8 October (Fri–Sun) Lee Abbey Team**

Please see RRR 29 September – 1 October for more details.

**Code 37A £180 (£225 en-suite)**

## NAVIGATING NEW NORMALS

9–13 October (Mon–Fri) Rachel Oates

*Woodlands House of Prayer  
(formerly Brunel Manor)*

Life can take us in directions that we don't always want to go in, leaving us feeling frustrated, anxious or fearing failure. We and others may long for us to get back to our 'old-selves', but what if that's not the way forward? This retreat is an opportunity to explore our 'new normals' in non-judgemental surroundings, or perhaps to reflect on how we might walk more gently with someone whose life has taken a challenging turn. With space for honesty about some of the frustrations we face, and time to uncover blessings that can sustain and bring joy, we'll journey in faith and fellowship, delighting in the wonder of God's creation.

**Code 38A** **£360 (£450 en-suite)**

## ESTATE WORKING PARTY

9–13 October (Mon–Fri)

Lee Abbey Estate Team

If you're fit and able, we'd love you to join our team doing practical tasks on our stunning estate this week. You will work roughly five hours each day but as a bonus you get a reduced rate along with the late afternoons and evenings free for a satisfying rest. There are three streams to choose between: Log Splitting and Clearing, Fences and Posts, and Gardening. Places on each stream are limited. Appropriate outdoor PPE is provided, but please bring suitable clothing including stout footwear and waterproofs. If you are unsure whether you could manage this sort of work, please phone before booking.

**Code 38B** **£280 (£370 en-suite)**



### Meet Simon and Ginny Gibson

Local Workers Simon and Ginny have been running the farm and estate at Lee Abbey since November 2017, coming from managing a large estate in Suffolk via a farm in Parracombe. Ginny has a horticultural background and works tending the formal gardens around the house and tea cottage. A current project is restoring the 'Wildlife' garden on the lower estate with the help of the Estate Working Party. Come and join us on the 'Estate Working Parties' for a physical challenge and to get involved.

Simon, together with the Estate Team, looks after the farm with its sheep, cows and pigs, and the 280 acre estate with its grassland and Atlantic woodland.

Simon also works hard to develop links with the local Community, especially other farmers, sharing the difficulties of farming in the current climate and the need to diversify in order to make the estate viable and sustainable. He also has the vision and energy needed to try new and different things as well as maintain good agricultural practice. Simon networks with the National Park and the wider Exmoor farming community to raise the profile of the Lee Abbey Estate. He is, as he says, "evangelical about farming" and you can learn much from him about the art of farming, food chain management, and sustainability on a guest farm tour.



## FINDING REST IN THE LOVE OF GOD

9–13 October (Mon–Fri)

**Sharon Garlough Brown**

Jesus says, “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Now abide in my love.” (John 15:9) What does it mean to know ourselves as God’s beloved? How do we practice resting in God’s love? Weaving her own story of growing in confidence in God’s love, Sharon will teach spiritual disciplines that help us to receive, rest in and respond to the uncontainable love of God in Christ.

**Code 38C £360 (£450 en-suite)**

## RENEW, REFRESH, RESOURCE

13–15 October (Fri–Sun) **Lee Abbey Team**

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**Code 39A £180 (£225 en-suite)**

## PRAYERS OF THE BIBLE

16–20 October (Mon–Fri)

**Bible Society**

‘Prayer’ is mentioned in the Bible over 600 times, and is the vital life-line between us and The Father. Join us as we discover, understand and celebrate the great prayers of scripture. From Mary’s Magnificat and Jeremiah’s Lament, Moses to David, and Abraham to The Lord’s Prayer, we will explore the biblical prayers with a fresh perspective. There will be space and time for reflection, creativity and pondering, as well as for challenge, insight and developing a deeper sense of knowing the very same Father who heard all of these prayers, and who hears ours today.

**Code 40A £360 (£450 en-suite)**







## BOOK OF BLESSINGS

**16–20 October (Mon–Fri)** Val Turner

Anyone can work with God to bless others. Blessing comes out of kindness and opens us up to the work of the Holy Spirit. It touches someone's soul to draw out hidden fruit. It builds confidence and vision, opens righteous possibilities and the way to transformation, and it releases gifts that have been imprisoned. We will explore how we can work with God in blessing and make creative reminders of blessings – using simple calligraphy and constructing beautiful keepsakes using simple bookbinding. Limited to 16 places.

**Code 40B** £360 (£450 en-suite)

*"It was impressive to see young people learning to serve and lead."*

## RENEW, REFRESH, RESOURCE

**20–22 October (Fri–Sun)** Lee Abbey Team

Please see RRR 13–15 October for more details.

**Code 41A** £180 (£225 en-suite)

## ENOUGH: RADICAL LIVING, RADICAL DISCIPLESHIP

**23–27 October (Mon–Fri)**

Andy Lester and Regina Ebner

Join Andy Lester and Regina Ebner from A Rocha UK on an interactive and engaging week on what it means to have enough in a world that always demands we have more. 1 Timothy 6:6 says that "Godliness with contentment is great gain". In a world which strives continuously for growth, what does it mean to have enough? How can living with enough bring joy and hope to a struggling planet? How can we change ourselves and our communities to better reflect core kingdom values? The week will consist of talks, conversations, reflections and walks together as we seek out some answers to these questions.

**Code 42A** £360 (£450 en-suite)



## LIFT YOUR HEART AND VOICE – AFTERNOON SINGING WORKSHOPS

**23–27 October (Mon–Fri)**

**Sam and Rachel Chaplin**

This week professional musicians Sam & Rachel Chaplin will lead three afternoon singing workshops. This is an opportunity to come and explore your voice and discover the joy of harmony singing whilst having a lot of fun. Sam and Rachel will be drawing from gospel music, worship songs and some Taizé-style chants. The workshops are open to all and there is no need to be able to read music. There will be an opportunity, for those of the choir who wish to do so, to perform in a mini concert on the Thursday evening.

**Code 42B                      £360 (£450 en-suite)**

*“You can somehow feel the  
love and presence of God  
in this thin place.”*

## RENEW, REFRESH, RESOURCE

**27–29 October (Fri–Sun) Lee Abbey Team**

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**Code 43A                      £180 (£225 en-suite)**

## NOVEMBER

### RENEW, REFRESH, RESOURCE

**3–5 November (Fri–Sun) Lee Abbey Team**

Please see RRR 27–29 October for more details.

**Code 45A                      £160 (£205 en-suite)**

*6–12 November House Closed*

### FOLLOWING JESUS THROUGH THIN AND THICK

**13–17 November (Mon–Fri)**

**Paul Woolley and LICC**

If some places are ‘thin’, then other places are ‘thick’! Join Paul Woolley, Jo Trickey and Steve Rouse from the London Institute for Contemporary Christianity (LICC) to celebrate the ‘thin’ and explore how we can live as disciples of Jesus in the ‘thickness’ of our everyday lives and work – and equip others to do the same. This week is suitable for everyone, and especially those in any position of leadership within the church.

**Code 48A                      £320 (£410 en-suite)**

### LIVING WITH LOSS 1 – at The Beacon

**13–17 November (Mon–Fri)**

**Abi May**

Have you been struggling since the death of your loved one? Come and join with others who have also experienced life-changing loss through bereavement. The aim of this supported retreat is to help you cope with your life-changing loss. Through a creative variety of activities, including led sessions, discussions and quiet reflection, we explore the journey of grief, with a focus on finding a way forward in the changed circumstances that are the result of bereavement. It includes a special time of candle-lighting



remembrance. This is a gentle retreat with a Christian perspective, sensitively led by Abi May, suitable for those who have lost a husband or wife, a child or other close family members, or who have suffered multiple losses, including those bereaved in traumatic circumstances. Limited to 12 places.

**Code 48B** **£260 pp at The Beacon**

## THE BOOK OF RUTH – GOD'S GUIDING HAND

**13–17 November (Mon–Fri)**

**Beverly Shepherd**

As we walk with Ruth and Naomi through the four chapters of this book, we will be exploring how God guides and the ways in which we discern his hand in the events of our lives. That discernment will help us, like Ruth, to find our place in God's purposes.

**Code 48C** **£320 (£410 en-suite)**

## ON THE PILGRIM WAY TO BETHLEHEM – SILENT ADVENT RETREAT

**20–24 November (Mon–Fri)**

**Bishop Bob Evens**

Bethlehem is a 90 mile walk from Nazareth but for Mary and Joseph the journey was measured in months not miles. Since the Angel's visit many weeks have passed and shortly the baby will be born. These months of questioning and praying prepare them to accept and understand enough to set out on a life-changing journey to Bethlehem. As we prepare for Advent by using the Gospel alongside pictures, poetry, music and stillness, we will share these months with Mary and Joseph joining them as pilgrims ourselves on the way to Bethlehem. In this silent retreat there will be space for prayerful reflection and loving response.

**Code 50A** **£390 (£480 en-suite)**

*"There was a very real sense of God's presence which gave me the opportunity to reflect and to just 'be' in this wonderful place."*



## ASSOCIATE COMMUNITY WEEKEND – INVITED TO FELLOWSHIP

24–26 November (Fri–Sun)

Lee Abbey Team

This is our annual weekend especially created for our Associate Community members, who so valuably and valiantly support the Lee Abbey Devon ministry throughout the year. It's a chance to build community, have fun, talk, pray, worship together, receive refresher training and for the Resident Community to say a huge thank you.

Code 51A

£FOC

## DADS AND LADS

24–26 November (Fri–Sun)

Mark Scyner and Rob Cotton

This weekend is a chance for dads and lads, up to the age of 16 years, to spend quality time together relaxing in this stunning environment and working together on adventurous activities such as zip wire, climbing, and crate stack. *Please note, this event is held at The Beacon Centre and all children must be eight years or over to participate.*

Code 51B

£100pp at The Beacon

## THE MAGIC OF CHRISTMAS

27 November – 1 December (Mon–Fri)

Steve Legg

Come and celebrate with international baffleer and funny guy, Steve Legg, as he explores the reason for the season in his own inimitable way. There's guaranteed to be lots of laughs along the way as we take a closer look at the true meaning of Christmas.

Code 52A

£320 (£410 en-suite)

## DECEMBER

1–21 December House Closed

## CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

22–27 December (Fri–Wed)

Lee Abbey Team

Join us for a very special time of celebrations, festivities, fun and reflections as we celebrate the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ, the King of Kings.

Code 55A

£550 (£662.50 en-suite)

## COUNTDOWN: TO ETERNITY AND BEYOND

29 December – 2 January (Fri–Tues)

Richard and Nicola Moy

Thinking about 'the joy set before you' can help you make the most of the rest of your life – beginning with 2024. We check out some of the highlights of what the Bible says about eternity, including Jesus being our stairway between heaven and earth. We touch on the end of the Narnia stories where 'the things that began to happen after that were so great and beautiful that I cannot write them' and consider how our glorious future with God can shape our life now.

Code 56A

£440 (£530 en-suite)



## JANUARY

2–7 January House Closed

## SONG WRITERS RETREAT – AT THE BEACON

8–12 January (Mon–Fri)

Names of speakers TBC

If you are in active worship ministry at your local church, and have skills and interest in song writing, we'd love you to join us for this retreat in our Beacon building. We plan on coming together to inspire each other and create together for the local church context in the UK. We will be worshipping and work-shopping together to help release each other's creative gifts and bless those we serve locally and in our wider church context.

Code 58B

£260 pp at The Beacon

## RENEW, REFRESH, RESOURCE

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Code 59A

£160 (£205 en-suite)

*"Thank you for the warm, loving, Christ-like atmosphere. No one need feel unwelcome."*

## 2024 FRESH REFLECTIONS: LETTING THE PARABLES OF JESUS SPEAK TO US ANEW

15 – 19 January (Mon–Fri)

Lee Abbey Team

Jesus told stories to open the ears of those who will hear to transformational truths. However, a superficial hearing can mean that we miss the heart of the story, or the truth misses our heart. Come and join us at the start of the new year to sit at the feet of Jesus. Fresh reflections will enable key parables to speak to us anew, and to hear what God is saying to us today.

Code 60A

£320 (£410 en-suite)

## ENNEAGRAM 3

15–19 January (Mon–Fri)

Catherine Park and Joanna Pearson

We will further explore the Enneagram system by looking at sub-types, which reveal even more facets of our personality. Enneagram 3 is aimed at those who already have a good understanding of the Enneagram and know their type (e.g. those who have already been on Enneagram 1 & 2). This course will have more teaching slots than is normal in a Lee Abbey day. Limited to 18 places.

Code 60B

£390 (£480 en-suite)



## LIVING YARNS

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15–19 January (Mon–Fri)

**Vittoria Hancock and Gretel White**

This retreat combines reflections and Bible studies with the opportunity to spend time unwinding with handicrafts. The retreat is aimed at anyone interested in tapestry, embroidery or handicrafts of any sort. Whether you are a beginner at stitching or an expert, come and join us as we spend time exploring the threads that make up our lives. You can unwind in the company of other crafters. There will also be the opportunity to learn how to do two different techniques (the new techniques will be confirmed nearer the time).

**Code 60C** **£390 (£480 en-suite)**

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**Code 61A** **£160 (£205 en-suite)**

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## THE RETURN OF THE LIGHT – SILENT RETREAT

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22–26 January (Mon–Fri) **Michael Mitton**

Many people consider that January is a lot longer than 31 days! This is usually due to it being a quiet month after the excitement of Christmas, and it can be a season of cold, gloom and long dark nights. But it is also the time of year when there are early signs of the return of the light, and by the end of the month there are signals in creation that spring, with its welcome light, is just around the corner. The themes of light and darkness are powerful ones in Scripture, and during this week we shall consider both the reality of the darknesses of this world and the dark mysteries of God. We shall grasp hold of the fundamental truth of the light of Christ overcoming the dark. This will be a retreat for those who are seeking to travel as pilgrims of light-filled hope in a world that is too often shrouded in darkness. The house will be in silence from Monday night to Thursday tea-time.

**Code 62A** **£390 (£480 en-suite)**

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*"I have enjoyed the tranquility and peace of the place, and the love shown by resident community and fellow pilgrims."*

## RENEW, REFRESH, RESOURCE

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26–28 January (Fri–Sun) **Lee Abbey Team**

Please see RRR 19–21 January for more details.

**Code 63A** **£160 (£205 en-suite)**

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## COME AND DRINK FROM LIVING WATER

29 January – 2 February (Mon–Fri)

Mark Melliush

Come away to find time to drink afresh from the Living Water of God. We will be using water as a theme for the week and what more beautiful a setting could we do this in than Lee Abbey where we overlook the sea and streams of water tumble down the hills? My hope is that we will renew our first love of God and be refreshed, ready to go and offer Living Water in our different church contexts. This week is offered at a special price for clergy, and church and youth leaders only, of all denominations.

Code 64A

£190 (£280 en-suite)

Special price

## FEBRUARY

## RENEW, REFRESH, RESOURCE

2–4 February (Fri–Sun) Lee Abbey Team

Please see RRR 19–21 January for more details.

Code 65A

£160 (£205 en-suite)

## THE GOD OF CREATION AND NEW CREATION: JESUS, SCIENCE AND POPULAR CULTURE

5–9 February (Mon–Fri)

David Wilkinson

Science is big news from Hawking, through Dawkins and to the end of the Universe. In pop culture it is often presented in conflict with Christian faith. In these talks we will go from the comedy of Young Sheldon to the accelerating universe, from a Christian doctrine of creation to questions of souls and the life to come. Throughout it we will consider how to nurture churches where people can ask questions about aliens, quantum theory and Jesus with scientific integrity and theological joy.

Code 66A

£320 (£410 en-suite)

*"For me, Lee Abbey is a little piece of heaven on earth."*



## INDIVIDUALLY GUIDED SILENT RETREAT

**5–9 February (Mon–Fri) Becky Widdows**

This Individually Guided Retreat provides a wonderful opportunity to spend time alone and face-to-face with God. On each day of this SILENT IGR there will be a Holy Communion service in the Chapel and a short reflective talk, plus a one to one meeting with your allocated Spiritual Director for up to an hour. The rest of the day is yours to enjoy in silence with God, walk, pray, eat, be ... Please note that retreatants will be invited to be in silence from Monday evening until Thursday afternoon.

**Code 66B £390 (£480 en-suite)**

## RENEW, REFRESH, RESOURCE

**9–11 February (Fri–Sun) Lee Abbey Team**

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**Code 67A £160 (£205 en-suite)**

## LET ME TELL YOU A STORY

**12–16 February (Mon–Fri) Andy Kind**

Andy Kind returns to Lee Abbey with a new series of workshops to help you communicate your personal story in a more effective way. Whether it's about sharing your testimony, starting that book you've not got around to, or simply wanting to be more engaging in coffee house conversations, this week will be instrumental in helping you to tell a good story. And it will be stamped with fun and fresh insights to help you grow in the gift of communication.

**Code 68A £320 (£410 en-suite)**

## RENEW, REFRESH, RESOURCE

**16–18 February (Fri–Sun) Lee Abbey Team**

Please see RRR 9–11 February for more details.

**Code 69A £160 (£205 en-suite)**

## RENEW, REFRESH, RESOURCE

**23–25 February (Fri–Sun) Lee Abbey Team**

Please see RRR 9–11 February for more details.

**Code 71A £160 (£205 en-suite)**





## PURSUING GOD'S WILL

**26 February – 1 March (Mon–Fri) Jill Weber**

Decision making can be hard! Is there a trustworthy process that enables us to actively seek God's will, direction and voice relative to the decisions we are making? How do we recognise and respond to the presence and activity of God, both in the ordinary moments and concerning the larger decisions of our lives? On this Biblically based and practical retreat, we will explore the habit of discernment, the practice of discernment, and discernment in community.

**Code 72A**

**£320 (£410 en-suite)**

*"The atmosphere in the beautiful estate is incredibly peaceful."*



## ESTATE WORKING PARTY: TREE PLANTING

**26 February – 1 March (Mon–Fri)**

**Lee Abbey Estate Team**

Come and help create some history by joining us in planting the first new woodland at Lee Abbey for fifty years. Working on steep slopes and uneven ground we will plant a mix of native trees to increase the area of our Atlantic woodland. You will be working in small teams that will plant trees and put on tree guards. (You won't actually have to dig the holes!) There are 1800 trees to plant over 1.8 Ha so the more people the better!

There will be great fellowship and you'll have a sense of achievement knowing you've made a difference for generations to come. You'll work roughly five hours each day but as a bonus you get a reduced rate along with the late afternoons and evenings free for a satisfying rest. Please bring suitable clothing including stout footwear and waterproofs. If you are unsure whether you could manage this sort of work, please phone before booking.

**Code 72B**

**£220 (£310 en-suite)**



MARCH

**WHO YOU CAN BECOME WHEN LIFE DOESN'T GO AS PLANNED**

**4–8 March (Mon–Fri) Sheridan Voysey**

When life takes one too many unexpected turns, do you find yourself saying, “I don’t know who I am anymore” or wonder if you’ll ever have a sense of purpose again? If so, you’re not alone. But what if losing an identity is an opportunity to discover who you really are? What if the adversity you face could release your greatest gifts into the world? What if life going wrong could be the making of you? Through story, Scripture and reflective exercises, this retreat will help you discover who you can become when life doesn’t go as planned.

**Code 74A £360 (£450 en-suite)**

**RENEW, REFRESH, RESOURCE**

**8–10 March (Fri–Sun) Lee Abbey Team**

Please see RRR 9–11 February on p40 for more details.

**Code 75A £180 (£225 en-suite)**

**SOUTH WEST BAPTIST ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MINISTRY RETREAT**

**11–13 March (Mon–Wed) SWBA**

The SWBA Annual Ministry Retreat is being held at Lee Abbey this year. Please book via [www.baptist.org.uk](http://www.baptist.org.uk)

*14–17 March House Closed*



## FROM THE BIG BANG TO BIOLOGY: DO WE DETECT THE HAND OF GOD?

**18–22 March (Mon–Fri)**  
**John Bryant and Graham Swinerd**

Can real scientists have a religious faith? Are science and faith compatible? To address these questions, we will immerse ourselves in the awe-inspiring story of the sweep of cosmic history from the Big Bang to humankind. Graham will consider the wonders of space and what science is telling us about the nature of reality at the quantum level. John will ponder the beautiful complexity of living things and the ways in which they interact. How did it all start? Did it all happen by 'blind chance'? Where do humans fit in? Are we really made 'in the image of God'? Come and enjoy this celebration of God's revelation in nature!

**Code 78A                      £360 (£450 en-suite)**

*"The speaker was excellent – passionate, inspiring and thought provoking."*

## ENNEAGRAM 1

**18–22 March (Mon–Fri)**  
**Catherine Park and Joanna Pearson**

Enneagram (Greek for '9 points') describes nine personalities. The Enneagram helps us to look at ourselves honestly, safe in the love of God, to see why we think or act in a particular way. It is a powerful tool for spiritual and personal growth. This course will have more teaching slots than is normal in a Lee Abbey day and is limited to 18 places.

**Code 78B                      £430 (£520 en-suite)**

## CREATIVELY COMMUNICATING CHRIST – EASTER

**22–27 March (Fri–Wed)**  
**Chris Duffett, Carl Smethhurst, Andy Thomas and Dai Woolridge**

This retreat will provide an opportunity to bring together theology, beauty and the art of communicating Christ in ways that are culturally relevant today. Whether you are beginning your creative journey or are more experienced, come and be inspired to go further with the gifts God has given you to communicate Christ. Each morning there will be a time of worship and a short reflection looking ahead towards Easter. Then, after a break for morning refreshments, there will be an extended time of teaching and creativity. There will be three creative streams, which are likely to include painting, the spoken word and video/photography, in order to create a spoken, painted or filmed piece around the Easter theme. Please see the website for details of the streams.

**Code 79A                      £450 (£562.50 en-suite)**

## EASTER CELEBRATION

**28 March – 2 April (Thurs–Tues)**  
**Lee Abbey Team**

Come and join the Lee Abbey Community for a celebration of Jesus and his willingness to take the journey from Good Friday, through the silence of Saturday, to the joyous Resurrection on Easter Sunday. We will follow a varied programme that will be suitable for those of all ages and at any stage of their spiritual journey.

**Code 80A                      £450 (£562.50 en-suite)**

## APRIL

## NOMADLAND: LIVING MISSIONALLY IN A CONSTANTLY SHIFTING CULTURE

**3–7 April (Wed–Sun) Luke Cawley**

Our culture is in a constant state of flux and evolution, so it's easy to feel that we're running several steps behind in our attempts to engage people around us with the story and message of Jesus. This week we'll explore the challenges and opportunities of our present moment, and some of the ways we can respond – both as individuals, and as communities; in word and in action. We'll begin developing a plan for recalibrating our lives so that we can continue to partner effectively with God in his mission to the people and places around us.

**Code 81A £360 (£450 en-suite)**

## ORDINANDS WEEK

**8–12 April (Mon–Fri) Bishop Mark Tanner**

A special week for clergy and church leaders of all denominations, and their families, to relax and recuperate after one of the busiest times of the year. Come and spend some time out engaging in the programme or find your own rhythm and space.

**Code 82A £180 (£270 en-suite)**



## RENEW, REFRESH, RESOURCE

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**Code 83A £180 (£225 en-suite)**

*"Such interesting volunteers from many countries."*

## RENEW, REFRESH, RESOURCE

**19–21 April (Fri–Sun) Lee Abbey Team**

Please see RRR 12–14 April for more details.

**Code 85A £180 (£225 en-suite)**

## ABIDE, AND BEAR MUCH FRUIT

**22–26 April (Mon–Fri)**

**Paul and Becky Harcourt**

Too often our discipleship isn't what Jesus envisaged ... resulting in frustration rather than freedom, fruitfulness and the fullness of life. We will look at the rhythms of walking with God, barriers to the Spirit-filled life, and how we need both inward and outward journeys of intimacy and authority, abiding and being sent.

**Code 86A £360 (£450 en-suite)**



## ARMOUR OF GOD PART 2 CLAY WORKSHOPS

**22–26 April (Mon–Fri) Janey Petterson**

Focusing on Ephesians 6: 13–15, we will consider what it means to put on the helmet of salvation, the shield of faith and the sword of the Spirit, and then we will make them out of air dry clay. There will be some relaxed teaching, some listening to the Lord, some sharing with one another, but mostly creating in clay. This is a relaxed retreat for both the arty and non-arty, men and women alike. Come expecting the Lord to refresh, restore and heal as only he can in his everlasting love for us. You will take away three pieces of sculpture made by you and you may surprise yourself with your creativity!

Limited to 14 places.

**Code 86B £360 (£450 en-suite)**

## RENEW, REFRESH, RESOURCE

**26–28 April (Fri–Sun) Lee Abbey Team**

Please see RRR 12–14 April for more details.

**Code 87A £180 (£225 en-suite)**

## THE CALL OF THE WILD – THE FEEL OF THE HOLY

**29 April – 3 May (Mon–Fri)  
Michael Mitton and Russ Parker**

Russ and Michael have been leading pilgrimages in Ireland, the British Isles and Assisi for over twelve years. This week participants will be going on a pilgrimage using the landscape of the Lee Abbey Estate and Valley of Rocks as they visit the themes of shoreline, forest, waters and high places. There will be opportunities for pilgrims to receive God's blessings in relation to these vibrant themes. There will be also teaching, silent reflection, conversation and encounter, all wonderfully rooted in a rhythm of worship.

**Code 88A £360 (£450 en-suite)**



## Worshipping in Creation

At Lee Abbey the stunning natural environment is our auditorium of worship. We understand that worship shapes us – what we do and say and sing informs what we believe and how we live. As a Community we are learning how to live simply, loving our Creator God and sustaining his good creation. Worship is at the heart of this desire. And so, over the coming year, we are going to be taking our collective worship outside more often. When you visit this year look out for the times we'll be getting outside to pray and praise – it might even involve singing in the rain!

*Tom Collins, Chaplain*



## Our Environment

Community members promise to 'work to cherish and protect God's creation, which God the Father loves and entrusts to our care'. But how do we do that? In a variety of ways and with help from A Rocha UK.

Firstly, we are seeking to appoint a new Ecological Co-ordinator soon who will oversee projects which will support the goals of sourcing alternative energy and becoming carbon neutral.

Recently a large area of softwoods was felled, and the area will be replanted with native mixed Atlantic woodland. There's a huge project to plant 1800 trees on the estate hillsides which you can join in with next February (see p 41).

New gates and way markers have been erected and a leaflet on permissive paths around the estate produced. A five year CSS Woodland Management Agreement started in January, and we now have pigs grazing in the woods to clear scrub.

Last autumn guests helped to harvest fruit from the orchard. We use our own meat where possible, which is produced in a sustainable way with low food miles. One day a week we have exclusively vegetarian meals, and we're working on reducing all food wastage.

For school children coming to The Beacon, their residential now includes looking at the 'Care of creation', linking the Bible and the call to be good stewards of God's creation.



## Getting to Lee Abbey

**By car:** Use our postcode EX35 6JJ on your satnav and set it to direct you **via Lynton**. This will avoid going via Woody Bay and using the very narrow, single-track road from there to Lee Abbey!

- We have 2 electric car charging points on site. There is a charge for their use.

**By public transport:** Note the information on the map above.

**Taunton taxi:** On arrival and departure days of all published conferences, Lee Abbey offers a discounted taxi service from Taunton coach stop and railway station. Collections are at 3.40pm and 4.00pm respectively on Mondays and Fridays. The taxi returns to Taunton by 11.30am on Friday mornings, and by 4.30pm on Sunday afternoons.

This service must be pre-booked and paid for before your arrival date. If you are delayed for any reason, you will need to make your own arrangements to get to Lee Abbey. We are sorry, but no refund can be made.

**Please see our website for more information.**

### Meeting the taxi

**Arriving by rail** – Please wait in the special assistance lounge on Platform 2 for the driver to collect you.

**Arriving by coach** – Please wait by the Castle Way Bus Shelter, Taunton TA1 4AH (opposite The Cosy Club).

**Cost** – The taxi costs £28.00 each way and the price includes either 1 suitcase or 1 holdall per person. If bringing extra luggage, a guide dog or a wheelchair, please let the Bookings Team know in advance as this may incur an extra charge.

### Important information

For other important information such as bookings, payments, cancellations and 'terms and conditions', please visit our website:

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# The Beacon Activity Centre

The Beacon is an outdoor activity centre for school and youth groups, families and retreats.

We can accommodate groups of up to 44 people and provide a bespoke programme of exciting activities, good food and the beautiful backdrop of Exmoor National Park.



## Lee Abbey Camps

For over 60 years Lee Abbey has run summers camps on the field next to the beach.

The summer camps are in a stunning location and provide an environment in which you can discuss your faith, explore God's great love, meet new people, ask questions, explore issues and have a huge amount of fun!

**The Field** (ages 18–30)

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**Lee Abbey Youth Camp** (ages 13–18)





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