

# Come to life

PROGRAMME SEPTEMBER 2019 – SEPTEMBER 2020

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Dear friends,

One of my favourite verses in the Bible is in the first chapter of John's Gospel. John the Baptist's disciples encounter Jesus, and then they ask him this question: 'Rabbi, where are you staying?' and Jesus replies, "Come and see." That invitation to 'come and see' changed those disciples' lives. We are so blessed to hear stories of lives changed because people have encountered the love of God in Jesus Christ through being here at Lee Abbey. I hope through the conferences and Renew, Refresh, Resource ('RRR') weekends that we have on offer in this coming year at Lee Abbey that you also hear Jesus' invitation to "Come and see."

These encounters with God's love take place in various ways - through the beauty of the natural world on our **Estate Working Parties, Walk & Talk** weeks or **Bird Watching** 27 April–1 May; through stimulating speakers such as, **Craig Gardiner** 13–17 April, **Sandy Millar** 18–22 May or **Donna Lazenby** 27–31 July; or in one of our **Individually Guided** or **Silent** retreats, (**Michael Mitton** 24–28 February, **Val Turner** 6–10 July). We love it too when individuals and church groups respond to that 'Come and see' invitation on our **RRR weekends**. So, why not make 2020 the year when you bring a group from your church to 'Come and see' where God might be challenging, encouraging and commissioning you in your life together in your community?

One of the significant ways we believe the incarnational God encounters people here at Lee Abbey is through the life of the intentional, incarnational Community who call Lee Abbey their home - you can read some of their stories dotted throughout this brochure. We are blessed to live in this beautiful 'thin place' and we discover that as we live and work and serve together God works with us and through us to be his welcome to you, our guests.

We look forward to welcoming you!

With love in Christ,

*Barbara & Sue*

Barbara Carpenter is our Acting Warden

## KEEP IN TOUCH

Visit the website at  
[leeabbeydevon.org.uk](http://leeabbeydevon.org.uk)

The website is the place to find all the latest news about conferences and events 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.

## FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Keep in touch on Facebook, with up-to-the minute happenings at Lee Abbey.

To set up a Facebook account visit:

[www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) or simply click the Facebook logo on the Lee Abbey Devon web page.

You can also follow us on Twitter and Instagram, and do check out our YouTube channel.

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ALL STAYS ARE FULLY INCLUSIVE

# YOUR STAY WITH US

At Lee Abbey, all our stays are fully inclusive, except for occasional activity weekends. Knowing that can really help with your budgeting, especially as a family or group. Within that price we offer the following:

- All your meals and drinks (tea, coffee, cake, hot chocolate)
- A ministry team to deliver your programme and host your group
- Teaching and worship
- Lively youth and children's ministry
- Great accommodation and facilities including our library, gift shop and book sales, Tea Cottage in the summer season, WiFi in the gallery.
- Towels and bed linen are provided in all rooms
- Creative worship using a range of media
- Activities on a range of themes
- Entertainment
- Sports facilities: sports hall, tennis, football, sports field, badminton and Beacon activities such as archery, zip wire, climbing (when available)



All this is in the setting of a stunning 280-acre estate on the edge of the Exmoor National Park where where you will be served by our international Christian Community.

Our Pastoral Team is on hand to listen to and pray with you as individuals too. We aim for every guest to return home stronger and more inspired by God – and for churches to be transformed.



FROM  
**£99**  
PER PERSON\*

## Special Winter Offer

\*Weekends in January–February from £99 per person in groups of ten or more.

Terms and conditions apply. This offer cannot be used with any other adult discounts/bursaries or the one free place for every ten paying.

### A TYPICAL DAY AT LEE ABBEY

Remember everything is optional; you're welcome to dip in and out of the programme at any time.

- Informal quiet worship
- Buffet breakfast
- Teaching sessions, which will include sung worship
- Lunch, served by the Community
- Afternoon prayer: free time and organised activities
- Dinner, served by the Community
- After dinner: evening entertainment
- Christ in Quiet, with readings and quiet music

To see a variety of activities to do during your stay from music and photography through to visiting the farm and local towns, visit [leeabbeydevon.org.uk](http://leeabbeydevon.org.uk)



# ACCOMMODATION IN THE HOUSE AND BEACON

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



House bedrooms

Lee Abbey (including The Beacon Centre) can accommodate up to 150 people plus cots and z-beds. A large number of our rooms enjoy en-suite facilities but, if not, there are showers and toilets located on each floor. Towels are provided in all rooms. Tea and coffee making areas are situated on each floor.

## PRICING STRUCTURE

Our home has incredible views to wake up to, and many rooms also have a recently refurbished en-suite toilet and shower. If you would like a room with a view, or a toilet and shower in your room, then you'll need to pay a little extra per person.

## PRICING KEY

Prices are colour coded with this key. **Prices are per person.** Choose Super Saver accommodation at The Beacon Centre for conferences marked with a super saver option and enjoy a 25% discount from our bronze room price.



-  **Platinum**  
En-suite with sea view
-  **Gold**  
En-suite facilities
-  **Silver**  
Room with a view
-  **Bronze**



*Beacon bedroom*

## LONE PARENTS

Lee Abbey is pleased to be able to offer lone parents bringing dependent children a 25% discount; this offer is available for any conference in this brochure except Bereaved Families where the price has already been discounted (normal children's discounts apply). There is limited availability so please telephone the Booking Office to check. Terms and conditions apply.

## GROUP BOOKINGS

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

There is something remarkable about the way God brings unity to a church or group that spends time away together. A key part of Lee Abbey Devon's vision is to renew and serve the Church in exactly that way.

### How to book your group

- 1 Decide on a date.
- 2 Visit [leeabbeydevon.org.uk](http://leeabbeydevon.org.uk) or phone us on **01598 752621** to request a group booking pack.
- 3 Phone us to check availability and make a provisional booking.

If you just want to book The Beacon Activity Centre please contact us through the website [thebeaconactivitycentre.org.uk](http://thebeaconactivitycentre.org.uk) or phone **01598 754206**.

## DAY VISITORS

You are very welcome to visit for the day. You can enjoy lunch, refreshments and sessions if the programme permits. The cost is £15.00 per person in low-mid season and £18.00 in high season (from 10:00am to 6:00pm). If you wish to enjoy an evening meal, this will be charged at £10 per person. Special evening meals are £18 per person.

To book online visit [leeabbeydevon.org.uk](http://leeabbeydevon.org.uk)

## CHILDREN'S PRICES

Children aged four and under now come FREE along with these reduced prices.

<b>Ages 0-4</b>	Free
<b>Ages 5-7</b>	25% of adult rate
<b>Ages 8-11</b>	35% of adult rate
<b>Ages 12-16</b>	50% of adult rate



# 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.

- Opportunities to discover more about God
- Creative use of multimedia
- Adventure activities for over 8s
- Morning sessions for all children so parents can have space to receive from God
- Afternoon activities for the whole family
- Building great family memories together
- All-Age worship services

## Out of school holidays

Children's work is always available during our Renew, Refresh, Resource weekends. 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. Please enquire when booking to liaise with our Children, Youth and Families Team

## Crèche

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

- Let us know that you require childcare when you book
- We have lovely dedicated children's play rooms and books and games in the photo gallery for you to access with your child along with an early morning cuppa
- Optional early evening meals
- Food and drink available for you to access at all hours
- Highchairs and child-friendly plates, bowls and cutlery

## Church weekends

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

- A programme which links to the adult programme especially designed for the age group of children
- Friday evening of fun and games to get to know the children
- Morning activities for all children so parents can have space to receive from God
- Afternoon activities for the whole church
- Creative ways of exploring faith and growing in understanding God's love
- Building church community together.

## Additional Needs

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



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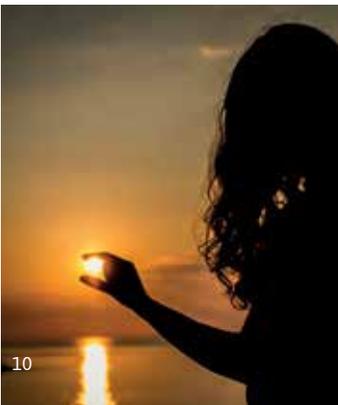
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<b>Bishop Ruth Worsley</b>	40	<b>Lee Abbey Estate Team</b>	36	<b>1–5 April</b>	
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<b>24–26 January</b>		<b>A Way of Life That Works</b>		<b>The Songs of God</b>	
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<b>Jon Pocock</b>	25	<b>Mums and Daughters</b>		<b>Martin Swindlehurst</b>	46
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<b>Dementia - a View from the Inside</b>		<b>9–13 March</b>		<b>Renew, Refresh, Resource</b>	22
<b>Jennifer Bute</b>	44	<b>Lent Silent Retreat:</b>		<b>27 April–1 May</b>	
<b>27–31 January</b>		<b>Love is His Meaning</b>		<b>Current Challenges in Science</b>	
<b>Bread Of Life</b>		<b>Sister Carol</b>	43	<b>and Faith</b>	
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<b>Renew, Refresh, Resource</b>	22	<b>16–20 March</b>		<b>More...</b>	
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<b>Bible Week</b>		<b>23–27 March</b>		<b>4–8 May</b>	
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## MEET THE FORRESTS

*Bible study forms and informs who we are so that whatever the ministry we are involved in we do so from a heart relationship with Jesus...*



Julie and Peter have over 30 years in joint ministry mostly in frontline leadership in The Salvation Army (TSA). Their ministry has taken them all around the world: now at International Headquarters. Julie is the International Liaison Officer for Dialogue on Human Sexuality and Peter the Assistant Chief Secretary for Administration.

**T**hey have been married for 32 years, with two sons and two grandchildren; and they have both combined family life, work and study. Peter uses his MA in Leadership, Renewal & Mission to deepen his understanding of spiritual leadership in a missional context. "Bible study forms and informs who we are so that whatever the ministry we are involved in we do so from a heart relationship with Jesus, enhancing the mission of God in the world." Using the Song of Solomon, Peter will explore our relationship with God: from early stages to ultimate union.

For the last 22 years, Julie has also been working as a psycho sexual therapist for the TSA. With an MSC in the Theory and Practice of Psychotherapy

for Sexual Dysfunction, she has been helping people work on their relationships, overcome sexual addictions and recover from trauma. She also has worked with women who have been sex trafficked. Julie comments "people often feel rejected by their church when their sexual orientation doesn't 'conform' to the status quo. I am passionate to see the church inclusive and giving a true welcome to everyone, regardless of their gender, race or sexual orientation." She will lead us on a journey of listening to God speaking into this subject. Julie hopes that people will come with open hearts and open minds and return disturbed and yet comforted by the Holy Spirit as we learn from one another.

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## Important information

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Please also check 'Terms and Conditions'.

## MEET SANDY MILLAR

*“I realised it was true that Jesus lived, ministered, died, and rose again. I was just so impressed with the truth and proclamation of the Gospel”*



Sandy Millar read Law at Cambridge and trained as a Barrister in London. He came to faith at twenty-eight, inspired by both ‘his future wife and the Holy Spirit!’ Shortly after, he felt called to ordination. After training for ordination at Cranmer Hall, Durham, he started his curacy at Holy Trinity Brompton (HTB) in 1976, becoming Vicar in 1985.

**W**hile at HTB, Sandy pioneered the Alpha course with his Curate, Rev. Nicky Gumbel. He and Nicky travelled all over the world leading Alpha conferences where they witnessed the power of God transforming lives. In 2005 Sandy left HTB to become Priest-in-Charge of St Mark’s, Tollington Park; St Saviours, Hanley Road; and Emmanuel Holloway until his retirement in 2011.

*“The ministry of the Holy Spirit is key to growing the church, creating a Holy Spirit inspired-driven Church”.*

Sandy’s ministry has been greatly impacted by John Wimber and the Anglican renewal movement. Sharing the prophetic, teaching about healing and encouraging evangelism have been hallmarks of Sandy’s ministry. He has always focused on feeding on God’s Word and on the Spirit of God. Sandy’s desire is to inspire us to explore our walk with God and to reflect on God’s call on our life, so we respond in practical ways and deepen our relationship with God whatever our stage of life.

Sandy is married to Annette and they have four grown up children and eight grandchildren. He enjoys fishing in Scotland (his home country) and also playing golf!

## COLOSSIANS EXPLORED

**16–20 SEPTEMBER (Mon–Fri)** Elaine Storkey

Elaine will take us on a chronological journey through Colossians. She will be talking to us about the supremacy of Christ in Christian doctrine and teaching, the freedom in Christ for the believer, warnings against false teachers, and the implications of following Christ in our lives and relationships.

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## PHILIPPIANS



**14–18 OCTOBER (Mon–Fri)** Bible Society

Join Bible Society's team as they open up the book of Philippians! The apostle Paul planted this church on his second missionary journey. It's 10 years later and Paul is in prison facing possible death, but his passion is undimmed. He encourages the church to follow the example of Jesus who willingly gave up everything for the good of others. This week will help challenge and equip you to do the same.

CODE 43A  £351  £339  £295  £279

## GETTING TO GRIPS WITH THE OLD TESTAMENT

**4–8 NOVEMBER (Mon–Fri)** Paul Langham

Don't know your Habbakuk from your Starbucks? Find splitting the atom easier than explaining the Divided Kingdom? Secretly worry that the God of the Old Testament is different from the God of the New? Would love to be able to find your way home if you were dropped off on one of the OT's country lanes? Combining expansive overview with detailed exposition, this week will give you the confidence to navigate the Bible Jesus knew, and to own it both as God's Word and part of your own story as a follower of the One who is central to both Hebrew and Christian scriptures. It will also be great fun!

CODE 49A  £281  £269  £225  £209

## CELEBRATING THE BIBLICAL FEASTS

**11–15 NOVEMBER (Mon–Fri)** Ann Pangbourne

The biblical feasts were part of a rhythm of life for God's people, so they were part of the life which Jesus and His disciples shared. During the week we will explore ways in which we can both celebrate these feasts and allow them to enrich our understanding of the Christian festivals.

CODE 51A  £281  £269  £225  £209

## BIBLE WEEK

**10–14 FEBRUARY (Mon–Fri)** Speaker TBC

We are awaiting confirmation of this week: details will be available nearer the time on our website.

CODE 68A    £281    £269    £225    £209

## AMBITION: WHAT JESUS SAID ABOUT POWER, SUCCESS AND COUNTING STUFF

**16–20 MARCH (Mon–Fri)** Bishop Emma Ineson

How do we think biblically about notions of growth, ambition and success? Emma will help us to explore key spiritual dispositions that will enable us, whatever our vocation in life, to do just that.

CODE 79A    £351    £339    £295    £279

## THE SONGS OF GOD

**20–24 APRIL (Mon–Fri)** Russ Parker

Imagine the prospect of God singing a song for you. Zephaniah paints this picture to illustrate one of the ways in which God restored and renewed his people after long years of hardship. This week we will unpack the lyrics of some of those songs so we too can be healed and gladdened in heart.

CODE 88A    £351    £339    £295    £279

## MORE...

**27 APRIL–1 MAY (Mon–Fri)** Bishop Mike Hill

Healthy Christian disciples understand that wanting more of God means that God will want more of us. How can this happen in a culture where the world wants more of us and our money? This week we shall seek to work out how a Christian might prevail and grow in a culture that seems less comfortable for disciples.

CODE 90A    £351    £339    £295    £279





## ALL I WANT IS...EVEN MORE OF YOU

**18–22 MAY (Mon–Fri)** Bishop Sandy Millar

In this week Sandy will help us explore our walk with God. We'll look at our relationship with Him: the nature of it, the refreshing and renewing of it and God's call on our life to respond in practical ways in freedom and love. We will be looking at various passages of Scripture including Ezekiel 37 & 47, The Song of Songs, Luke 15, John 3, 8 & 21.

CODE 6B  £351  £339  £295  £279

## CHRIST'S HYMNBOOK: SELECTED THEMES FOR THE BOOK OF PSALMS

**1–5 JUNE (Mon–Fri)** John & Jane Wibberley

Come to be refreshed and excited by a glimpse of the richness of Psalms, and soak in some of the great truths expressed in what was Jesus' 'hymnbook'. Rediscover the integration of Word, Music and Truth, reflecting Christ and Creation in this lovely Devon location. Join John and Jane on a musical journey using 'the Songs of Ascent'.

CODE 10B  £351  £339  £295  £279

## CONVERSATIONS WITH JESUS

**11–17 JULY (Sat–Fri)** Patrick Whitworth

Patrick will look at the Conversations in John's Gospel: with Jesus' mother, at Cana of Galilee; with Nicodemus; with the Woman at the Well; with Mary and Martha at the grave of Lazarus; with the man born blind; with Pilate; and with Peter on the shore of Galilee. These conversations give us insights into how Jesus engages with human need, religion, meaning, grief, power and disappointment. They will open our eyes to how Jesus used conversation to establish the Kingdom in people's lives.

CODE 22B  £523  £505  £439  £415

## WHAT DOES 'LOVE' LOOK LIKE?

**7–11 SEPTEMBER 2020 (Mon–Fri)** Peter Forrest

As we study together the scripture known as the Song of Solomon, we will explore our relationship with the Lord, spend time listening to God's voice, and use the scriptural language of human and divine passion to pursue a maturing love and devotion. Hear what God wants to share with his beloved children.

CODE 32B  £351  £339  £295  £279

## WISDOM IS CALLING

**14–18 SEPTEMBER 2020 (Mon–Fri)** David Runcorn

In the Bible wisdom is more than knowing about something or making good choices. It is living a life shaped by the rich, playful, creative, transforming Spirit of God. 'Seek it more than silver', the Bible says. We will spend this week doing just that.

CODE 34A  £351  £339  £295  £279

# CREATIVE & PERFORMING ARTS



## INTO THE LIGHT: CREATIVE EXPRESSIONS

**16–20 SEPTEMBER (Mon–Fri)** Sarah Prentice

Inspired by the changing light on the landscape and sea surrounding Lee Abbey, we will use ink and watercolour to paint and draw. There will also be opportunity to respond creatively to Scripture. Materials will be provided to do the demonstrated projects which will be suitable for all levels of creative experience. If you would like to use different media please come equipped with materials. Limited to 15 places. Book early!

CODE 35B ➤ £357 ➤ £345 ➤ £301 ➤ £285

## LOST PROPERTY – BELONGINGS AND BELONGING

**4–8 NOVEMBER (Mon–Fri)** Jane Lees

This week is an opportunity to bring an object, or the memory of a lost object from home, and share the story of it in the group. We will use art as a means of unlocking these treasures; spending time creatively exploring the objects we bring, through reflective prayer and mixed media. No experience needed! Through exploring and sharing our stories about our own lost property, we discover something new about our identity in God.

CODE 49B ➤ £283 ➤ £271 ➤ £227 ➤ £211

## TAPESTRY OF LIFE

**7–11 OCTOBER (Mon–Fri)** Vittoria Hancock & 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 (we will confirm the techniques nearer the time).

CODE 41B ➤ £357 ➤ £345 ➤ £301 ➤ £285

## CHRISTMAS CRAFTS

**11–15 NOVEMBER (Mon–Fri)** Lee Abbey Team

Christmas is a time for giving, so come and join us to explore your creative side making cards and small gifts to bless others. We supply the materials, encouragement and some creative ideas; you supply the hand-made love. Share your skills, learn from each other, and make new friends as we prepare for Christmas together.

CODE 51B ➤ £283 ➤ £271 ➤ £227 ➤ £211

## MEET KATALIN FROM HUNGARY

*All the obstacles I thought were impossible to tackle were completely removed by God. It was amazing!*



Although her family weren't interested in God, Katalin was curious about Him from a young age. She remembers her mum saying, "I don't know if God exists, but there are many people in the world who do believe in God". Before long her Mum sent her to children's Bible lessons. It was then that Katalin had a profound dream about God. She knew there was more to life than what she could see.

Katalin then went to a Catholic school, and to church every Sunday. As the years passed by, going to church, reading the Bible and praying seemed enough; but she didn't realise that you could have a real relationship with God.

At University, she was drawn into the party culture. This satisfied her for a short time, but after a while she realised her life was becoming shallow and empty and that if she kept travelling down the

path she was on, she would become an 'empty' person with nothing to live for. That's when her search for God really began. Many years, questions and prayers later, Katalin has found a great church, and has been baptised. She shares how profound the experience of baptism was for her: "I felt like my baptism was like my wedding day with Christ!"

God has continued to strengthen Katalin's faith. Three years ago she heard about Lee Abbey and felt a strong tug to come here. But she was afraid. "I had a good life in Budapest. Good and stable work, friends and family who would miss me". She kept telling herself Lee Abbey wasn't the right choice, wasn't the safe choice. But when she realised it was right to come she prayed about it, and "all the obstacles I thought were impossible to tackle were completely removed by God. It was amazing!"



## BREAD OF LIFE

27–31 JANUARY (Mon–Fri)

Sue Pocock

Come and make bread while meditating on God's Word. With Sue's help you'll make different types of bread and help to feed your fellow guests and community!

CODE 64C  £283  £271  £227  £211

## CHRISTMAS CRAFTS WEEKEND



15–17 NOVEMBER (Fri–Sun) Lee Abbey Team

Like the sound of the Christmas Crafts week, but not able to attend? Come to the Beacon! We'll light the fire and provide comfy sofas as you spend the weekend making things for Christmas with other like-minded 'crafty' folk. This event is held at the Beacon Centre and will be led by members of our Community.

CODE Beacon  £110 and £55 for 10–16 year olds, including all resources for the crafts.

## LIVING YARNS

3–7 FEBRUARY (Mon–Fri)

Vittoria Hancock & Gretel White

Bring your knitting, crochet, or any other craft and join us as we explore what it means to be part of God's living creation. There will be time and space to listen, to learn, to sit with your crafts or join in conversations. Come prepared to be challenged, to be drawn deeper into relationship with God and to have some relaxing time creating in the presence of God. In this retreat Vittoria will be teaching a knitting skill, and Gretel will be teaching a crochet technique, details of which will be sent nearer the time.

CODE 66B  £283  £271  £227  £211

## BOOK OF BLESSING

18–22 NOVEMBER (Mon–Fri) Val Turner

Anyone can work with God to bless others. It comes out of kindness and opens us up to the work of the Holy Spirit. Blessing touches someones soul to draw out hidden fruit. It builds confidence, vision, opening righteous possibilities and transformation, releasing gifts that have been imprisoned. The deep desire to bless others has resurrection power that activates energy between being and becoming. 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.

CODE 53B  £283  £271  £227  £211

## PAYING ATTENTION TO GOD

2–6 MARCH (Mon–Fri)

Nick Page

A week of looking, listening and noticing. How do we become more aware of the presence of God in our lives? The answer is by paying attention – to ourselves, to each other, to art, literature and our natural surroundings. With a mixture of workshop and reflection, this is the perfect week not only for writers and artists, but for anyone who wants to live a more engaged, more attentive life.

CODE 75A  £351  £339  £295  £279

## “SEEING AFRESH” A WEEK OF CONTEMPLATIVE PHOTOGRAPHY

**4–8 MAY (Mon–Fri)** Rob Kitchen, Jane Willis & James Doney

Take time out to see the world in fresh ways, let God reveal the richness and beauty that we normally keep hidden from view. This week is not about emphasizing the subject or mastering the technical aspects of photography, instead, you will be guided to undertake an approach that enables you to see clearly, and develop images from this point of view.

CODE 2B  £357  £345  £301  £285



## LOOK UP! DRAWING AND PAINTING SKIES

**14–18 SEPTEMBER 2020 (Mon–Fri)**  
Sarah Prentice

From dramatic sunsets, to rainbows and star studded night skies, Lee Abbey is the perfect place to find creative inspiration to draw and paint the sky. We will reflect on Psalm 104 as we paint and draw using ink, watercolour and acrylics. Materials will be provided to do the demonstrated projects which will be suitable for all levels of creative experience. If you would like to use different media please come equipped with materials. Limited to 15 places. Book early!

CODE 34B  £357  £345  £301  £285

## TAPESTRY OF LIFE

**28 SEPTEMBER–2 OCTOBER 2020 (Mon–Fri)**  
Vittoria Hancock & Gretel White

Bring your tapestry, needlework or other craft and join us as we explore what it means to be part of God's rich tapestry. There will be time to listen, to learn, to sit with your crafts or join in conversations. Come prepared to be challenged, to be drawn deeper into relationship with God and to have some relaxing time creating in His presence. In this retreat Vittoria and Gretel will both be teaching a needlework technique, details will be provided nearer the time.

CODE 38C  £357  £345  £301  £285



# RENEW, REFRESH, RESOURCE

These Renew, Refresh, Resource weekends are designed for individuals, small groups and churches to strengthen their relationships with each other, to deepen their relationship with God and to learn how to be salt and light more effectively in their local communities and places.



## DATES

### SEPTEMBER 2019

13–15 (34A) 20–22 (36A) 27–29 (38A)

£181 £175 £153 £145

### OCTOBER

4–6 (40A) 11–13 (42A) 18–20 (44A) 25–27 (46A)

£181 £175 £153 £145

### NOVEMBER

1–3 (48A) 8–10 (50A) 15–17 (52A) 22–24 (54A)

29–1 DECEMBER (56A)

£161 £155 £133 £125

### JANUARY

24–26 (63A) 31–2 FEBRUARY (65A)

£161 £155 £133 £125

### FEBRUARY

7–9 (67A) 14–16 (70A) 21–23 (72A)

28–1 MARCH (74A)

£161 £155 £133 £125

### MARCH

6–8 (76A) 13–15 (78A) 20–22 (80A) 27–29 (82A)

£181 £175 £153 £145

### APRIL

17–19 (87A) 24–26 (89A)

£181 £175 £153 £145

### MAY

1–3 (1A) 8–10 (3A) 15–17 (5A)

£181 £175 £153 £145

### JUNE

12–14 (13A) 19–21 (15A) 26–28 (17A)

£181 £175 £153 £145

### JULY

3–5 (19A)

£181 £175 £153 £145

### SEPTEMBER 2020

4–6 (31A) 11–13 (33A) 18–20 (35A) 25–27 (37A)

£181 £175 £153 £145

## GROUP BOOKING PRICES

	NOVEMBER TO FEBRUARY				MARCH TO OCTOBER	
	≥10 adults*		<10 adults		Any size: Every 11th paying adult free at £145.00	
	Standard	En suite	Standard	En suite	Standard	En suite
17+	£99.00	£129.00	£125.00	£155.00	£145.00	£175.00
12-16	£62.50	£77.50	£62.50	£77.50	£72.50	£87.50
8-11	£43.75	£54.25	£43.75	£54.25	£50.75	£61.25
5-7	£31.25	£38.75	£31.25	£38.75	£36.25	£43.75
0-4	<b>FREE</b>	<b>FREE</b>	<b>FREE</b>	<b>FREE</b>	<b>FREE</b>	<b>FREE</b>

Whole house booking = 95 x the standard adult rate \*no further bursary discounts may be applied

# LOCAL CHURCHES' EVENINGS

## DATES

Local Churches' Evenings are an opportunity for those living locally to join us for an evening of worship, teaching and ministry. Guests are invited from 5.45pm to meet the Community over a cup of tea and worship begins at 6.30pm. There is no charge, but we welcome donations to the Lee Abbey Bursary Fund.

**13 OCTOBER 2019**

**15 MARCH 2020**

**14 JUNE 2020**

FREE



# DISCIPLESHIP & MISSION

## FAITH AND THE FUTURE OF THE COUNTRYSIDE

**23–27 SEPTEMBER (Mon–Fri) Bishop Alan Smith**

This conference will explore the rapidly changing face of the countryside in England and the role that the Church can play in shaping it. Drawing on the experience and insights of the delegates, it will provide an opportunity to think together about a wide range of rural subjects, including the environment, agriculture and leisure. In addition there will be input designed to offer spiritual refreshments.

CODE 37A    £351    £339    £285    £279

## OPEN DOORS: SERVING PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS WORLDWIDE

**7–11 OCTOBER (Mon–Fri) Open Doors**

Do you want to be encouraged, challenged and inspired by how God is growing and equipping His global church? Join us for a week of prayer as we pray with our persecuted family for God's kingdom to come in some of the darkest places in the world, and go deeper in your faith as you hear stories of how Christians around the world are living courageously for Jesus. There will be times of prayer and worship, opportunities to hear from Open Doors speakers, practical activities to support the persecuted church and personal reflection time.

CODE 41A    £351    £339    £285    £279

## GOD, THE BIG BANG AND BIOLOGY

**14–18 OCTOBER (Mon–Fri) Graham Swinerd & John Bryant**

Can real scientists have a religious faith? Are science and faith compatible? Our two speakers, with very different but complementary areas of expertise, will argue that the answer to both questions is 'Yes!' The latest findings of science reveal to us the work of an awesome creator God. The beautiful setting of Lee Abbey makes it a delightful place to address these issues in a conference that is for both scientists and non-scientists alike. The week will include opportunities to look up, weather permitting, at the 'Heavens above', and at the 'Earth beneath' – local biology and geology. Our hope is that you will go away with a renewed sense of awe and wonder at God's creation.

CODE 43B    £351    £339    £285    £279

## DISCIPLESHIP THROUGH COMMUNITY

**18–22 NOVEMBER (Mon–Fri) Lee Abbey Team**

God as Trinity is community. He invites us to join His community and work together as the Body of Christ. Hear the team share their experiences of being challenged and changed through community, and learn more about how you can build and nurture community with all its blessings.

CODE 53A    £281    £269    £225    £209



## WORSHIP: ENCOUNTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

**27–31 JANUARY (Mon–Fri)** Jon Pocock

Join Jon as he explores different ways we worship and how we worship corporately both sung and not sung. How can we plan and lead worship so that it brings people into God's presence, and fits into and complements our corporate worship services? What gifts and talents do the people around us have that add to our worship life?

CODE 64A  £281  £269  £225  £209

## FILM & FAITH

**3–7 FEBRUARY (Mon–Fri)** Dave Hopwood

Jesus used parables and stories all the time to help folks understand and receive God's refreshing and radical Kingdom. Movies are very much the stories and parables of our culture these days, and Dave will draw on moments in these to help us connect again with the refreshing and life-changing message of Jesus. And you don't need to be a movie buff at all! Dave makes the use of films enjoyable and accessible for all.

CODE 66A  £281  £269  £225  £209

## DISCIPLESHIP WEEK

**24–28 FEBRUARY (Mon–Fri)** Speaker TBC

We are awaiting confirmation of this week: details will be available nearer the time on our website.

CODE 73A  £281  £269  £225  £209

## A WAY OF LIFE THAT WORKS

**2–6 MARCH (Mon–Fri)** Jill Webber

Life can be overwhelming with its demands and distractions. Together we will explore how we might find a way of living that cultivates a deep spirituality and that is congruent with our deepest desires. Participants will come away having crafted a personalised Rule of Life which helps them respond to two questions: 'Who do I want to be?' and 'How do I want to live?' and brings shape and support to all aspects of their lives.

CODE 75B  £351  £339  £285  £279

## PRAYER MINISTRY TRAINING

**16–20 MARCH (Mon–Fri)** Val Turner

Prayer ministry training will help you to grow in confidence and learn good practice. Join us for a week spending time at the feet of Jesus, dwelling in His presence and learning about all aspects of healing prayer, enabling you to love your neighbour in a new way. Suitable for beginners and also for those who would like a refresher in healing ministry.

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## 'FAITH, HOPE, LOVE' – THE VICTORIOUS CHRISTIAN LIFE

**23–27 MARCH (Mon–Fri)**

**Abi Willetts**

Why do so many churches split? Exploring the vision of Faith, Hope and Love in 1, 2 & 3 John and its powerful verses on the nature of true love, Abi will help us to gain insight into the roots of conflict. We will then have the opportunity to invite the Holy Spirit to reshape our thinking and re-envision us to see the overcoming life of Jesus flowing in us and in His Church, and have true hope for the future.

CODE 81B  £351  £339  £285  £279

## MELODIES OF DISCIPLESHIP AND WORSHIP

**13–17 APRIL (Mon–Fri)**

**Craig Gardiner**

How does what we do in church shape how we live the rest of our lives? What do the missional challenges of social justice, peacemaking and creation-care have to do with our prayer, singing, and understanding of the Bible? Using song, story-telling and biblical reflection, this week will explore how the melodies of our worship and discipleship can be woven into harmonies that both touch the heavens and change the earth.

CODE 86A  £351  £339  £285  £279

## CURRENT CHALLENGES IN SCIENCE AND FAITH

**27 APRIL–1 MAY (Mon–Fri)**

**Denis Alexander**

We will provide a broad overview of some of the big current challenges relating to science and faith. For example: Should we use the latest science to enhance human abilities? Are we slaves to our genes and to our neurons? What about evolution? Does biology display purpose? If so, what about suffering? If you want an overview of the current state of play in these and other big challenges, then this week is for you!

CODE 90B  £351  £339  £285  £279

## DESERT VOICES

**4–8 MAY (Mon–Fri)**

**Dave Hopwood & Phil Stone**

Jesus regularly visited wilderness places during his ministry. Hosea spoke of hearing the tender voice of God in the desert. Dave and Phil will take a look at various Biblical desert stories and the encounters and events that took place. Phil is Director of Scargill House and Dave communicates the Bible using a wide range of media.

CODE 2A  £351  £339  £285  £279

## BEAUTY AND BROKENNESS: FINDING HOPE IN A WOUNDED WORLD

**1–5 JUNE (Mon–Fri)**

**Dave Bookless**

Planet Earth contains breathtaking beauty and amazing diversity. As fast as we discover much of this, we are losing it. The catastrophic impact of human behaviour leads experts to predict a vastly impoverished world, with tragic results for people and wildlife. This week we will celebrate nature's beauty, lament its destruction, and seek hope in the Bible, in stories from around the world, and from opportunities to be Good News for God's world.

CODE 10A  £351  £339  £285  £279

## MEET SIMON AND GINNY FROM THE UK

Simon was your typical church minister's kid. He was brought up in the Evangelical Free Tradition, but it wasn't until he was 19 that he decided to commit his life to Christ. "You come to a point when you're standing on your own two feet and you have a choice about faith", Simon says as he looks back on it. Growing up in a family where both parents went to church, Ginny gave her life to the Lord when she was 11. A few years later, she experienced the Holy Spirit at Dales Bible Week and soon after, she was baptised.

They met at Agricultural College: Ginny was studying Aquatics and Ornamental Fish Management, Simon Agricultural Management.

Moving to Exmoor in 2016 to manage a 10,000-acre farm brought them one step closer to Lee Abbey. On their second visit to Lee Abbey, for a local churches' evening, they heard about the

vacancy for a farm manager and both wondered if it was for them. They tried to put it to the back of their minds, but it didn't work! Sending in their application form gave them a week to think and pray about it and, while they sensed God was giving them the choice, at heart Ginny felt that they weren't being called to Lee Abbey, but rather 'clearly directed here'. With over 40 years' of farm managing experience between the two of them, they bring great expertise to Lee Abbey.

Starting the day with Morning Worship reflecting on the Bible is a joy for them. Ginny loves the young people on Community and the life they bring while Simon loves the constant buzz of laughter. They both see it as a privilege and honour to mix with so many people and cultures from all over the world. But the biggest bonus for them is that God has such a central role in their daily life.





## COMMUNICATING OUR FAITH STORY IN A MULTI-FAITH CONTEXT

8–12 JUNE (Mon–Fri)

Jan Pike

If you've ever wanted to know how you might discover more about the Qu'ran and about the faith and practice of your Muslim neighbours, and make the most of opportunities to share Jesus with them, then this week is for you. Good conversations are the starting point and can be a transformational experience for all those involved. So how do we go about setting up such opportunities for mutual hospitality? Taking the stories of the Prophets as an example, Jan will help us to reflect on, wonder at and discover new ways of understanding and communicating our faith story.

CODE 12A  £351  £339  £285  £279

## HOW TO SURVIVE THE MID-FAITH CRISIS

8–12 JUNE (Mon–Fri)

Joe Davis & Nick Page

Have you ever looked around you at church at all the happy people and thought to yourself 'Is this it?' Are new questions kicking out the old answers? Do you sense that there might be a bigger, more exciting faith out there? Join Nick Page and Joe Davis (the hosts of the Mid-Faith Crisis Podcast) as they provide a safe place to explore the challenges of 'living faith' in a fresh, engaging and occasionally irreverent way!

CODE 12B  £351  £339  £285  £279

## THE FEASTS OF THE LORD

15–19 JUNE (Mon–Fri)

David Pileggi

What can we learn from the Biblical feasts? Are they obligatory for Christians today? Must we worship on Saturday? Can we learn something from the way Jewish communities observe these holidays? In our time together we will consider: the Sabbath, Passover, Pentecost, Rosh Hashana, Yom Kippur and the Feast of Tabernacles and learn how they can enrich our Christian commitment and our love for Jesus

CODE 14A  £351  £339  £285  £279

## SPIRIT WORKS

22–26 JUNE (Mon–Fri)

Roger Jones

Roger Jones and a team from Christian Music Ministries will teach on subjects from their latest book Spirit Works. Sessions will include 'Receiving His Power', 'Responding to His Presence', 'Releasing His People'. There will also be practical workshops on praying in the power of the Spirit, receiving gifts and forming a prayer ministry team.

CODE 16A  £351  £339  £285  £279

## CHRISTIANS AND CONFLICT: HOW DOES FAITH HELP US TO RESPOND WHEN FACING CONFLICT?

29 JUNE–3 JULY (Mon–Fri)

Liz Griffiths

Conflict is something few of us enjoy, yet the Bible tells us it is part of the Christian story. How can we, as Christians, engage with the conflicts and tensions of life in ways which are positive and creative?

This week Liz, from Bridge Builders Ministry will help us explore our own responses to conflict and what it means to live the Gospel of reconciliation in our everyday lives.

CODE 18A  £351  £339  £285  £279

## HUMAN SEXUALITY

7–11 SEPTEMBER 2020 (Mon–Fri) Julie Forrest

Human Sexuality often sits in the 'too hard box' especially areas of pornography/partner abuse/sex outside of marriage/LGBTQ. During this week we lift the lid in a safe environment where we can explore these areas together! Come with open minds and open hearts and leave with an increased knowledge, compassion and grace. Suitable for ministers, church-goers, parents and citizens of the world!

CODE 32A  £351  £339  £285  £279

## DEEP NIGHT BRIGHT MORNING

21–25 SEPTEMBER 2020 (Mon–Fri)

Charlie & Anita Cleverly

Taking its title from Anita Cleverly's new book, Charlie and Anita will cover compelling stories from the Bible and from life that take us from darkness and trouble into the bright comfort of the presence of God. This is a week for all who have experienced deep night at some time. We will discover and recover ancient and brilliant strategies such as finding a Rule of Life, Spiritual Direction and how to walk with God to experience peace and growth even in the storms.

CODE 36B  £351  £339  £285  £279

## NAVIGATING TRANSITION

28 SEPTEMBER–2 OCTOBER 2020 (Mon–Fri)

Beverley Shepherd

We will all face transition at various points in life – sometimes planned, and other times arriving via job, relationship, family or health changes. Navigating transition is not always easy. Transition has the potential for excitement and adventure but always impacts identity and throws up questions or doubts. Together we will explore how to recognise each phase of transition, understand its purpose and dangers, and seek God's guidance and resourcing.

CODE 38A  £351  £339  £285  £279

## MEET VICTOR AND ANGELICA FROM BRAZIL

From accepting Jesus at the same age to studying at Bible School, these two Brazilians share more than just their country of origin. Both Angelica and Victor have spent time studying and working in ministry and both have found their way to Lee Abbey's Youth and Children Team.



**G**rowing up with an aunt who was a missionary, Angelica was exposed to Christianity at a young age. She received children's books about faith and soon learned how important it was to give her life to Christ. And at the age of 7 she did just that. At the same age, Victor spent a week at camp, learning every day about superheroes. But more importantly learning that Jesus is the only 'real' superhero who can save the world. Victor too gave his life to Christ.

From the age of 16, Victor began taking his faith more seriously, and first felt the call to go to Bible College. For Angelica, this was when she started struggling with depression. She knew deep down that Jesus could sort out the whole situation, and she knew she needed his help. So she surrendered every part of her life to God - including the depression – and asked for his help. Immediately, she experienced God's peace and presence, and shortly after sensed God's calling on her life to become a missionary, which in turn led her to Bible school.

Both Angelica and Victor will tell you that being on Community is like being part of a family. It's a chance to learn to love all different kinds of people from all over the world. It's a place where everyone accepts and encourages you, no matter what you've been through. "And it's the love of God that knits this little community together. Not only that, it's a place where you grow in your relationship with God". In Angelica's words, "Be open when you come here, be open to God. Because if you're not open you won't be able to receive what God has for you".

Victor is hoping his time here at Lee Abbey will launch him into full-time ministry as a Youth Pastor in Brazil. Angelica is planning to stay in Europe, having a real heart for the people here. Street evangelism in London is where she feels God is calling her next!

# HOLIDAY WEEKS



## HALF TERM: RE-EARTHED AND RE-CONNECTED...

A ROCHA

21–25 OCTOBER (Mon–Fri)

A Rocha

We live in a world of incredible changes. In a time when the younger generations are surrounded by and immersed in technology, there is a need to reconnect to the natural world and to God's amazing creation. This half term week will look at our origins, trace some of the more recent changes and pose searching questions on what sort of future we would like to see. Is technology our enemy? Can the natural world offer hope? What does the Bible teach us about this important area?

CODE 45A    £347    £335    £291    £275

## CHRISTMAS

21–27 DECEMBER (Sat–Fri)

Lee Abbey Team

Join us for this very special week of celebrations, festivities, and reflections together as we celebrate the coming of the Saviour.

CODE 58A    £531    £519    £459    £435

## NEW YEAR

27 DECEMBER–2 JANUARY (Fri–Thur)

Lee Abbey Team

Come and celebrate with our Christian community on a holiday week with activities for all ages that will include worship, workshops and a big New Year Party!

CODE 59A    £531    £519    £459    £435



## SABBATH DAYS – FOR EDUCATORS AND YOUTH WORKERS



### 14-17 FEBRUARY (Fri–Mon) Beacon Team

At the start of this half-term holiday come away on a break designed for those working with young people (in schools, colleges, youth work etc). Leave the demands and responsibilities behind for a weekend and be renewed, refreshed and revitalised in the beautiful Lee Abbey estate. There will be opportunities for worship, teaching, activities (including some of the Beacon activities) and relaxation whilst staying in The Beacon Centre. A fantastic chance to receive from God and be recharged for what comes next... This is an adult only weekend; an ideal opportunity to come away on your own or with friends.

CODE beacon £99

## SEEKING THE FACE OF GOD

### 1–5 APRIL (Wed–Sun) Andy Wheeler

This theme will explore our hearts' longing: the Biblical invitation to "Seek the Face of God" and its New Testament recasting in the phrase "the glory of God . . . in the face of Christ". Biblical and missional insights, and examples from history, contemporary experience and the visual arts will be used. The aim of this week is to deepen and enrich our own hunger for, and experience of, the Living God, and to equip us for the continuing journey.

CODE 84A £340 £328 £284 £268

## EASTER

### 6–13 APRIL (Mon–Mon) Lee Abbey Team

Celebrating Easter at Lee Abbey is an unforgettable event! With our unique combination of performing arts, outdoor environment, grand house, welcoming community and inspirational worship the Easter story comes alive as we travel through the journey together. A great family week.

CODE 85A £616 £595 £518 £490

Choose Super Saver accommodation at The Beacon Centre for conferences marked with a super saver option and enjoy a 25% discount from the bronze room price.

## FAMILIES TOGETHER AT LEE ABBEY

### 17–21 FEBRUARY (Mon–Fri) Lee Abbey Team

We love it when the whole family learns together, worships together and grows together. So come with your family this half term as we explore our faith journeys from both adult and child perspectives. Join in with interactive and inspirational talks for all ages. Learn and discover, as a family, about yourself, each other and God. Enjoy fun and activities with Beacon activities such as archery and zipwire for the over 8s.



CODE 71A £281 £269 £225 £209

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## THE WEIRDNESS OF GOD

23–29 MAY (Sat–Fri)

Justin Stratis

It's always tempting to make God in our own image – to create a safer, more reasonable god than the one revealed in Scripture. But God is simply too wild and strange to be tamed by the likes of us!

This week, we invite you to 'embrace the weirdness' as we explore together all the bizarre and surprising things that make God better than anything we could ever imagine. Though we can try, we can never 'out-weird' God!.



CODE 8A   £543   £525   £459   £435

## PENTECOST FESTIVAL WEEKEND

29–31 MAY (Fri– Sun)

Lee Abbey Team

Come and join us as we celebrate Pentecost and delight in being filled with the Spirit.



CODE 9A   £181   £175   £153   £145

## TRUE WELL-BEING

**27 JULY–2 AUGUST (Mon–Sun)** Donna Lazenby

Where are we searching for living streams of life? Donna will help us journey alongside women and men of God who discovered vibrant pathways into the presence of the divine life: and Jesus Christ as the source of all well-being. Alongside Christians, spiritual seekers who wish to explore who God is as our lover, guide, healer and friend, are warmly welcome.

CODE 25A  £543  £525  £459  £435

## HOPE SPRINGS

**3–9 AUGUST (Mon–Sun)**

**Andy Lester & Dominic Couzens**

A summer family week looking at the amazing actions you can take to change the way we think and act when it comes to our beautiful planet. This week will be all about practical engagement: from making nest boxes for birds through to finding out the ten most amazing things you can do as families to change the world for the better! A Rocha's Andy Lester will be joined by award-winning writer and broadcaster Dominic Couzens.



CODE 26A  £543  £525  £459  £435

## CITIZENS OF HEAVEN

**10–16 AUGUST (Mon–Sun)**

**Paul Woolley**

What does it mean to be citizens of heaven? The apostle Paul planted the church in Philippi on his second missionary journey. It's now 10 years later and Paul is in prison facing possible death, but his commitment to the gospel is undimmed. He urges the church to follow the example of Jesus who willingly gave up everything for the life of the world. Come to be encouraged and challenged to do the same!



CODE 27A  £543  £525  £459  £435

## LIFE TO THE FULL

**17–23 AUGUST (Mon–Sun)** Simon Guillebaud

Following Jesus is an adventure full of highs and lows. This week will be a chance to meet Him afresh, and to be challenged, encouraged and equipped for living life to the full, never the same again!



CODE 28A  £543  £525  £459  £435

## THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS LIKE

**24–30 AUGUST (Mon–Sun)** Bishop Jackie Searle

Jesus describes the Kingdom of God using many different images: a mustard seed, hidden treasure, a woman making bread, a beautiful jewel, stories from farming and fishing and the home. Some images are wonderfully encouraging, others have the power to challenge or lead us to question. This week will explore the stories Jesus tells and help us discover what it means to live in the Kingdom of God.



CODE 29A  £543  £525  £459  £435



## MEET RAMON FROM BRAZIL



Ramon and his five siblings were church children growing up. Ramon became a Christian aged 10 and started reading the Bible and finding out as much as he could about Jesus. But as he grew older the attraction of the party lifestyle drew Ramon away from Christ. He replaced church and the bible with parties, spending time in bars and going to clubs. Even though Ramon knew God was real, the idea of making God the centre of his life and following his teaching was just not on his radar.

However, Ramon's life changed direction dramatically when he was 17. Walking home drunk one night, he was hit by a motorbike and spent a night in hospital. He only had a few minor injuries but this potentially life-threatening event put things into perspective. He realised what was important in life. So, he rededicated his life to Christ, seeing this as his second chance.

Hoping to find a new work opportunity in a different country, Ramon heard about Lee Abbey from his pastor. He looked on the website and saw there was an opening on the Estate Team. As he sent in his application form he felt God saying that this would be a 'great experience for him to develop his faith'.

Ramon has worked as a gardener previously, but he initially found life on the Estate Team tricky. The weather was a huge adjustment for him, he'd never worked on a farm before and to top it off he found the language barrier difficult. Now he says he wouldn't trade this experience for anything. "Looking after God's creation every day is a privilege. Lambing is a lovely job and feeding the lambs is great. I can actually feel the presence of God when I'm outside on the estate."

# OUTDOOR WEEKS

## WALK & TALK

Come and join us for a walking break in God's glorious creation. We offer walks of different lengths and you can begin and end your day in worship. You will need good walking footwear, appropriate clothing (including rain gear), a small rucksack, refillable water bottle and sandwich box for your packed lunch. Please see our website for more details, including those specific for each break.

**30 SEPTEMBER–4 OCTOBER (Mon–Fri)**

**James & Inger Denniston,  
Graham & Helen Worsfold**

CODE 39A    £351    £339    £295    £279

**23–27 MARCH (Mon–Fri)**

**James & Inger Denniston | Simon Farrar**

CODE 81A    £351    £339    £295    £279

**18–22 MAY (Mon–Fri)**

**James & Inger Denniston,  
Graham & Helen Worsfold**

CODE 6A    £351    £339    £295    £279

**11–17 JULY (Sat–Fri)**

**James & Inger Denniston,  
Graham & Helen Worsfold**

CODE 22A    £523    £505    £439    £415

**21–25 SEPTEMBER 2020 (Mon–Fri)**

**James & Inger Denniston,  
Rob & Mary Wakeling**

CODE 36A    £351    £339    £295    £279



## ESTATE WORKING PARTY

**Estate Team**

If you're fit and able, we'd love you to join our team doing practical tasks on our stunning estate. As a bonus you get a reduced rate and the afternoons and evenings for a satisfying rest. Please bring suitable clothing including good footwear and waterproofs. If you are unsure whether you could manage this sort of work, please phone before booking.

**28 OCTOBER–1 NOVEMBER (Mon–Fri)**

CODE 47B    £286    £274    £230    £214

**24–28 FEBRUARY (Mon–Fri)**

CODE 73B    £241    £229    £185    £169

**22–26 JUNE (Mon–Fri)**

CODE 16B    £286    £274    £230    £214

**28 SEPTEMBER–2 OCTOBER 2020 (Mon–Fri)**

CODE 38B    £286    £274    £230    £214

## BIRDS IN SPRINGTIME

27 APRIL–1 MAY (Mon–Fri)

Andrew Mann

Come and explore the countryside around Lee Abbey, set on the majestic Exmoor coast, and discover the wonderful bird life that breeds here. Both resident and migrant birds will be in evidence. You will get to identify species both by sight and sound and leave with better knowledge and a hunger to discover more about birds for yourself. You will need good walking footwear, appropriate clothing (including rain gear), a small rucksack, refillable water bottle and sandwich box for your packed lunch.

CODE 90C  £397  £385  £341  £325

## ADVENTUROUS DISCIPLESHIP LONG WEEKEND

17–21 JULY (Fri–Tues)

Beacon Team &  
Lee Abbey Team

Experience the wonders of the Lee Abbey estate in the summer over this long weekend, using adventure and outdoor activities to discover more about yourself, others and God. Journey together with your fellow 18-30s, challenge your ideas about your capabilities, have fun and laughter while walking further in your discipleship and faith journeys. Zipwire, Archery, forest and beach activities and more! There will also be opportunities for off-site activities at an extra charge.



Please note that some activities are subject to availability and weather conditions.

CODE 23A  £286  £274  £230  £214



## FRIENDS' WEEKEND AND WEEK – ENCOUNTER THE LIVING GOD

**6–13 SEPTEMBER (Fri–Fri) Paul & Liz Lynch**

An encounter with Jesus can radically change your life. As we look at the Gospels, we find that people encountered Jesus in everyday situations; they met Him in a boat, at a dinner table, up a mountain and walking along the road. On each occasion lives were changed and transformed. Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever and what happened then can happen today. As we come to study these stories afresh with an openness to God's Word and the Holy Spirit, be prepared to meet with Jesus and never be the same again.

CODE 32A  £595  £574  £497  £469

## KEEP FIT FOR MARRIAGE

Marriage is full of expected and unexpected change. It really helps to be in good shape to respond flexibly to new challenges. This is a valuable chance for couples to invest in their relationship, and you will depart with clear next steps. An online questionnaire is completed in advance – see [prepare-enrich.co.uk](http://prepare-enrich.co.uk) costing £30 per couple. This will be set up after booking and before the course. Suitable for marrieds and pre-marrieds. Due to the nature of the course, there isn't a facility for children accompanying their parents on this weekend.

**20–22 SEPTEMBER 2019 (Fri–Sun)**  
**Prepare-Enrich**

CODE 36B  £181  £175  £153  £145

**4–6 SEPTEMBER 2020 (Fri–Sun)**  
**Prepare-Enrich**

CODE 31B  £181  £175  £153  £145

## DADS & LADS

**4–6 OCTOBER 2019 (Fri–Sun) Beacon Team**

Always a popular event, this 2019 weekend is a chance for Dads and Lads to spend quality time here in this stunning environment as you build special memories together. There will be opportunities to do adventurous activities, such as climbing, low ropes and zip wire, whilst discovering more about yourself, each other and God. All children must be between 8–16 years old. This event is held at the Beacon Centre and led by the Team.

CODE Beacon £120 per adult £60 per child 8–16





## MUMS AND DAUGHTERS



**6–8 MARCH (Fri–Sun)**

**Beacon Team**

Take time away from the busyness of life to enjoy each other's company and develop your relationship. Explore the outdoors, take part in some adventurous activities, such as zip wire, climbing and low ropes, and spend time in the stunning environment creating special memories together. Come and enjoy the fresh air and feel alive as you spend time discovering more about yourself, each other and God. All children must be 8–16 years.

CODE Beacon £120 per adult £60 per child 8–16

## PARENTS AND CHILDREN



**15–17 MAY (Fri–Sun)**

**Beacon Team**

A chance for you to get away together! The Beacon team will provide the time and space for you to have lots of fun and to build those special memories. Dad & daughter, mum & son – all combinations welcome. Discover more about yourself, each other and God while spending time in this stunning environment. Our activities, such as zipwire, crate stack, indoor climbing and archery, always prove to be popular. All children must be 8–16 years. This event is held at the Beacon Centre.

CODE Beacon £120 per adult £60 per child 8–16

## BEREAVED FAMILIES WEEK



**1-5 APRIL (Mon–Fri)**

**Mark and Val Turner**

This week is specifically for those whose partner has died early in their life and their dependent children aged 8-18. Val and Mark, with the help of the Beacon Team, will lead the morning sessions which will involve reflections through art and using the grounds of the Lee Abbey Estate. There will be opportunities to do activities such as archery, zip wire, bush craft, indoor climbing, craft activities and more. All meals, and accommodation will be at the Beacon Centre in the company of other families who know what it's like to have had a Mum or Dad die at a young age.

CODE Beacon £240 per adult and £120 per child under 17

## DADS & LADS



**25–27 SEPTEMBER 2020 (Fri–Sun) Beacon Team**

Always a popular event, this weekend is a chance for Dads and Lads to spend quality time here in this stunning environment as you build special memories together. There will be opportunities to do adventurous activities, such as climbing, low ropes and zip wire, whilst discovering more about yourself, each other and God. All children must be between 8–16 years old. This event is held at the Beacon centre and led by the Team.

CODE Beacon £120 per adult £60 per child 8–16

# RETREATS

## LEADERSHIP REFRESH

Come away on a break that is specially designed for sole or senior church leaders. Escape from the pressures and responsibilities of leadership and find refreshment and space for personal time with God. There's teaching, prayer and talking guided by an experienced church leader, and you'll have time to relax and enjoy the house and 280 acres of beautiful countryside. A fantastic chance to reflect on and re-imagine your role, and receive blessing and encouragement in your ministry.

**17–19 SEPTEMBER (Tue–Thu) David Bracewell**  
CODE 35C £25

**12–14 NOVEMBER (Tue–Thu) Andy Attwood**  
CODE 51C £25

**3–5 FEBRUARY (Mon–Wed) Speaker TBC**  
CODE 66C £25

**29 JUNE–1 JULY (Mon–Wed) Speaker TBC**  
CODE 18B £25

*“It was so peaceful and welcoming”*

## INDIVIDUALLY GUIDED RETREAT

**30 SEPTEMBER–4 OCTOBER (Mon–Fri)**  
**Rob Eastwood-Dewing**

Our team of experienced spiritual directors will accompany you on a silent, 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. Most of this retreat will be in silence.

CODE 39C  £405  £393  £349  £333

## CHRIST INTERPRETED

**28 OCTOBER–1 NOVEMBER (Mon–Fri)**  
**Ann Persson**

The Gospellers' Christ; the Artists' Christ; the Musicians' Christ; the Poets' Christ and the Iconographers' Christ. An all round look at Jesus through these different lenses. There will be plenty of quiet time for you to consider the answer you would give to Jesus' question to his disciples 'Who do you say that I am?' What difference does it make in your life and how does it inform your decisions?

CODE 47A  £351  £339  £295  £279

## ADVENT SILENT RETREAT

**25–29 NOVEMBER (Mon–Fri)**  
**Bishop Ruth Worsley**

Join Ruth as we begin this ancient season of preparation and vigil in the Christian calendar. This retreat is suitable for both the experienced and adventurous beginner and will be built upon shared prayer and silence with guidance and support offered throughout.

CODE 55A  £331  £319  £275  £259

## ORDINANDS' RETREAT

**2–5 JANUARY (Thu–Sun) Bishop Nick Baines**

This is an opportunity for hard working ordinands and their families to step back, relax, and be fed physically and spiritually, in the incomparable setting of Lee Abbey.

CODE 60A    £138    £99

## JANUARY SILENT RETREAT

**20–24 JANUARY (Mon–Fri) Barbara Carpenter**

January is a beginning in many ways, yet although the days are growing longer it can often feel like the coldest and hardest time of the year. Our January retreat will give us the opportunity to stop, to look, to listen and to wait, and in the space created, to let God reveal his deep and abiding love for us. Come and be warmed by that love. The House will be in silence from Monday evening until Thursday lunch time.

CODE 62a    £331    £319    £275    £259





## INDIVIDUALLY GUIDED RETREAT

**24–28 FEBRUARY (Mon–Fri) Michael Mitton**

Our team of experienced spiritual directors will accompany you on a silent, 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 Michael Mitton. Additional information will be sent at the time of booking. Much of this retreat will be in silence.

CODE 73C  £405  £393  £349  £333

## LIVE WELL – A RETREAT FOR ANYONE



**28 FEBRUARY–1 MARCH (Fri–Sun)**

**Becky Widdows**

Do you already know God a bit, but want to know him better? Do you know him hardly at all, but are curious about him? Do you know him really well and want some space to spend time with him? If so, then this retreat could be for you! It will include short talks, each followed by space for reflection, with suggestions as to how to use the time, and with the opportunity to talk to someone if you'd like to. And there will be times of sharing and discussion, walking, talking and laughing together. Come with a friend or come alone – you will be most welcome.

CODE Beacon £110

## LENT SILENT RETREAT: LOVE IS HIS MEANING

**9–13 MARCH (Mon–Fri) Sister Carol CHN**

This will be a largely silent preached retreat reflecting on the great themes of Lent with the help of Julian of Norwich, the Abbé de Tourville, St Thérèse of Lisieux and other great friends of God. The programme will allow time and space for prayer, rest and relaxation. In order that the Lord the Spirit may have a foothold to direct and fill our lives for God's own good purposes in today's world.

CODE 77A  £405  £393  £349  £333

## INDIVIDUALLY GUIDED RETREAT

**1–5 JUNE (Mon–Fri) Lee Abbey Team**

Our team of experienced spiritual directors will accompany you on a silent, 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. Additional information will be sent at the time of booking. Much of this retreat will be in silence.

CODE 10C  £405  £393  £349  £333

## SUMMER SILENT RETREAT: I AM THE POTTER, YOU ARE THE CLAY

**6–10 JULY (Mon–Fri) Val Turner**

This week we will be looking at our relationship with God from God's perspective – exploring His motivation and work with us through the image of God as a Master Potter working with clay. Optional and available each day will be times of contemplative prayer, shared prayer and an opportunity to explore the theme using air drying clay.

CODE 20A  £375  £363  £319  £303

*“The community team  
are just fantastic”*

# PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT & WHOLESNESS



## ENNEAGRAM 2: GOD SHAPED PEOPLE

28 OCTOBER–1 NOVEMBER (Mon–Fri)

Becky Widdows

For those that have completed the elementary Enneagram course you are invited to continue your journey and explore the Enneagram system within the Christian tradition, and how we can use it to deepen our relationships with God, others and ourselves.

CODE 47C    £375    £363    £319    £303

*“Thanks for warmth,  
profound teaching &  
fellowship”*

## LIVING WITH LIFE-CHANGING LOSS FOLLOWING BEREAVEMENT



4–8 NOVEMBER (Mon–Fri)

Abi May

Grief can be overwhelming, particularly if we have lost a partner or child, or if our loved one's passing was sudden or traumatic. The aim of this supported retreat is to better equip us to cope with our life-changing loss. We will explore the reality of grief as well as the hope Jesus offers as we consider practical and creative ways to live with our loss and journey onwards through life. This conference is held at The Beacon Centre.

CODE Beacon    £225

## DEMENTIA – A VIEW FROM THE INSIDE

27–31 JANUARY (Mon–Fri)

Jennifer Bute

Dr Jennifer Bute will cover how it feels to have dementia, simple principles in dealing with it practically and what churches can do to help. She will talk on how God walks with us in tough situations and brokenness. Dr Ros Simpson will accompany her and speak on supporting carers.

CODE 64B    £281    £269    £225    £209

## MEET JENNIFER BUTE

*“If we walk with God in our situation no matter what God allows He can do amazing things!”*



### LIVING WITH DEMENTIA

There has never been a time that Jennifer has doubted God. Brought up by Christian parents she has been grateful for all the tough times because ‘that’s when roots go deeper’.

Jennifer trained as a Doctor at Barts Hospital in London and elected to spend part of her training in Zululand, where she “immediately fell in love with the African people”. Jennifer later returned to oversee the whole hospital.

Jennifer married Stanley and after raising their three children she went on to manage a General Practice in Southampton where she also taught medical students, nurses and Doctors.

Although Jennifer now lives with dementia, her experience proves that “if we can accept all God’s gifts with enthusiasm, no matter what comes into our life, we can bring honour to His name”. She firmly believes that life’s challenges are glorious opportunities, and that the more holes we have in us, the more we can leak God’s grace. Although conscious of her age and her failing memory, she knows that “the more broken you’ve been, the more you dare not step outside of his love and care, because you know that it is only God who holds you together”.

Ministering to others, Jennifer has walked alongside many people living with dementia, to the very end of their lives and knows the deep reality of this. Jennifer’s mission and joy are discovering new ways to find people. “The main thing I always want to communicate to people is that the person with dementia remains until the very end. It’s not true that memories are lost forever, they need to be found”.

She firmly believes that it is in times of pain and suffering that great things can be done, because as Christians there is always victory through pain and suffering.

“Jesus still cared for others when he was in pain and the church needs to communicate a different attitude about the end of life. It’s another glorious opportunity to glorify God.”

Jennifer’s book: *Dementia from the Inside – A Doctor’s Personal Journey of Hope*  
[www.gloriousopportunity.org](http://www.gloriousopportunity.org)

## LIVING WITH LOSS – THE JOURNEY CONTINUES

20–24 APRIL (Mon–Fri)

Abi May

This is the second in a series of supported retreats for those coping with life-changing loss following bereavement, and is again a gentle environment in which to explore grief in the company of others. We will continue themes from the first retreat, including understanding grief and the mosaic of life, and delve further into what could be obstacles to our journey forward. There will be a range of activities, led sessions, discussions, crafts, and times of reflection and remembrance.

**Please note that this retreat is a follow-up and only open to those who have already attended a Living with Loss retreat led by Abi May.**

CODE 88C    £351    £339    £295    £279

## RETIREMENT – GOD’S GIFT TO US!

20–24 APRIL (Mon–Fri)

Christine & Martin  
Swindlehurst

A week for those approaching retirement, recently retired or finding retirement challenging. Christine and Martin will focus on some of the people in the Bible and the lessons we can learn from them to maintain spiritual, bodily and emotional health in later years. During the week you will develop your own personal guidelines for a fruitful later life. Although not a financial retirement planning week there will be information available to help with this aspect of retirement.

CODE 88B    £351    £339    £295    £279

## DIVORCE RECOVERY WORKSHOP

1–3 MAY (Fri–Sun) Divorce Recovery Workshop

Module 1 (Code 1A): Have you been through divorce or separation? Or has your relationship irretrievably broken down? This course of workshops will enable you to understand what you are going through, help the process of readjustment and provide support from others in the same situation. At Lee Abbey we can also help those struggling with personal conflicts faced during the recovery process. Module 2 (Code 1B): If you have attended a Divorce Recovery Workshop before anywhere in the UK, then please do consider booking onto the Moving On Workshop to continue your journey.

CODE 1B    £191    £185    £163    £155

## ENNEAGRAM 1



1–3 MAY (Fri–Sun)

Becky Widdows

Enneagram (Greek for ‘9 points’) describes nine personality types and is a powerful tool for spiritual growth though understanding ourselves and others. Join Becky Widdows to explore the Enneagram in the Christian tradition. This course will have more teaching slots than is normal in a Lee Abbey day.

CODE Beacon    £150



## MEET DEC FROM THE UK

“He told me he’d be shocked if I made it to my 20th birthday”, Declan remembers the Doctor’s words after receiving his blood test results.



Dec left school at 16 and went to work as a waiter in a restaurant for 2 years. He then moved on to work in a factory, where he was soon promoted. It was then that Dec became friends with a drug pusher and soon began using cocaine. Five months later he was completely dependent on crack cocaine. It got to the point where he was spending £300 a day on his habit. He would spend days in a row without sleeping, eating or drinking; drugs was his whole life.

His addiction took its toll on Dec’s body and he became very ill, his organs were failing. The doctor didn’t give him long to live: shocked, Dec knew he needed to stop taking drugs but just couldn’t do it.

As a child Dec had attended Sunday school. In desperation he turned to the church for help and they responded with love and prayer. Dec recalls people praying for him one Sunday morning:

“I felt so ‘high’ with Jesus as people prayed over me, and as I breathed out, I felt all the addictions leave. From that day on I have never wanted to touch another drug!”

Dec intends to spend 3 years serving at Lee Abbey, as God continues the healing process in his body. When he leaves here, he “hopes to do mission work overseas to spread the good news of Jesus everywhere!”

# SELF-CATERING

## AT LEE ABBEY

Why not experience Lee Abbey 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 self-catering has something for you.

We have three self-catering units on the estate in some of the most stunning locations, each of which is available all year round. Bed linen is provided in all three units. You are, of course, free to do your own thing, but you are also more than welcome to join in with the activities in the House (please do let bookings know if we can help with this).

If you choose to attend the morning ministry session in the House, we may be able to provide childrens' ministry for young people and children within your group. Please enquire when booking if you would like this service.

### BEACH CHALET

Situated directly above the beach, the 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 offers in the House, subject to the programme. It consists of an open plan kitchen and living area, bath, shower, wet room, two additional toilets and four bedrooms.

Bed linen and bath towels are provided.

Two travel cots and a high chair are provided. 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 available.

PRICE PER NIGHT	Beach Chalet	Lee Cabin	Tinkerbell
<b>High Season:</b> per night	£258.00	£110.00	£96.00
<b>Mid Season:</b> per night	£231.00	£98.00	£92.00
<b>Low Season:</b> per night	£165.00	£80.00	£75.00

**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 available for online booking.





### 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. Accommodating four in two bedrooms (one double, one twin) with its own parking space nearby, it is only 250m from the private beach. Bed linen and bath towels are provided. Please note: normally in a peaceful location, it lies close to our Camp Field and there is more noise and bustle during the set-up and operation of Camp mid July to end of August.



*Lee Cabin*

### TINKERBELL

An 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 is available full board (platinum room rates) or self-catering. It contains a double bedded room, a small kitchen equipped with a microwave and a two-ringed hob. There is also a shower and toilet. Bed linen and bath towels are provided. Car parking is 50m from the cottage.



*Tinkerbell*



## GETTING HERE

## DRIVING & PUBLIC TRANSPORT

If you are driving and using a Sat Nav, our postcode is EX35 6JJ. But be warned — many devices direct you via Woody Bay, but don't tell you that it is a narrow single-track road! To ensure you stay on larger roads, set the Sat-Nav to direct you via Lynton. You can also get to us by public transport. It's much quicker and more convenient to use our Taunton Taxi service (see right) than finding your own way via train and bus. Please see our website for more information.



### OUR TAUNTON TAXI PICKUP:

On the arrival and departure dates of all published conferences, Lee Abbey offers a discounted taxi service collecting from Taunton coach and rail stations (at 3.40 and 4.00pm, respectively), and returning to Taunton by 11.30am (Sunday 4.30pm). This service must be pre-booked and paid for before your arrival date.

### MEANS OF TRANSPORT

#### RAIL:

Please wait in the lounge on Platform 2.

#### COACH:

Please wait in the waiting room.

#### TAXI:

The cost one way is £19.00 and the price includes either 1 suitcase or 1 holdall per person. If you are bringing extra luggage, a guide dog or a wheelchair, please let the Bookings Team know in advance as this may incur an extra cost.

If you are delayed, you will need to make your own arrangements to get to Lee Abbey. Unfortunately, no refund can be made.

# THE BEACON ACTIVITY CENTRE



## ACTIVITIES

Activities include 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

We live out our Christian faith in Community and share appropriately what God has done in our lives with all those who walk through our doors.

Bring your group of any age and see them discover a new found confidence in themselves and each other as our dedicated team lead and guide them in living life to the full.

If you are looking for a unique venue to run an Alpha weekend away, bring your school, complete your Duke of Edinburgh award or have a team-building retreat for your staff, then give us a call on 01598 754206.

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:

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

## Family activities

We run a number of different relational events throughout the year, including Dads and Lads, Mums and Daughters, and retreats for women and men, alongside a busy programme of schools, youth groups and corporate events.



## Lee Abbey Camps

For over 70 years Lee Abbey has been running youth camps every summer on the field next to the beach. This year is no different: The Field, and the Lee Abbey Youth Camps (Week A and Week B) will be running during the school summer holiday. The summer camps provide an environment in which young people can explore their faith, meet with God, ask questions and tackle issues facing them today in a safe and fun way.



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**Pricing – The Field** (ages 18-30)

**Saturday 25 July–3 August**

£165 per person

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

**Pricing – Lee Abbey Youth Camp** (ages 13-18)

**Week A: 10–16 August** £175 per person

**Week B: 17–23 August** £175 per person

Includes all activities

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



Sat 25th July - Mon 3rd Aug 2020  
cost £165 pp

The Field is a unique place for anyone aged 18-30 to come and explore God's great love, to meet new people, to be creative, or simply to step out of the busyness of life. It is a camping holiday (bring your own tent, or stay in one of our 'dorm' tents), a small Christian community, a chance to pause.

The Field is a space where you can deepen your faith, question your faith, learn a new skill, get creative or sporty, do everything or nothing. We will welcome you, cook for you, entertain you, offer you inspiration, peace, rest or a challenge. We will pray for you, laugh with you, and stand beside you.

For more info, booking and enquiries  
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# LEE ABBEY YOUTH CAMP 2020

**10 - 16 AUGUST / 17 - 23 AUGUST**

To book onto LAYC 2020 visit: [www.leeabbeydevon.org.uk/layc](http://www.leeabbeydevon.org.uk/layc)  
or call **01598 752 621**  
For camp related inquiries please email: [laycteam@gmail.com](mailto:laycteam@gmail.com)

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

We can accommodate groups of up to 44 – providing a bespoke programme of exciting activities, good food and the beautiful backdrop of Exmoor National Park for all your group needs.



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