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Painting the Messengers of God

Alison Southcombe describes the upcoming event:



8 March 2019 at 16:00 - 10 March 2019 at 14:30

Swedenborg writes of the beauty and joy of the angelic realm and this weekend at Purley is a chance to create a piece of angelic artwork of your own by tapping into the imaginative part of ourselves and getting creative with paints, pastels or inks.

We will take our jumping off point from the beautiful accounts of angelic beings in scripture and in Swedenborg's writings. No prior artistic experience is needed - our work can be abstract colourfields or highly detailed illustration - all styles are right! The aims for the weekend are all focussed around creativity, relaxation and fun.

For more information, and to book, please visit the [Purley Chase web site](#).

18 Plus Weekend

Jenny Jones reports:

A small but enthusiastic group met for the 18 plus weekend at Purley in February. We spent our mornings deep in discussion exploring the inner meaning of the story of The Tower of Babel and watching clips from the Off The Left Eye program "When Religion went wrong".

Our social time was spent relaxing, eating lots of cake and playing the game "Pass the pigs" which caused much hilarity! Our next weekend will be 16th - 18th November.



Forest Church

Becky Jarratt reports:

We had a lovely time in the woods for the February Forest Church! The wind had died down by the time we started, so it was glorious. We talked about the purpose of birds in God's

creation, and the miracle of there being so many different varieties. Let's hope the birds find their new feeders 😊



Save The Date! Gathering Leaves Returns to Purley Chase Centre

Alison Southcombe reports:

Friday 28th August 2020 - Monday 31st August 2020

Gathering Leaves is an event for women within the Swedenborgian Church and wider movement. Developed to bring together women from the all Swedenborgian denominations in the UK, Europe, US, Canada and Australia - all are welcome to join together and share in fellowship and the joy of Divine service.

Over the three days there will be a programme of activities including - worship in all its forms, talks, singing, discussion groups, sister circles, circle dancing, country trail walking, meditation, yoga, art and craft and a day trip out.

You might have a talent or gift that you would like to share - so please get in touch with me if you would like to lead a session: alison.southcombe@purleychasecentre.org.uk

Further information including how to register to follow.