

# The Paradox of the Margins

## About the Retreat

Christians are often thought of as being on the margins. But what does it mean to be on the margins - or in the centre?

During the weekend we will explore the margins as paradoxical places of transformation, using nature and people's lives - including our own - as guides on the way. We will explore how we are renewed from the margins, and how wholeness involves integrating what is excluded from the centre.

Please note that although the weekend touches on moments when participants have felt on the margins, it does not seek to provide counselling or other therapy to those who are currently vulnerable and for whom other support is more appropriate.

**Arrive on Friday 16 February in time for supper at 7.00pm and leave on Sunday 18 February at 4.00pm**

**Cost £160**  
**Advance booking essential**  
**(suggested deposit £40)**

*contact details are on the back of this leaflet*

## About the House of Prayer

*A breathing space*  
*A prayerful space*

The House of Prayer is set in its own peaceful garden and offers a spacious and prayerful atmosphere for retreatants. It is a mile from Hampton Court Palace with its magnificent gardens and river walks. It is easily accessible by public transport, taking 35 minutes by rail from London Waterloo to Hampton Court Station. There is also parking in the grounds.

In the House of Prayer we hold a space of silence and solitude which will support and deepen a developing life of prayer and relationship with God.

The House of Prayer is ecumenical and welcomes Christians of all denominations and people of good will.

We hope you will find here:

*A deepening sense of God*  
*An opportunity to renew yourself*  
*Some time away from the noise and urgency of your daily life.*

## About the Retreat Team

**CHRIS BEMROSE** is a former General Secretary and Community Leader in L'Arche (intentional faith communities based around the needs and gifts of people with learning disabilities). He is also a Quaker and is curating a museum of the margins ([spiritofthemargins.org](http://spiritofthemargins.org)).

**MIKE MULLINS** is a leadership development facilitator, psychologist and coach.

## Also at the House of Prayer

### Residential Retreats:

**17-18 March 2018:**

Praying with the Spanish Mystics  
*Led by Julienne McLean & Judy Barber*

**20-22 April 2018:**

Creative Weekend: Touching the Soul  
*Led by Pippa Ross-McCabe & Sr Melanie Kingston*

**4-6 May 2018:**

Centering Prayer and Alexander Technique  
*Led by Jacqueline Evans*

**11-13 May 2018:**

Weekend Silent Individually Guided Retreat  
*Led by the House of Prayer Community*

**15-17 June 2018:**

Centering Prayer Immersion Weekend  
*Led by Jill Benet*

**13-22 July 2018:**

8-Day Silent Individually Guided Retreat  
*Led by the House of Prayer Community*

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The House of Prayer is a ministry of the Sisters of the Christian Retreat, a Roman Catholic Congregation. The sisters aspire to create a peaceful environment and offer the house as a gift to all who visit.



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## Weekend Retreat: The Paradox of the Margins



A retreat led by  
**Chris Bemrose and Mike Mullins**

**Friday 16 – Sunday 18 February 2018**

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