

Dear Friends,

On behalf of everyone here at Ammerdown, please permit me to say "Happy New Year!" and to share five events which may be of particular interest to your families, friends, congregations and communities.

Easter Retreat @ Ammerdown with Rupert Kaye – Turn Your Life Around!

At Ammerdown

Arrive midday on Maundy Thursday 28; depart after lunch on Sunday 31 March (residential, full-board)

Residential: £665

Non-Residential: £554

Join us at Ammerdown for a masterclass in flipping hopeless defeat into joyful victory. As we reflect on the Easter story, we will consider why Christians believe the death and resurrection of Jesus is more than the ultimate plot twist. It represents a pivotal turning point in human history. Just when it seemed that all was lost ... as the promised King had been publicly humiliated, crucified to death and his lifeless body laid to rest in a tomb ... God raised Jesus back to life, proving three things:

- 1) Jesus really is the long-promised Messiah
- 2) The grave is not the final chapter in a human life
- 3) No matter how hard and hopeless things seem, there is always hope

Together, we will discover how, because of Jesus' resurrection, each and every one of us can live a life that is: forgiven, purposeful, powerful and eternal.

To book a place: <https://www.ammerdown.org/WhatsOn/1134-/Easter-Retreat-2024-Turn-Your-Life-Around>



Christmas House Party @ Ammerdown with Rupert Kaye

At Ammerdown

Arrive midday on Monday 23 for lunch; depart after lunch on Friday 27 December (residential, full-board)

Residential: £749 (early bird booking price if booked before 30 June) then £833 (regular price)

Is anyone out there looking for a happy, safe place to spend Christmas 2024 with cheerful hosts and great company?

Imagine relaxing in comfort and enjoying our famous Ammerdown hospitality, delicious yuletide food, beautiful surroundings and fun Christmassy entertainment. The programme includes seasonal crafts, games and puzzles; gentle walks around the grounds; daily prayers and ecumenical Christmas services.

Why not book a place and invite your friends to join you at Ammerdown this Christmas?



To book a place: <https://www.ammerdown.org/WhatsOn/1351-/Christmas-House-Party>

Online Lenten Bible Study with Rupert Kaye – Act on Poverty

Online: Zoom

Tuesdays 13, 20, 27 February & 5, 12, 19 March, 10-11am and 7-8pm

Cost: £FREE (donations welcome)

Please join us as we prepare for Easter by reflecting on why Jesus spent so much time amongst people who were 'poor'. Using **Christian Aid's new six-part 'Act on Poverty' Bible study resources**, we will be considering why followers of Jesus are called to speak with a prophetic voice – challenging those in positions of authority and power to act to tackle poverty and inequality. Together we will be asking if poverty is inevitable ... and how each of us can play a part in sowing seeds of hope, justice and prosperity.

MORNING SESSIONS, 10-11am:

<https://www.ammerdown.org/WhatsOn/1132-/Lenten-Bible-Study-Morning-Zoom>

EVENING SESSIONS, 7-8pm:

<https://www.ammerdown.org/WhatsOn/1404-/Lenten-Bible-Study-Evening-Zoom>

Lenten Retreat @ Ammerdown with Dave Tomlinson – OMG! A Bad Christian's Guide to Prayer

At Ammerdown

Arrive midday on Monday 4 for lunch; depart after lunch on Wednesday 6 March (residential, full-board)

Residential: £340

Non-Residential: £244

Dave Tomlinson is famous for being vicar of Holy Joes: a pub-church. He is a speaker, pod-caster and author of 'How to be a bad Christian' and 'Black Sheep and Prodigals: An Antidote to Black and White Religion'.

Now, Dave has turned his attention to prayer. He says: 'Many people feel failures when it comes to praying. This retreat assumes that we all pray in some way – whether or not we recognise it – and that no one's prayers are superior or inferior to anyone else's.'



To book a place:

<https://www.ammerdown.org/WhatsOn/1117-/Our-Lenten-Retreat-OMG-A-Bad-Christians-Guide-to-Prayer>

Holy Week Quiet Day @ Ammerdown with Rev Narinder Tegally

At Ammerdown

Wednesday 27 March, 9.30am-4pm (includes morning coffee, lunch and afternoon tea)

Cost: £60

Spend the day together on 'Silent Wednesday' experiencing the blessings of silence and discovering what it is to meet the Lord and Saviour in the moments of our own joys and sufferings leading to Resurrection. To book a place:

<https://www.ammerdown.org/WhatsOn/1042-/Holy-Week-Quiet-Day>

Kind regards and blessings,

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