

VENUE FOR THE WEEKEND

Old Alresford Place
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In the picturesque Hampshire village of Old Alresford just 8 miles from Winchester, and only 6 miles from junction 10 on the M3, stands the 18th century former rectory Old Alresford Place. Now owned and run by the Winchester Diocese this historic house mixes period charm with elegance and a relaxed atmosphere. All bedrooms have en suite facilities.



PAYMENT FOR WEEKEND

Cost is £110 per person (full board from Friday evening to Sunday afternoon; bursaries available in case of financial difficulty; CME funding available for Ministers.)

Please send completed form and payment (cheques payable to 'URC Wessex Trust') to Synod Office 120 Alma Road Southampton SO14 6U **by 1 September 2011**. Please contact the Synod Office (02380 678570 office@urcwessex.org.uk) immediately if at point you find that you are unable to attend; provided we can fill your place, payment will be returned to you.

For more information contact Terry Hinks (Convener of Synod Silence and Retreats Group) 01794 512163 tehinks@dsl.pipex.com.



Synod Retreat

**God is still speaking:
are we listening?**

**Weekend of
7 – 9 October 2011**

to be led by Revd Peter McIntosh
for all - members and ministers

at Old Arlesford Place



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In beautiful surroundings and in this comfortable and special venue we hope you will enjoy a relaxed weekend using this as an opportunity to listen to how God is speaking to us today as individuals and as a Christian community, to 'let go and let God.' Whether you have attended a retreat before or not, we hope you will discover that persistent voice of God, through a mixed programme of worship and teaching, music and shared silence, conversation and personal space.

The programme for the weekend is as follows (but there is flexibility within it):

Friday

3.30pm onwards Arrivals (tea and cake available)

6.30pm Evening meal

8.00pm Introductions

Setting the theme -

9.00pm Evening prayers

Saturday

8.30am Breakfast

9.30am Morning Worship

Listening for God (1)

11.00am Coffee break

11.30am Listening for God (2)

1.00pm Lunch

Free afternoon. (a walk or time for you)

4.00pm Tea

4.30pm Listening for God (3)

6.30pm Evening meal

8.00pm Listening for God (4)

9.00pm Evening prayers

Sunday:

8.30am

Breakfast

9.30am

Morning Worship

Listening for God (5)

11.00am

Coffee break

11.30am

Listening for God (6)

1.00pm

Lunch

2.15pm

Worship (Communion)

3.15pm

Finish (tea and departures)



WEEKEND LEADER



Revd Peter McIntosh was born in Dundee, Scotland. He trained as a teacher (teaching for four years in Salford Manchester). He trained for ministry at Westminster College Cambridge and was ordained in 1968. He has served as a minister of local churches in Newcastle upon Tyne, Dartford, Kent, Elephant and Castle London (Anglican/ URC), East Dulwich (Methodist/URC), Hove & Portslade. He was Training Officer for the URC Southern Synod, (1986 – 1992), Director of the URC Windermere Centre, (1994-2001), Moderator of the U.R.C. General Assembly (1999-2000), Director and Senior Chaplain of Crowhurst Christian Healing Centre (2005-2009).

Peter has wide experience of working with churches and groups for teaching, training and retreat purposes.

His style is experiential and interactive. His passions are people, preaching, pastoral care, humour, travel, and golf! His dislikes are pomposity, settling for less, pretence, and perfection! He is married to Kay with two children and three grand children and now happily living in Haywards Heath.