

THE ORTHODOX FELLOWSHIP OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

List of Conference Themes and Speakers

The names and titles of speakers are those used by them at the time of the talk.

1979 SUMMER CONFERENCE (inaugural)

Graham Chiesman House, Chislehurst
(four days. Thursday 2nd August to Monday 6th August)

Church and Eucharist

Archbishop Athenagoras of Thyateira

Father Kallistos Ware The Unity of the Church in the Eucharist

George Dragas The Eucharist in the Fathers

Theo van der Voort The Parish and the Eucharist

Father Basil Osborne The Bishop in the Eucharist

Father Lev Gillet

Father Vassily Rodzianko The Mystery of the Transfiguration

1980 SUMMER CONFERENCE

Informal meeting at 1 Canterbury Road, Oxford

The original programme referred to a four day Conference between Thursday 31 July and Monday 4 August on "**The Practice of Prayer**". It is understood that circumstances made it impossible to proceed with this programme, and an informal meeting took place instead. The following speakers and topics were listed on the original Conference Programme.

Father Kallistos Ware	Heaven and Earth: Prayer Liturgical and Monastic
Metropolitan Anthony	Personal Prayer
Prof. Dimitri Conomos	Music in Worship: The Trisagion Hymn
Mariamna Fortounatto	Icons and Prayer
John Nankivell	Prayer and Children
Nigel Gotteri	Prayer and Christian Disunity

Past OFSJB Meetings

1981 SUMMER CONFERENCE

Graham Chiesman House, Chislehurst

(three days, Friday evening to Monday morning. All subsequent Annual Conference followed this format)

The Vocation of The Church

Father John Marks	The Parish
Dr Anna Penglis	The Presence of God in Our Daily Life and Work
Fathers Basil and Kallistos	The Discernment of Vocations: Marriage, Monasticism, the Single Life
Dr Militza Zernov	The Symbolism of Liturgical Prayer

1982 SUMMER CONFERENCE

Congregational College, Manchester

The Orthodox Church Today

Father Benedict Ramsden	"Martyria"
Wendy Robinson	The Orthodox Tradition of Healing and the Methods of Modern Psychotherapy
Bishop Kallistos	The Orthodox Church in Britain: Unity in Diversity
Alex. Popovich	From the First to the Second Generation

1983 STUDY WEEKEND

Convent of Marie Reparatrice, Wimbledon

Introduction to Reading the Fathers (St John of Damascus, *On the Divine Images*)

Bishop Kallistos	What is meant by a Father St John's answers to the Iconoclasts The doctrinal importance of the Icon
Mariamna Fortounatto	Illustrated talk on icons contemporary to St John of Damascus and the Iconoclast Controversy

Past OFSJB Meetings

1983 SUMMER CONFERENCE

Chislehurst

The Holy Spirit

Father Columba Flegg	The Life of St Columba of Iona
Bishop Kallistos	The Life of St Symeon the New Theologian
Militza Zernov	Insights into the life of St Seraphim
Bishop Kallistos	The Holy Spirit and His place in the Trinity; the Procession and the Filioque
Father Basil Osborne	The Holy Spirit in the Sacraments

1984 STUDY WEEKEND

Wimbledon

On Reading the Holy Scriptures

Father Benedict Ramsden	1. How to read the Bible 2. Reading the Old and New Testaments 3. St John's Gospel
Bishop Kallistos	The Monastery of St John on Patmos

1984 MAY DAY MEETING

Exeter

Life in Christ: Communion. Confession. Anointing

Bishop Kallistos and Father Nicholas Behr

1984 JUNE 16 EVENING MEETING

The Serbian Church, Bradford, Yorkshire

Bishop Kallistos **The Daily Life of an Orthodox Christian**

Past OFSJB Meetings

1984 SUMMER CONFERENCE

St Andrew's Hall Missionary College, Selly Oak

The Transfiguration

Father Symeon Lash	The Biblical Meaning of the Transfiguration
Father George Dragas	The Transfiguration in the Fathers
Father Theo van der Voort	Transfiguration as an Aspect of Parish Life
Father Gregory Roth	The Transfiguration of the Human Person

1985 STUDY WEEKEND

Cherwell Centre, Oxford

What is a Priest? St John Chrysostom Six Books On The Priesthood

Bishop Kallistos	Diakonia and the Discernment of our Vocation St John Chrysostom and his Text
Dr David Balfour	St Symeon of Thessalonica

1985 APRIL 26-28

PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM,

Deacon Elias Jones	The History of Walsingham
Bishop Kallistos	The Mother of God Demetrios Kotroubis

1985 SUMMER CONFERENCE

Chislehurst

St Paul

Bishop Kallistos	St Paul's view of salvation in Christ
Father George Dragas	St Paul's view of the Church, according to the Fathers
<i>Panel St Paul and Human relationships</i>	
Bishop Kallistos	St Paul's view of Pastoral Oversight
Elizabeth Briere	St Paul's Treatment of Heretics and Schismatics
Pegeen O'Flaherty	St Paul's attitude to women
Nigel Gotteri	The married relationship as viewed by St Paul

Past OFSJB Meetings

1986 FEBRUARY 1 DAY MEETING

Serbian Community Centre, 89 Lancaster Road, London W 11

Women in the Orthodox Church Bishop Kallistos in the Chair

Irene Philipakis	Women's Ritual Role in the Family
Father Basil Osborne	The Old Testament Tradition in the Church
Wendy Robinson	Women's Vocation in the Church

1986 STUDY WEEKEND

Wimbledon

The Old Testament with special reference to the Book of Deuteronomy

Father Kyril Jenner	The History of Israel The Literature of the Old Testament The Book of Deuteronomy The "rediscovery" of the Book of Deuteronomy The use of Deuteronomy in the New Testament
Fr. Michael Fortounatto	A Literary Commentary on the Song of Moses

1986 SUMMER CONFERENCE

St Andrew's Hall Missionary College, Selly Oak

The Church is One

Father Stephen Headley	The Holy Trinity and the Unity of the Church
Father Basil Osborne	Baptism and our Unity in Christ
Militza Zernov and George Bebawi	Chalcedonians and Non-Chalcedonians Diversity and Unity

Panel

Bishop Kallistos
Alecks Popovich
Elizabeth Briere

Past OFSJB Meetings

1987 STUDY WEEKEND

Cherwell Centre, Oxford

“A Commentary on the Divine Liturgy” by Nicholas Cabasilas

Father Basil Osborne

1987 MARCH 21 DAY MEETING

The Cherwell Centre, Oxford

Women: An Orthodox Perspective

Bishop Kallistos in the Chair

Father Basil Osborne

“The Detestable Hoopoe” (Lev. 11.19)

Irene Philipakis

Women’s Ritual Role in the Family

Militza Zernov

Women and Virgins

1987 SUMMER CONFERENCE

West Wickham, Kent

The Image of Christ in the Old and New Testament

Father Ephrem

The Image of Christ in the Old Testament

Archbishop Methodios

The Image of Christ in the Fathers

Bishop Kallistos

Christ the Saviour

1987 OCTOBER 17 DAY MEETING

Bristol

Women: An Orthodox Perspective

Bishop Kallistos in the Chair

Patricia Owen

The London Women's Group

Elizabeth Obolensky

Growing up as a Russian Orthodox Woman

Maeve Henry

The Creative Life

Jill Storer

“Anastasis” in Byzantine Iconography

Father Nicholas Behr

The Tears of the Myrrh-Bearing Women

Past OFSJB Meetings

1988 STUDY WEEKEND

The Royal Foundation of St Katherine, Stepney

The Book of Psalms

Father Ephrem

1988 APRIL 30 DAY MEETING

Oxford

Women: An Orthodox Perspective Bishop Kallistos in the Chair

Elizabeth Houlton	Women of the Old Testament
Bishop Kallistos	St Mary Magdalen
Jill Storer	Icons of Old Testament the New Testament Women: Sarah, Susannah and Hannah; the two Anna's and Elizabeth
Pegeen O'Sullivan	St Brigit

1988 SUMMER CONFERENCE

St Andrew's Hall Missionary College, Selly Oak

The Millennium of the Russian Church: Orthodox Mission Today

Bishop Kallistos	Constantinople, Kiev and Moscow: Greek and Russian Orthodoxy compared
Irina Kirillova	Spiritual Emphases in Contemporary Soviet Literature
Father Michael Fortounatto	The Significance of the Millennium
Father George Scoulas (from Illinois)	Orthodox Mission in North America
Militza Zernov	Russian Theologians (informal talk)
<i>Panel Orthodox Mission Today</i>	
Venetia Hill	
Gary Ploe	
Alecks Popovich	

Past OFSJB Meetings

1988 OCTOBER 15 DAY MEETING

Serbian Community Centre, 89 Lancaster Road, London W 11

Women: An Orthodox Perspective : Redeeming Relationships

Bishop Kallistos in the Chair

Bani Shorter	Standing as Women
Wendy Robinson	The Redeeming Aspect of Relationships in our Communities
Esther Williams	The Restoration of Women's Tarnished Gifts

1988 OCTOBER 15 DAY MEETING

St Nicholas' Church Hall, Blackley, Manchester

Prayer

Bishop Kallistos and Father Ephrem

1989 STUDY WEEKEND

Cherwell Centre, Oxford

The Philokalia (especially St Hesychios, On Watchfulness and Holiness, in vol. I)

Bishop Kallistos

1989 APRIL 15 DAY MEETING

St Gregory's House, Oxford

Women: An Orthodox Perspective

Dr Mary Cunningham	Mary the Mother of God
Jill Storer	Icons of the Mother of God
Effie Gordon-Carrie	St Mary of Egypt

Past OFSJB Meetings

1989 MAY 19 - 21 WEEKEND SCHOOL

Turvey Abbey, Bedfordshire

The Services of the Church

Father Kyril Jenner

1989 SUMMER CONFERENCE

St John's College, Nottingham

The Creation

Father Ephrem	God as Creator
Revd. Dr John Polkinghorne	Scientific Cosmology and the Doctrine of Creation
Wendy Robinson	Heirs of God, Co-heirs of the Kingdom
Deacon John Nankivell	Scientific and Theological Language

1989 OCTOBER 21 DAY SCHOOL

St Matthew's Church, Carver Street, Sheffield

The Divine Liturgy

Father Kyril	Liturgical Development: Reform or Renewal?
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1990 STUDY WEEKEND

Cherwell Centre, Oxford

The Book of Revelation

Father Columba Flegg

Past OFSJB Meetings

1990 SUMMER CONFERENCE

St Andrew's Hall Missionary College, Selly Oak

Christianity and Judaism

Father Ephrem	A Positive View of Judaism
David Melling	Jewish Elements in Orthodox Worship
Rabbi Dr Norman Solomon	A Jewish View of Christianity

1990 OCTOBER 13 DAY SCHOOL

Greek Orthodox Church of the Annunciation, Manchester

Baptism

Father Ephrem	Baptism in the New Testament
Dr Gordon Kendal	Preparation for Baptism
David Melling	The Service of Baptism

1991 STUDY WEEKEND

Cherwell Centre, Oxford

St Maximos the Confessor

Bishop Kallistos

1991 OCTOBER STUDY DAY (Information from Father Kyril from memory)

Greek Orthodox Church in Manchester

Vocation and Ministry

Bishop Kallistos
Father Kyril Jenner

Past OFSJB Meetings

1991 SUMMER CONFERENCE

St John's College, Nottingham

Death and Resurrection

Bishop Kallistos	The Time of Death is Every Moment
Father Yves Dubois	The Interdependence of the Living and the Departed
Patricia Scott	Preparation for Death
Father Kyril Jenner	The Liturgical Prayers for the Dying

1992 STUDY WEEKEND

Convent of Marie Reparatrice, Wimbledon

St Mark's Gospel

Father Kyril

1992 MAY 16 DAY SCHOOL

Peterhouse, Cambridge

Redeeming the Time

Bishop Kallistos	Enemy or Friend? Time in a fallen world, time in Christ
Archimandrite Maximos	Christ the Victor over Time
Jenny Gerrard	Under a Clock's Ticking

1992 SUMMER CONFERENCE

St Andrew's Hall Missionary College, Selly Oak

Artistic Creation

Andrew Louth	The Human Person as Image of God the Creator
Father Ephrem	John Taverner
Elizabeth Williams	Watching, Waiting and Working (photography)

Past OFSJB Meetings

1992 OCTOBER STUDY DAY (Information from Father Kyril from memory)

Greek Orthodox Church in Manchester

War and Peace

Andrew Tatham
David Melling

1993 STUDY WEEKEND

Cherwell Centre, Oxford

Theosis

Bishop Kallistos
John McGuckin

St. Gregory the Theologian

1993 SUMMER CONFERENCE

St John's College, Nottingham

Love and the Mystery of Evil

Andrew Walker

The Problem of Evil in the Western Tradition,
with particular reference to the charismatic tradition

Bishop Basil

The Jewish and New Testament Background

Dr Zika Rad Prvulovich

Complications and Contradictions,
with a commentary on the poem Luka Mikrokozma
(the Light of the Microcosm) by the Prince-bishop Njegosh

1994 STUDY WEEKEND

Cherwell Centre, Oxford

Prophecy

Father Yves Dubois
Sister Sarah
Barbara Coker

Where the Church Fathers and Rabbis agree
From Gulat to Ge'ulah, Exile to Redemption
With Palms, Branches and Hosanna

Past OFSJB Meetings

1994 SUMMER CONFERENCE

St Andrew's Hall Missionary College, Selly Oak

Repentance and Forgiveness

Bishop Kallistos	The Transfiguration of Christ and the Transfiguration of the World
Wendy Robinson	Transfiguration through Repentance
Father Kyril	The Transfiguration of the World: Practical Considerations
<i>Panel</i>	Preparation for Communion: local traditions

1995 STUDY WEEKEND

Cherwell Centre, Oxford

St Symeon the New Theologian

John McGuckin

1995 SUMMER CONFERENCE

St Andrew's Hall Missionary College, Selly Oak

Confession and the Sacraments of Healing

Bishop Basil	Confession and the Liturgy
Father Benedict	Sacrament and Healing : and Experience of Limits
Mother Maria	The Celebration of Repentance: the Path of Trust

1995 STUDY PILGRIMAGE TO W ALSINGHAM

God is With Us : The Mystery of the Incarnation

Bishop Kallistos

1. The Beyond in our Midst, or Why did God become Man?
2. The Space of All that Has Life, or Christ the Key to the Cosmos
3. Preparation for Christmas, or The Three Comings of Christ

Past OFSJB Meetings

1996 STUDY WEEKEND

Cherwell Centre, Oxford

The Epistle of St Paul to the Romans

Father Kyril

1996 SUMMER CONFERENCE

Dovedale Hall, Ham, near Ashbourne, Derbyshire

Our Unity in the Eucharist

George Bebawi
David Melling
Father Ephrem Lash

1996 SUMMER SCHOOL

House of St Gregory and St Macrina, Oxford

Christology (Saints Cyril of Alexandria and Athanasius)

Lecturers

Bishop Kallistos
Andrew Louth

Seminar leaders

Niki Tsironis
Veronique Magnes

1997 STUDY WEEKEND

Cherwell Centre, Oxford

The Epistles of St John

Bishop Kallistos

Introduction to Patmos through Son et Lumière

Father Kyril

Past OFSJB Meetings

1997 SUMMER CONFERENCE

Ushaw College, Durham

The Mother of God

Father Michael Fortounatto
Andrew Louth
Wendy Robinson

1997 SUMMER SCHOOL

House of St Gregory and St Macrina, Oxford

The Holy Spirit (St Basil The Great, On the Holy Spirit)

Lecturers
Bishop Kallistos
Andrew Louth

Seminar leader
Niki Tsironis

1998 STUDY WEEKEND

Cherwell Centre, Oxford

St Gregory Palamas

Bishop Kallistos

1998 SUMMER CONFERENCE

St Andrew's Hall Missionary College, Selly Oak

The Communion of Saints

Father Ian Graham	What is a Saint?
Father John Jillions	The Living and the Departed
Mother Maria	Saintly Groupings
Father Athanasius Ledwich	The Fruits of Saintliness

(It is reported in the committee minutes that this conference did not take place due to lack of applications by the due date.)

Past OFSJB Meetings

1999 STUDY WEEKEND

Cherwell Centre, Oxford

The symbolism of the Jerusalem Temple

Bishop Basil and Margaret Barker.

1999 SUMMER CONFERENCE

Ushaw College Durham

The Life in Christ – Perspectives on the Holy Mysteries

Mother Maria	Creation as mystery and sacrament.
Andrew Louth	St. Maximus the Confessor and aspects of the mysteries
Father Kyril	Baptism
Father Ephrem	The criteria for naming the Holy Mysteries

2000 STUDY WEEKEND

Cherwell Centre, Oxford

A school for the Lord's service – Monasticism and our everyday life.

Bishop Kallistos	
Bede Gerrard	Rule of St. Benedict
Wendy Robinson	The lay state and monastic vows

2000 SUMMER CONFERENCE

Courtfield Manor, Ross on Wye, Herefordshire (Mill Hill Missionaries)

Life in the Holy Spirit: the struggle for discernment

Speakers included:

Mother Maria	Discernment
Father Athanasius Ledwich	Spiritual Fatherhood

Past OFSJB Meetings

2001 STUDY WEEKEND (Study weekend cancelled)

Women of the Old testament

2001 AUGUST 3-6 SUMMER CONFERENCE

Woodbrooke (Quaker Study Centre), Birmingham

Pilgrimage

Speakers included

Bishop Kallistos The Orthodox Understanding of Pilgrimage

Father Simeon Piers

2002 AUGUST 2-5 SUMMER CONFERENCE

Ushaw College, Durham

The Law of Love-How to live the Gospel

(It is noted in the Committee minutes that Mother Maria agreed to speak)

Optional pilgrimage to Holy Island (Lindisfarne) on the Monday. (Led by Father Kyril)

2003 AUGUST 6-9 SUMMER CONFERENCE

Courtfield Manor, Ross on Wye, Herefordshire (Mill Hill Missionaries)

2004 SUMMER CONFERENCE (1st INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS)

The Hayes, Swanwick, Derbyshire

Orthodoxy In The West – Today And Tomorrow

2005 FEBRUARY 18-20 STUDY WEEKEND

Shrewsbury

Services at the Church of the Holy Father of the Great Oecumenical Council of Nicaea and Saint John the Baptist

Saint Irenaeus

Dr Mathew Steenberg

FIRST SESSION. 'Who is this Irenaeus?' An Introduction.

Who is this man whose name means 'peacemaker' and who is often called a 'bridge between East and West?' What do we know of his person, his life, and the context of his theological development? In our opening session, we shall explore the person of St Irenaeus, the background to his life and work, and introduce ourselves to the 'classic refrains' of Irenaeian appreciation: creation, the human person, the power of the incarnation, and the hope of the life in Christ.

SECOND SESSION. Children in Paradise: The Cosmos, Man, and the Will of God.

At the heart of Irenaeus' theological vision stands the human creature, born of dust and divine breath, the Divine Image around which the whole cosmos is situated. Partly in response to resonant voices in the world around him, but primarily through an 'Apostolic reading' of scripture, Irenaeus puts forward a dynamic vision of creation grounded in the centrality of the Father's love and power as Creator, calling all things into being through his Son and Spirit. In this session we shall explore Irenaeus' vision of the purpose and function of the cosmos, and in particular his presentation of its chief and master: the human person. Of what is the human person composed? What is her 'state' or nature at the beginning of history? In what sense does Irenaeus believe Adam and Eve to have been 'children' in Eden, and how does this view influence his vision of humanity's future perfection through the working of Christ?

THIRD SESSION. Reading History From the Empty Tomb.

Christian history begins at the empty tomb. Christians authentically look to their cosmic beginnings, as well as to their future ends, only from the perspective of the risen Lord whose incarnate life reveals the full reality and meaning of all history. In this session we shall explore Irenaeus' unique vision of history – a vision that sees the very love of God which proffers the incarnation, standing behind every act of God in the economy. Irenaeus offers unique readings of the expulsion of Adam and Eve from Paradise, the sin of Cain, the tower at Babe4' and throughout, he weaves together themes of sin, salvation, falls and growth, good and evil matter and spirit, into a picture of history fulfilled in the incarnation, yet awaiting its ultimate manifestation in the future.

FOURTH SESSION. Approaching Adulthood: Christian Present and Christian Future.

If 'the beginnings' when read from the perspective of the empty tomb, reveal something of our human character and nature, 'the ends' tell us something of our coming development and growth. Irenaeus is deeply 'eschatological', rooted in the future life as much as the past, and his conception of the consummation of history and human growth lies at the heart of his understanding of salvation. In this final session we shall examine how Irenaeus' reading of Christ's chief work - the 'recapitulation' of human life - provides the means of our progress into perfection. The 'New Adam' transforms the old, even as the 'New Eve' (the Mother of God) transforms humanity's first mother. The child, trained in obedience and illumined by the Spirit, ascends henceforth into life.

2005 FIRST ORTHODOX YOUTH FESTIVAL

Dovedale House, Ilam, Derbyshire

2005 JULY 8-10 SUMMER CONFERENCE

Ushaw College, Durham

Aspects of Personhood – Wholeness and Healing

What does it mean to become a true person according to the likeness and image of God?
What prevents us from being genuinely personal?
How can we be healed into wholeness?

Fr David Gill
Fr Andrew Louth
Dr Frank Johnson
Mother Sarah
Fr Nikolai from Tolleshunt Knights

Wendy Robinson Summary and comments

Also visit using cars to Escomb Saxon Church

2006 FEBRUARY 24-26 STUDY WEEKEND

Nottingham

The Jesus Prayer

Bishop Kallistos

First Talk: “A Prayer for all seasons” : the Jesus Prayer in our daily life

Second Talk: How did it all begin? Continual prayer among the Desert Fathers

Third Talk: How do we stop talking and start listening? The meaning of silence

Fourth Talk: “Prayer is the revelation of Baptism’: the Jesus Prayer and the sacraments

Fifth Talk: “He was transfigured before them”: the invocation of the Name and the Vision of Divine Light (with slides at the end)

(The optional excursion and guided tour at Southwell Minster originally planned did not take place since there was not time for the visit before Evensong at Southwell.)

Past OFSJB Meetings

2006 APRIL 14-17 SECOND ORTHODOX YOUTH FESTIVAL

Dovedale House, Ilam, Derbyshire

2006 August 28-30 SUMMER CONFERENCE

Aylesford, Kent

Women and Men in the Church

Bishop Kallistos The Priesthood of the Baptised

Teva Regule, Elena Kasselouri, and or Hatzi Vassiliadi
The Diaconal Vocation of Men and Women

Bede Gerrard and Katterina Karkal Zorba
Laypersons as Teachers of the Faith

Demetra Jacket The Work of W.O.M.E.N.
(Women's Orthodox Ministries and Education Network)

Mangala Frost Women Saints Yesterday and Today: what can we learn from them?

2007 JANUARY 26-28 STUDY WEEKEND

Sixth Form Study Centre, Bristol Grammar School, Bristol
and
Orthodox Church of the Nativity of the Mother of God. University Road, Bristol

Christian, Love, Marriage, and Sexuality

Bishop Kallistos
Father David Gill
Dr Frank Johnson
Father Stephen Plumblee (American)

2007 MAY THIRD ORTHODOX YOUTH FESTIVAL

Dovedale House, Ilam, Derbyshire

2007 JULY SUMMER CONFERENCE (2nd INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS)

The Hayes, Swanwick, Derbyshire

Revealing Christ to the World

Father Thomas Hopko Living the Liturgy: Learning and Teaching the Faith through
our Eucharistic worship

Metropolitan John Pelushi of Korça
Mission and Evangelism:
Witnessing our Faith before the World

Dr David Frost Teaching the Faith within the Church:
from Childhood to Grave

Workgroup Leaders

Fr Michael and Jeanne Harper	Building a Worshipping Community
Catherine Maxfield and Clare Victoroff	Orthodoxy and Children
Mother Sarah and Olga Papadopoulos	Work with Youth and Young Adults
Fr Stephen Maxfield and Dr David Frost	Sharing and Teaching the Faith
Fr Raphael Armour and Bede Gerrard	Slavery – its Abolition and Aftermath
Nicholas Chapman and Fr Gregory Hallam	Literature and Communication
Metropolitan Kallistos and Wendy Robinson	Forgiveness and Reconciliation
John Speak and Mangala Frost	Living in a Multi-Faith Society