



THE ORTHODOX FELLOWSHIP OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

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The Fellowship was founded in 1979 and became a Registered Charity in 1997. It has the blessing of The Pan-Orthodox Episcopal Assembly for the British Isles and Ireland. The constitution was revised in 2013 so they appoint one of their own members to be the President of the Fellowship and represent them on the Fellowship Committee. The current President is His Excellency The Most Reverend Metropolitan Kallistos of Diokleia.

The Fellowship enables English-speaking members of the several Orthodox Church Traditions in the British Isles and Ireland to come together, and through prayer, discussion and mutual friendship, deepen their commitment to, and understanding of, the Orthodox Christian faith.

- There is a residential weekend conference each summer. Recent subjects have been *Orthodoxy In The West - Today And Tomorrow* (2004), *Wholeness and Healing* (2005), *Women and Men in the Church* (2006), *Revealing Christ to the World* (2007), *Living the Liturgy* (2008), *Creation and Evolution: an Orthodox Approach* (2009), *Mothers and Fathers In God: Spiritual Guidance in the Orthodox Church* (2010), *Orthodox Witness Today* (2011), *Death and Eternity* (2012), and *The Liturgy: the Entrance into the Kingdom* (2013).
- There is a Study Weekend early in the year, often devoted either to the Bible or to one of the Church Fathers. Recent topics have been: *Saint Irenaeus of Lyons* (2005), *The Jesus Prayer* (2006), *Living the Tradition - Marriage and Sexuality* (2007), *Saint Augustine of Hippo* (2008), *How to Study the Bible* (2009), *Saint John of Kronstadt* (2010), *Song of Songs: Mystical Prayer, Poetry and Worship in Daily Life* (2011), *The Macarian Homilies - Life, Love and Prayer* (2012), and *Symbolism in the Gospel of John* (2013).
- The Fellowship Youth Committee organises several events including an annual Youth Festival.
- The Fellowship Youth Choir, now known as the *Mosaic Choir*, has given several concerts and toured in Montenegro in August 2012.
- Pilgrimages have included those to Walsingham, Patmos, and Russia.
- Additional meetings are arranged according to demand. Past events have included a series of day conferences on *Women: an Orthodox Perspective* and a *Liturgical Weekend* where members gained experience of how to read and sing at church services. There have also been Family Camps for parents with young children.
- We publish an annual *Calendar and Lectionary*, which lists saints, including British saints, commemorated on each day, as well as the daily Scripture readings (according to the revised Julian Calendar).
- A *Directory* is published annually, giving details of Orthodox clergy and places of worship in the British Isles and Ireland.

Although our work is based in the British Isles, membership is open to all Orthodox Christians.

Our events are open to non-members, but we hope that those attending who are Orthodox Christians will want to support our work on a more permanent basis by taking out membership. Members receive *Forerunner*, the Fellowship journal, twice a year.

Further information, including details of forthcoming events, is available on the Fellowship web site.