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Arise, Shine for Your Light has Come

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welcoming you to The Mirfield Centre.

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address we will confirm your booking on
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one week before the event, when you will
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well as any other relevant information.

Speaker Details:

Following his early years in Hertfordshire,
Bishop Flack moved to Yorkshire completing his
ministerial training at the
College of the
Resurrection. He served in
parishes within West
Yorkshire before becoming
Archdeacon of Pontefract.



Following this he was appointed Bishop of
Huntingdon and then Suffragan Bishop of Ely
followed by five years working in the Vatican
representing the Church of England. He
continues to be a keen ecumenist, keeping up
his personal and official links with 'Rome'.

Following his retirement, Bishop Flack moved
to Wakefield and is currently an honorary
assistant Bishop in the Diocese of Leeds, and
is a Spiritual Director and confessor.

He recently celebrated his Golden wedding
anniversary with his wife, Julia, and has 2
children and 4 grandchildren. His hobbies
include cricket, linguistics and music and
playing the organ and piano in his spare time.

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Listening to Isaiah in Advent

Saturday 8th December 2018

Speaker:

Bishop John Flack

10.00am-3.30pm

£22.00 (including lunch & refreshments)

Director: The Revd Canon June Lawson Administrator: Beth Harper

About the Day

The Christian Year dominates much of our worship, especially in the first six months of the calendar year. It affects the scripture readings we use and the hymns we sing. It causes variations to appear in our regular liturgies. Recent liturgical innovations have made our worship even more seasonal. Is this right? Or should we be freer to structure our own worship? What are the aims of the Christian Year? How does Advent fit into the yearly pattern? What does it mean for our own personal spirituality?

The Advent Readings

Regarding our Old Testament readings, Isaiah is pre-eminent with some interpolations from Baruch in the Apocrypha. The setting of the first half of Isaiah is Judah in the days of the Assyrians and the setting of the second half is Babylon. So the prophet known as Second Isaiah foretells the birth of the long-awaited Messiah, but also hints that this Messiah will be a "suffering servant" rather than a military hero. The scene is set for the birth of Jesus Christ who came "not to be served but to serve and give his life as a ransom for many". Thus Isaiah prepares us for the annual celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas. The final chapters of Isaiah look to the future and "the age to come". We shall look at what Isaiah's message means for us today.

Programme

- 10.00am The place of Advent in the Christian Year
- 11.00am Refreshment break
- 11.15am Isaiah chapters 1-39: His call and his message to us
- 12.10pm Eucharist with the Community of the Resurrection *(optional)*
- 1.00pm Lunch
- 1.45pm Isaiah chapters 40-66: Foretelling the birth of the Messiah
- 2.30pm Our preparation for the observance of Christmas
- 3.20pm Closing Prayers and depart

A Quiet Day focusing on the purpose of the Church's Year with special reference to Advent and listening to the voice of Isaiah in our Advent readings.

Booking Form

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Fee £22.00

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I am a Reader/Lay Pastoral Minister in the Diocese of Leeds *(please tick)*

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