

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS

St Augustine's Catholic Church, Crescent Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN1 2LY

What people say:

I feel nourished and affirmed by the experience. I felt an awareness of God's love

It improved my prayer life. The insights of the group members were helpful

I learnt more about the Holy Spirit than I knew before. I am also inspired to read the Bible

The Prayer Journal was helpful and meeting such lovely people was really special

They opened my eyes to the tools which God places at our disposal

Please complete form, detach and hand in to church

SELF REGISTRATION FORM

Name

Phone No.

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Yes; I'm interested please sign me up.

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Life in the Spirit Seminar



Starts 11th September 2017
Monday Evenings at 7.45 pm

11th Sept God's Love - Fr Stephen Wymer

God is not someone who lives far away. He loves us unconditionally and wants us to be in a personal relationship with him like a son or a daughter.

18th Sept Salvation - Archbishop (Emeritus) Kevin McDonald

Jesus is our Saviour, it makes sense to really get to know him.

25th Sept New Life - Barbara Onuongo

If you are open to receiving God's Holy Spirit you will experience a new kind of life – become a changed person – our faith becomes real.

2nd Oct Receiving God's Gift - Gerard Pomfret

Ask God to prepare you, he loves you and he will do it, but we have to turn to Jesus to receive God's gifts.

9th Oct Renewal in the Holy Spirit - Michelle Moran

We all know the problem of trying to live out our Christian calling in our own strength. God's answer is to enlist the help of the Holy Spirit.

16th Oct Growth - Charles Whitehead

Prayer is important. It is the lifting up of the heart and mind to God. A Bible is essential because through it we will hear God speaking to us.

23rd Oct Transformation in Christ - Fr Mark White CP

As we are refreshed in the Trinity of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit we undergo inner transformation.

30th Oct Celebration Mass - Canon Peter Stodart

Refreshments will be served in the parish hall after all seminars.

Our Speakers



Fr. Stephen Wymer is Parish Priest at St. Edmunds in Beckenham and is a popular speaker at Days of Renewal and at the New Dawn Conference each year at Walsingham, England's National Shrine.



Archbishop (Emeritus) Kevin McDonald of Southwark is liaison bishop for Catholic Charismatic Renewal (CCR) and the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. He has a special interest in the work of the Holy Spirit in the development of theology. He is involved in ecumenism and in dialogue with other religions.



Barbara Onuonga grew up in Scotland and now lives and works professionally in London. She has a leadership role in Youth 2000 (a leading Catholic charity) and is an inspiring speaker and teacher who is passionate about her Catholic faith.



Gerard Pomfret has been active in CCR since the late 1980's. From 1996 with his wife Toni, he has published books for the Renewal as New Life Publishing. Together they supply an event book service to the church as Goodnews Books. A member of Harvesters core team, he has led a missionary team to East Africa each year.



Michelle Moran, with her husband Peter, was a founding member of the Sion Community for evangelisation, which she is still part of. She is an international preacher and currently the chairperson for the national service committee for CCR in England and Wales and is International President of ICCRS and regularly meets with the Pope through her work.



Charles Whitehead KSG . Past Chair of the NSC and President of the body for Charismatic Renewal, his local bishop has given Charles pastoral responsibility for the diocesan team of youth workers. He is an advisor to the Bishops' Conference and is a sought-after speaker and author.



Fr Mark CP is a member of the Passionists, a Religious Congregation founded by St Paul of the Cross. He is the Rector and Parish Priest at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church in Herne Bay, and a frequent leader and speaker at Retreats.



Fr. Peter Stodart, Parish Priest of St Augustine's Tunbridge Wells writes:

On behalf of St Augustine's parish, I welcome you most warmly to our Life in the Spirit Seminars.

The seminars are a spiritual journey led over seven weeks by a variety of experienced speakers. This is a special time creating space for us to think about our faith and its place in our lives.

What could the seminars mean for you?

If you come regularly to St Augustine's, they will be an opportunity to deepen your faith. If you've lost contact with the Catholic Church, they may be an opportunity for a new beginning. If you are already a Christian, come and join us as we travel together. If you are searching for meaning and purpose, come and consider Jesus' life and teaching and how we worship as a community.

The seminars provide the framework for all of us to reflect on our lives, renew our relationship with God and to rejoice in the hope we have already been given through Jesus our Lord. There is a lot going on as you will see below. You are warmly invited to attend all or as many of the seminars as you wish

Pope Francis has urged clergy to provide Life In The Spirit Seminars. Addressing a worldwide retreat for clergy, the Pope said, '.... I ask each and all of you that as part of the current of grace of Charismatic Renewal you organise seminars of Life in the Spirit in your parishes and seminaries, schools, in neighbourhoods, to share Baptism in the Spirit'.

Are these seminars for me?

If you attend Church fairly regularly, but find no real life or enthusiasm - **for you!**

If you have drifted away from Church, but would be interested in finding a way back - **for you!**

If you have a deep strong faith, but feel in need of refreshment - **for you!**

If you are young and want more purpose and direction in your life, and want to make new friends - **for you!**

If you aren't sure, come anyway. Bring a friend! The speakers are stimulating and the company good.

Although the seminars are being run in a Catholic parish, Christians of other traditions are most welcome.

