

Friends of St. Benedict 2018 Pilgrimage: Canterbury Cathedral

August 26 – September 1, 2018 Canterbury, England

"To quicken a festival in the innermost heart"

These words come from Roger Schütz, popularly known as Brother Roger, the Swiss monastic who in 1940 founded the Taizé Community, an ecumenical monastic community in Burgundy, France, and served as its first prior until his death in 2005.

Brother Stuart Burns, of Mucknell Abbey, an Anglican Benedictine monastery in Worcestershire, will lead the 2018 Canterbury pilgrimage, structuring a series of meditations and discussions around Brother Roger's intuition of a new beginning. Brother Roger envisioned "a springtime for the church, a Church devoid of means of power, ready to share with all; a place of visible communion for all humanity." Of course, if it is to be a true springtime, it can only come after a winter, which entails a stripping away to what is essential.

Brother Stuart's sessions exploring this vision and its meaning for each of us will fit within the rhythms of Canterbury Cathedral, a universal place of pilgrimage.

A Benedictine Experience is neither a silent retreat, nor a seminar, though it contains elements of both. It is a time to step back, but also a time to step into an ancient rhythm, living within a framework that has for 1500 years fostered balance and sanity in times of turmoil. Participants will live the daily cycle of prayer at the Canterbury Cathedral, from Matins to Evensong, while honoring the Benedictine framework by including times each day for manual work, study, silence and community.

Br. Stuart is Abbot of Mucknell Abbey, an Anglican Benedictine community made up of professed monks and nuns, novices, and 'alongsiders', who live with the community, perhaps to explore a possible monastic vocation or simply to experience the monastic life for a time. A large part of the ethos of the community is ecological sustainability.

The Canterbury Benedictine Experience sells out quickly. We maintain a waiting list for those who wish to be notified of any cancellations.

LODGING Participants will be accommodated in the Cathedral Lodge of the International Study Centre located within the secluded Precincts of the Cathedral. Each room has an en suite bath and superb view of the Cathedral. The Lodge has its own dining room, library, lounge and garden.

FEES \$1,800 per person for Single Occupancy and \$2,900 for Double Occupancy. Save \$200 by sending your initial payment prior to April 30, 2018 & your final payment by June 30, 2018 (\$1,600 Single Occupancy and \$2,700 Double Occupancy).

CANCELLATIONS In the event of a cancellation, a \$100 administrative fee will be charged. No refunds, unless your room can be resold.

PAYMENT Schedule: Two equal installments, one by April 30th, 2018 and the other by June 30, 2018.

Please remit your payments as checks made payable to:

Friends of St. Benedict

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REGISTRATION FORM
Benedictine Experience: Canterbury
August 26 – September 1, 2018

Title/Name(s) _____

Name tag _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Emergency Contact (name:) _____

(address:) _____

(phone/email:) _____

Food allergies, medical concerns or accessibility needs: _____

Do you identify with a particular faith tradition? If so, which?

Occupation and/or what you would like fellow participants to know about you:

Have you attended past Benedictine Experiences at Canterbury? When?

Lodging Preference: Shared Room: double bed
 Shared Room: two single beds
 Private Room

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I understand that the \$100 administrative fee per person is non-refundable. All payments are non-refundable, unless the reservation is filled by another person.

Signature/Date _____