



# THE FRIENDS OF JULIAN OF NORWICH Christmas Newsletter 2021



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*A Message from the Chair, Shirley Buxton CJN*

**Dear Friends & Companions,**

**I write this letter as COP 26 is taking place in Glasgow. Delegates gather under Jerram's Gaia, which slowly rotates above their heads, a constant reminder of the beautiful but fragile planet on which we live. Half a mile away from Julian's Cell, in the church of St Peter Mancroft, a replica Gaia has hung.**

Gazing upwards, adults and children alike have looked upon it with awe and wonder. Joining this throng, my thoughts were drawn back to Julian, of her holding something as small and round as a hazelnut in the palm of her hand and thinking: 'What can this be?' and the answer came, 'It is all that I have made.' She marvelled that it could last, for she thought it might have crumbled into nothing, it was so small. And the answer came into her mind 'It lasts and ever shall because God loves it.' And all things have being through the love of God. (*Revelations of Divine Love Chapter 5.*)



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If we continue to deny the damage we are inflicting on the world, the very nature of this world will be changed for ever. At this present time, what advice would Julian offer through her cell window? Would Julian place a hazelnut in our hands and say 'It is all that God has made'? The emphasis dramatically changes. We are being given responsibility for our fragile earth. To be 'oned' with God, we must show love as God shows us His Love.

On that first Christmas, God did not present himself to us as a mighty warrior and Emperor, but as a tiny baby, vulnerable and in need of his mother's tender care. As we move through Advent let us be mindful of our world and cherish its riches, beauty and fragility. Let each one of us tread lightly on the earth with love for all that God has made and with Him love it and care for it. What each one of us can give may seem insignificant but with God's love, together great changes can be made.

It was so wonderful to gather in person in Norwich for the Autumn Julian Retreat after months of Covid restrictions, while people worldwide were also able to join in through Zoom. We send grateful thanks to Revd Dr. Emma Pennington who led and inspired us and offer a huge thank you to all who made this double event possible, especially Howard Green, Secretary to the Friends of Julian who worked tirelessly to make it all happen.

On four days in August and September people from around the world participated in the Zoom Julian Discussion Group 'Enclosed, Encouraged and Accompanied: Living with Julian towards Authentic Life'. Each week started with a talk given by Revd Robert Fruehwirth. We thank

Robert for this opportunity to share our thoughts and ideas.

The Lent Course this year, based on Sheila Upjohn's new book *'The Way of Julian of Norwich: A Prayer Journey through Lent'* was such a success that we hope to hold another on-line Lent course in 2022. Watch out for details on our website in the New Year. We are also working on ideas for 2023, the 650th anniversary of Julian's Shewings. It would be good to have celebrations throughout the world. Would you be willing and able to arrange and host an event near to where you live?

When you receive this letter the Trustees will have met for an afternoon workshop to discuss some of the many important things that we do not have time to discuss during scheduled Trustee Meetings. There have been great changes, partly due to the development of the Julian Partnership but also brought about by opportunities to extend our work and contacts with our worldwide membership through the internet. The Trustees want to ensure that we maximise our resources and give the best possible service to our members. Special thanks are due to Peter Colback who has built the new Julian website and enabled our many online events to be developed to bring people together from their own homes.

**May we all join  
together in love,  
hope, joy and  
prayer as we  
approach Christmas  
and move on into  
another New Year.**

**Shirley Buxton, CJN**





# LIFE AT ST JULIAN'S

NEWS FROM FR RICHARD STANTON, PRIEST DIRECTOR

**As 'the bells of waiting Advent ring', they express in a particular way this year our own sense of waiting at St Julian's as our development project continues.**

We now hope that the refurbishment of All Hallows House, which began in April, will conclude at Christmas. The house has been transformed with new heating, new windows, a complete electrical rewiring, widened doorways, rearranged rooms, a new kitchen, an accessible bedroom on the ground floor, the creation of a flat for the Resident Steward upstairs, and redecoration throughout, all crowned by a completely new roof.

The total cost of the project now exceeds £300,000, nearly all funded by the Community of All Hallows, an expression of their continuing commitment to the ministry of this place which has been blessed by their presence for many decades: we are immensely grateful to them and I encourage your prayerful support for and practical interest in the wider wellbeing of the Community. We are

grateful too to you, the Friends, for a grant of £20,000 towards internal redecoration of the house, and one of our fabulous volunteers, Esther Platten, has been overseeing this work in conjunction with Charles Thurston, the Diocesan Surveyor, who has been in overall charge of the complex and extensive programme of works.

Our attention now turns to the Julian Centre which is enveloped in scaffolding as I write: this too is to receive a new roof and a new heating system, and inside the Centre the removal of the suspended ceiling to re-open the vault, coupled with new double-glazed windows to increase energy efficiency, the reconfiguration of the internal space to make it more flexible for community use and the redecoration of some of the tired parts of the building will all make for a vibrant and fresh feel in 2022. This work is also funded by a significant grant from the Friends, who though no longer the tenants of the Centre continue to take an active and indispensable interest in its flourishing.



*Pilgrims visiting from Bedford*



*Jo & Josiah English*

## LIFE AT ST JULIAN'S (continued...)

At All Saintside, appropriately, we were delighted to announce the appointment of Josiah English as the Resident Steward of All Hallows House: we look forward eagerly to Josiah and his wife Jo joining us on site in the New Year, initially on a three year contract. They currently live in Birmingham where Josiah is the Facilities Supervisor for St John's Church, Harborne. With two degrees in mediaeval studies (and the Lady Julian was a central feature of his MA dissertation on mediaeval mystics), a wide breadth of church experience in the UK and USA, an enthusiasm for hospitality and stability rooted in a rhythm of prayer, work and rest, an entrepreneurial spirit including a published novel at the age of 16 and a passion for community building, Josiah will bring a great deal to the life and witness of the Julian Campus. We are thrilled to have him on board as our development project continues. I know that you will hold him and Jo in your prayers.

Josiah's appointment is funded by a grant from the Community of All Hallows, but over the coming three years we will need to build up the financial sustainability of All Hallows House as a viable project, so I call

on all our Friends near and far to help us in this vital work – by coming and staying yourself when you can, by letting your friends and contacts know about this exciting development in the heart of Norwich and by doing all you can to promote and support what we are doing here.

Volunteering will continue to be vital in all we do on the Julian Campus, as it has been in the past: Josiah will have oversight of the volunteers, and I hope many of the Friends will be able to give some time to nurturing the life and witness of this precious place – in the shop and libraries, with groups, in the garden and in the church. There will be rejuvenated volunteering procedures, under Josiah's management, designed to make your offer of your time and energy a positive and rewarding experience.

Meanwhile, Fr Edwin Wilton-Morgan was ordained to the Diaconate at the end of June and has already made a significant impression on life at St Julian's, helping to solidify our ties of friendship and support with Norwich Cathedral and doing invaluable work establishing closer relationships in the local community which are bearing fruit for the good of us all. We welcomed him in July with





*Fr Richard & Fr Edwin*



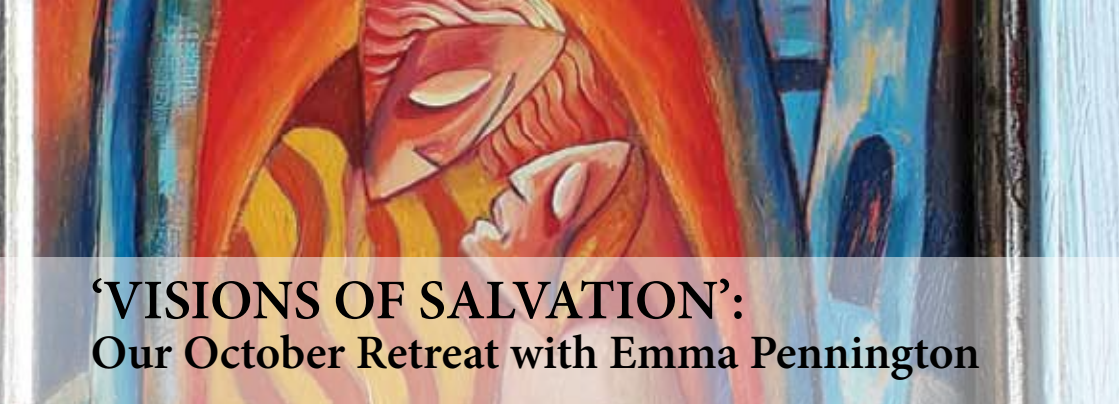
a Sunday afternoon service of Songs of Praise, followed by afternoon tea in the garden. I am delighted to have him as a colleague and I hope you will be enthused by his contribution to this Newsletter.

Despite the restrictions created by Covid and the temporary closure of the Julian Centre, we have been glad to welcome a steady stream of pilgrims and visitors: a branch of the Walsingham Association, a group of Norfolk Methodists, Roman Catholic walking pilgrims from Farm Street in London, two visits by pupils and staff at Notre Dame High School (in our parish), a circle dance pilgrimage, groups from Bedford and Fleetwood, ordinands from Ridley Hall in Cambridge, ninety teenagers from Norwich School and many others have been welcomed to the Shrine, and I have been most grateful for the assistance of Fr Edwin and Shirley Buxton in this ministry. In September, Gudrun Warren, who with Shirley is Churchwarden of St Julian's, curated a prayer labyrinth in the garden to coincide with the Heritage Open Days. All our activity is underpinned by the regular rhythm of the Eucharist (at least four times a week), Evening Prayer (6pm, Tuesday to Saturday) at

which the Friends are prayed for daily, the Rosary (10.30am on Monday), the monthly Julian Meetings (10.30am on the second Friday) and more. I would be glad to see more local Friends joining us for worship in St Julian's when you can, and I hope in the New Year to begin a Mass once a month aimed particularly at local Friends, with refreshments afterwards. Prayer, worship, education and hospitality: this is our real work, and we are glad to do it.

The peace and stillness of the church, open every day, is a rare and valuable gift these days and a help to many in the way of holiness and faith. I am thankful for the volunteers who have gone 'above and beyond' to help with the daily cleaning and sanitising of the church, enabling us to continue to offer open doors in a responsible way. As we prepare to step through the open door of the stable, that stable which in C.S. Lewis's memorable phrase contained something bigger than our whole world, may you know the joy and peace of the Christ Child, God-with-us, as you worship him at the Christmas altar.

*Even so, come Lord Jesus.  
Faithfully yours in him, Fr Richard*



## ‘VISIONS OF SALVATION’: Our October Retreat with Emma Pennington

The greens and golds of autumn (not insignificant colours in Norwich!) betokened the limitless provision and potential of nature as we gathered for our October retreat at St John's Timberhill. God's limitless provision and potential for our salvation as set out in *Revelations of Divine Love Chapters 24-28*, was the running theme of Revd Dr. Canon Emma Pennington's retreat talks.

In the first of her four talks on the tenth revelation Emma traced the long history of Christian devotion to the wounds of Christ and how it became a means of *imitatio dei* for many 'even christiens' (*sic*) in the 13th and 14th centuries. She linked this with the prevalence of devotion to the 'Holy Name of Jesus' which, we learnt, was particularly important in Norwich at the time of Julian. Emma argued that Julian must have been acquainted with this devotion and that it provides much of the energy in the images used in the tenth revelation in which we are invited to deeply enter the wounds of Christ's side from which flow both the waters of baptism and the blood of the Eucharist. The heart of the crucified God is broken and fractured by love for the sake of love. To enter it is to be lovingly intimate with God and there

find the depth of the ever unfolding depth and breath of our personal salvation and that of our bleeding fractured and fragile world.

Emma showed in her second talk on the eleventh revelation that after the reverent dread and holy awe of the tenth revelation, Julian relieves the mood a little by a refreshing intimacy. In this revelation it is as if Jesus and Julian are playing with one another. Jesus teasingly asks four times, Do you want to know a secret – his love and pride in his mother *theotokos* – and four times Julian replies that she longs for this with every fibre of her being. But, (and as ever with Julian it is huge but with even greater implications) just at the point at which she might rightly expect the secret to be revealed it is not but, rather, withdrawn.

Why is this? Because precisely in the revealing of the secret Julian will know that Mary is not only the Mother of God, though she is always and eternally that, but our Mother too. In the joys and in the sorrows of our journey into the heart of God, Mary guides us in the most appropriate ways to work out our salvation in fear and trembling. (Phillipians 2:12.). Mary reflects the mutual love which she and Jesus share. She is truly the icon of the divine. But more than this she is a



mirror reflecting back to us the depth of our love for both of them and the times when it is woefully inadequate. Mary shows that our failings are pedagogic, opportunities to learn and grow in love and faith. She translates the sorrows of this life into foretastes of the banquet of heaven and assures us that all passing pain will find its rest in endless bliss.

Lest this be misunderstood as some pie-in-the-sky sentimentality, Emma reminded us that all this necessarily evokes feelings of reverent dread and holy fear and that is why the revealing of the secret cannot be immediate. It demands much spiritual and emotional preparation indicated in the four interludes between the asking of the question, *'Do you want to know a secret'* – and its answer.

In the third talk we entered the complex twelfth revelation. Complex because here Julian's writing is at its most dense and 'mystical'. It cannot be rendered easily from the original Middle English to contemporary patterns of thought, speech and writing. Emma did not evade that complexity but asked us to accept it and in the acceptance glimpse, perhaps, something of what Julian is trying to say to us, namely that Our Lord is the supreme source and

sustainer of all things, *'visible and invisible'* as we say in the Creed. The twelfth revelation therefore takes us to the very heart of our faith. It is timely too as we consider the Christian response to the 'Climate Emergency' and implement it.

Many people might feel a sense of despair in the face of the enormity of that response, but in her fourth and final talk Emma closed our retreat on a hopeful note: in the thirteenth revelation God wants us to enjoy and participate in the boundless possibilities and potential of all that he has made – including us. Human life is an excellence and divinely cherished. After all God asks us to co-create with him in nurturing all life. Despite our many shortcomings he transforms anything for which we might be blamed by love and through love.

Moreover, we find Hope in his holy community trusting, not despite but because of all indications to the contrary that *"All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well"*.

It is in this Hope of Divine Love that we are enabled and equipped to get on with what it is God asks each one of us to do where we are and in what we can do, everyday.

*Richard Norton, CJN*



## KEEPING THE CONVERSATION GOING...



@JuliansShowings



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**Looking for more information, quotations and conversation about Julian of Norwich? The Friends are active on social media, with 763 followers on Facebook and 172 on Twitter.**

**You can find us at <https://www.facebook.com/juliansshowings> and <https://twitter.com/JuliansShowings> respectively, and we'd love to see you there!**

The Trustees decided to take Julian's message into these online spaces as part of the Friends' primary objective, to 'increase public awareness and knowledge of the life and writings of Julian of Norwich' (Constitution). One of the big differences between standard web pages and social media is that whereas sites like <https://julianofnorwich.org> enable news and information to be broadcast to anyone who wants to read them, <https://www.facebook.com/juliansshowings> and <https://twitter.com/JuliansShowings> provide opportunities for people to read and interact.

Since June 2021, I've had online conversations with musicians recording *The Revelations of Divine Love*, writers and publishers of books about Julian, and the popular @monknunCofE, who helped us to advertise our annual retreat to their 8,171 followers.

My personal highlight was attending the retreat and meeting a couple of fellow attendees who told me they had heard about it and decided to come along based on the Facebook posts and tweets they had seen. Neither of them knew I was the social media lead – they were just responding to my commonplace conversation starter, "What brings you here today?" I left knowing that although @JuliansShowings is not an influencer on the scale of TV celebrities and climate change activists, it is reaching people who are interested in Julian and want to know more.



What do I mean by 'more'? Well, on Facebook we post about the activities of the Friends and Companions, including events, new publications and other exciting developments. The release of Sister Wendy's 1993 recording of *The Revelations of Divine Love* on CD and Audible was big enough news that I decided to share it not only on our own Twitter and Facebook page, but also on The Julian of Norwich group run by Veronica Mary Rolf. So far, our post there has been liked or loved by over 150 people, some of whom have subsequently followed our own page. So, as well as fulfilling our objective of increasing public awareness, it's garnered us a few new Facebook friends.

On Twitter, we post even more. Anyone can interact with us there, and we've been using hashtags like #JulianOfNorwich, #RevelationsOfDivineLove, #MedievalTwitter, #ManuscriptMonday, and #WednesdayWisdom so that our tweets are seen by people interested in those topics. We tweet at least once a day Monday-Friday, and have shared quotations, artworks, magazine and blog links, as well as highlighting the digital versions of the Long and the Short Texts at the British Library.

We've also retweeted news and quotations from others, including other members of the Julian Campus, other retreat organisations, Budge the Cathedral cat and Dippy the Dinosaur. If you're interested in Julian, other medieval women writers and/or the contemplative life, then Twitter has much to offer. We'd love to e-meet you there!

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An example of one of our tweets, which has received one reply, been retweeted four times, and been liked by 19 people.

# THE ORDER OF JULIAN OF NORWICH

**When we heard of the death of John-Julian OJN, aged 89, on 15th July, it became clear that many Friends may not know about this man and this Order.**

Fr John Swanson was born in Wisconsin, USA and in the 1950s this most talented Arts graduate became a Priest. When he was at the Church of the Resurrection in Norwich, Connecticut, he read a new translation of Julian's writings. He decided to found a contemplative religious Order with Julian of Norwich as patron.

After three years Fr Swanson was permitted to found the Order in the rectory and professed life vows in late 1985, taking the name John-Julian. He remained the rector of his parish until 1987. In early 1988 the Order was invited to Wisconsin by the then Bishop, and Fr John-Julian began serving at St Mark's in South Milwaukee. He would retire from parish ministry in 1994.

Fr John-Julian discovered the demands of monastic leadership much more challenging than he had expected, and was unprepared for what life in community would ask of him as an ordinary monk, post-leadership, in 1995. He travelled to Norwich UK in 1996 and was given helpful encouragement and advice from Fr Michael McLean, a founder of the Friends of Julian of Norwich,



and he visited the Community of All Hallows at Ditchingham.

In 2004 he was granted permission to live as a hermit outside of the monastery, with the understanding that he was always welcome at the monastery to take his turn celebrating Eucharist and preaching. In 2015 the Order moved to White Lake in northeastern Wisconsin.

In retirement Fr John-Julian published books on Julian and other Christian classic texts.

May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

*Felicity Maton, Trustee (with thanks to OJN)*

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**A SPECIAL MESSAGE...** If you've received this newsletter by post and you would be happy to receive an email copy in future, please send your email address to us at [contact@julianofnorwich.org](mailto:contact@julianofnorwich.org). This would make our communication with you so much easier, and save valuable funds. Thank you.

# FRIENDS OF JULIAN

**As a Friend of Julian of Norwich, there are many ways you can be actively involved with our work:**

***'Prayer joins the soul to God.'***

(RDL Ch. 43)

It is wonderful and comforting that prayers are made daily by Friends and Companions of Julian of Norwich worldwide and at the Julian Shrine. We are all remembered in these prayers. By adding your voice this circle of prayer is strengthened and our relationship with God is deepened.

***'Then the good Lord opened my inward eyes and showed me my soul in the depths of my heart.'***

(RDL Ch. 67)

Julian's words echo through the centuries giving us much to ponder upon. Modern translations of Julian's text and the many books exploring her writings give the opportunity to learn about God's endless love for us and all creation. It can also be beneficial to make our journey with others. There are opportunities to participate in lectures, talks, discussions and retreats both in person and on-line. As you may have just read, there are interactive conversations on Facebook and Twitter.

***'I was greatly stirred in love for all my fellow Christians, for I wanted them to know and see the same as I saw, so it would comfort them. For this sight was shown for all the world.'***

(RDL Ch. 8)

Julian's surety that her shewings were to be shared with her 'even Christians', the ordinary people purposed her writing. The Friends of Julian strive to continue in this

task. Sharing Julian's words is a step in telling others about God as the God of Love. Passing on a Julian newsletter, a card or bookmark with a quote of hope from the Revelations of Divine Love, gifting a book with Julian's words or explaining about her writings can be a way of furthering this mission. Finding ways of expressing our own love and understanding through art, drama and music can introduce Julian and her shewings to a wider audience.



*Julian sealed in her cell,  
by Felicity Maton during lockdown*

***'So was I taught that love was our Lord's meaning.'*** (RDL Ch. 86)

Let us rest in this love and generously share it with others.

***Shirley Buxton, CJA***

(All the above quotes are taken from Sheila Upjohn's translation found in her book *'All Shall Be Well.'*)



## JULIAN AND MISSION: AN UPDATE FROM PIONEER CURATE, FR EDWIN

**For those who don't know me, my name is Fr Edwin Wilton-Morgan, and since my ordination as deacon in June of this year, I have been serving my curacy jointly at Norwich Cathedral and the Julian Campus.**

My rôle at St Julian's has the lofty title of 'pioneer' – which for some reason always conjures up images of pith helmets in my mind – a term that simply refers to a form of ministry with a specific focus on mission, service, and the expansion of the Christian presence within a community, in partnership with the parish church. It is to this work that I have been applying myself over the past five months, aided enormously by the support of Fr Richard, the Julian Partnership, and the worshipping communities of St Julian's and St John's.

Mission is at the heart of what it means to be a Christian, though it can often be easy to think that missional work is somehow a unique vocation, or an endeavour undertaken 'over there', with limited applicability to

the lived experience of the average churchgoer. I believe that mission is not only something integral to our identity as Christians, but also an important aspect of the Lady Julian's writings that is often overlooked.

Julian's understanding of union with God provides a helpful grounding for thinking about mission. Julian makes it clear that it is through the prayer and sacramental life of the Church that we come to know God's loving union with us, and so in turn we are united with his love for the world he sent his Son to save. Mission therefore, far from being centred around the anxious attainment of numerical growth in our congregations or the forceful imposition of particular beliefs, is fundamentally about embodying the love of God in everything we do. It is the business of all Christians, not a select few, and starts by seeking out our sisters and brothers in need and serving them after the example of Christ, with a love that expects nothing in return.

Here at St Julian's, this initially means





building up important relationships with local organisations – schools, charities, council teams, residents – and discerning with them the needs of this area and how we might be able to respond to them. With them, we have been able to explore how the Campus – the church, Julian Centre, All Hallows' House and church garden – might serve the area in which it sits spiritually, as well as practically. With work to conserve and update the Centre underway, it is hoped that this wonderful space will be better equipped in its twin vocations of informing visitors and pilgrims about the work and witness of the Lady Julian, and of serving people in

hospitality and outreach.

It has been a real privilege to consider the many ways in which we might serve this diverse community – from community gardens to breakfast clubs, job clubs to toddler groups – and in a way that retains and complements our important ministry of contemplation, peace and prayer. The work that we are undertaking here, and which the Friends have generously supported, will have a real impact on the lives of the community here at St Julian's, and it is both humbling and enormously exciting to be involved in God's own work of love for his people in this place.

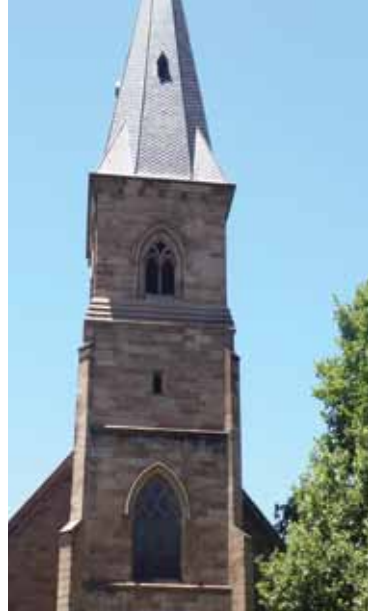
## THE DIFFERENCE THE FRIENDS MAKE...

The annual financial contribution from each Friend enables Julian's insights into God and his endless love to be made more widely available.

Lectures, retreats, books and tweets are but a few ways we engage with people. Being an active part of the Julian Partnership is an exciting step with many new opportunities ahead.

Is your subscription due at this time of year? Many Friends have thoughtfully set up a regular yearly payment, which helps us for the future.





## LETTER FROM CHRIS STYLES, CJN in Australia

**We Australian Julians have been meeting on the first Monday of each month at 7.30pm throughout 2021. Like others around the world, this has been on Zoom which has worked well.**

It has been a joy for us to have Sheila Upjohn joining our Zoom meetings from her home on Sydney's Northern Beaches and her many insights into Julian and Norwich have been very well received. We have also been joined on occasions by UK Companion Glenis Lucas for our sessions. Good that our time zone is convenient for UK friends who can join us mid morning UK time.

We were joyfully able to have a Eucharist on Julian's feast day in May at the Sydney city church of Christ Church St Laurence. We thank the Rector Fr Daniel Dries for celebrating the Eucharist for us and Fr Michael Deasey for providing the music. Unfortunately, the singing of Julian's hymns was restricted to two of us, due to Covid rules in place at the time. Sheila gave a talk about her encounters with Julian after the service.

Julian's Day was also celebrated at Christ Church Brunswick in suburban Melbourne. The Vicar, Bishop Lindsay Urwin, was the celebrant, previously Administrator of The Shrine of Our

Lady at Walsingham, England.

We are planning to have a weekend retreat at the Sisters of the Community of the Holy Name in Melbourne next September. Sheila will make presentations to us there via Zoom as she is unable to travel to Melbourne and others can join us virtually. We look forward to a weekend together with the Sisters.

As we move into 2022, we are planning to ask others from the UK with a Julian connection to join our sessions to give us a further perspective of Julian. It has been lovely to have Howard Green, Secretary of The Friends of Julian, twice in 2021 at our Zoom meetings and to hear of work progressing on the Julian Campus.

A good number of us here are now joining in prayer and meditation each Friday morning at 7.30am, wherever we are.

Our love and Prayers from Australia to all our Julian Companions and Friends worldwide.

***Chris Styles, CJN***

# A NEW BOOKLET

**Whilst the pandemic has involved much suffering, there have also been moments of blessing and we give thanks to God for these.**

Our librarian and archivist, Fr Luke Penkett, had an opportunity to write a booklet dedicated 'To all Companions and Friends of Julian of Norwich Worldwide.'

The blurb on the back cover of the booklet runs: *'Like Julian we, also, have come through a period of pandemic. In these meditations, prayers, and reflections, chosen by Luke Penkett from amongst the writings of those who preserved Julian's descriptions of God's love, we, too, discover a God who loves each one of us for who we are and find hope for ourselves and for future generations.'*

*'Following In Julian's Footsteps with Women – and a Man – who Read, Loved and Copied her Writings'* will be launched when the Julian Campus opens, but in the meantime Fr Luke's booklet will be for sale from our ebay shop (see below).



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## The Lost Recording of Revelations of Divine Love

**The master tape of this joyful and tender reading of Julian's *'Revelations of Divine Love'* made by Sister Wendy Beckett, has been lost to us for many years. It has just been re-released twenty-eight years on.**

It was Donna K Triggs, the publisher who worked with Sister Wendy on the recording, who has rediscovered it and ensured its release. You may remember Sister Wendy from the television programmes on art that brought her to fame.

The voice of the late Sister Wendy speaks the words of Julian with sincerity and understanding. Sister Wendy first read Julian while studying in Oxford and Julian became a leading influence in her life. This comes across to the listener as she reads Julian's writings of over six hundred years ago. Her voice is clear with the quality of sound making it seem as if the recording was made yesterday and that Sister Wendy is sitting with you in the same room.

If you would like to purchase the CD, it is available through the Friends of Julian costing £9.95 plus postage and packaging.

You can order direct by emailing us, writing to the Julian Centre or it can be found in our Julian eBay shop:

[www.ebay.co.uk/usr/friendsofjulianofnorwich](http://www.ebay.co.uk/usr/friendsofjulianofnorwich)



# THE 41st JULIAN FESTIVAL LECTURE

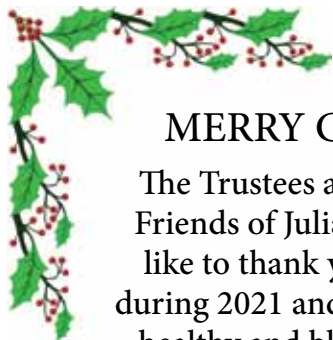
Saturday 7th May 2022

The Trustees of the Friends of Julian (now part of the Julian of Norwich partnership) are pleased to announce that the Annual Festival Lecture will be held in association with the Montgomery Trust.

We look forward to welcoming Dr Claire Foster-Gilbert, Director of the Westminster Abbey Institute, who will talk about how Julian's spirituality may guide our responses to the ecological crisis. Claire will present her lecture in St Julian's Church, following the Festival Mass. The event will also be live-streamed.



Further details and an application to attend will be available nearer the time on our website: [www.julianofnorwich.org](http://www.julianofnorwich.org).



## MERRY CHRISTMAS!

The Trustees and Volunteers of the Friends of Julian of Norwich would like to thank you for your support during 2021 and to wish you all a safe, healthy and blessed Christmas and New Year.



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