



The Friends
of Julian of Norwich
present:

'COMFORT & CURTESIE'

Holy Hospitality and
the Homeliness of Heaven



A QUIET, TWO-DAY, IN-PERSON RETREAT

Facilitated by Canon Gill Butterworth, CJN

Friday 7th & Saturday 8th October 2022

St John the Baptist Church, Timberhill, Norwich, NR1 3LA
& St Julian's Church, St Julian's Alley, Norwich, NR1 1QT

PROGRAMME

This is a quiet in-person retreat, with time for yourself to use as you want. Some of the material will be recorded for sharing online.

We suggest you have your copy of Julian's *Revelations of Divine Love* to hand and a Bible, although some texts will be printed out for you. Gill will mainly be using Barry Windeatt's translation of *Revelations*, published by Oxford World Classics. You may also wish to bring a book about Julian that you've been wanting to look at more deeply.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON	
13:00	St John's Timberhill. Tea, coffee and biscuits available.
14:00	Welcome, housekeeping, introductions and gather prayers.
14:15	1st input: Comfort & Curtesie
14:45	Managing the time at our disposal. Reflection with refreshments available.
16:15	Back together to share, and closing prayers.
17:00	St Julian's Church. Eucharist.
17:45	Julian Centre. Wine, soft drinks and nibbles.

'I am not good because of the Showings. I am only good if I love God better. If you love God better than I do because of it, it does you more good than me. I do not say this to those who are wise, for they know it well, but I say it to you who are simple, to cheer and comfort you - for we all need comfort.'

Revelations, Chapter 9

SATURDAY	
09:00	St John's Timberhill. Tea, coffee and biscuits available.
09:30	Welcome back, reminders. The Julian Office with silence.
10:00	2nd input: Holy Hospitality
10:30	Reflection with refreshments available.
11:30	Back together to share, finishing with prayer.
12:00	Eucharist.
12:45	Lunch break. Bring your own, or have something from the City (the John Lewis cafe is opposite)
14:00	Welcome back. Reminders.
14:10	Prayer.
14:15	3rd input: The Homeliness of Heaven.
14:45	Reflection with refreshments available.
15:45	Back together to share.
16:00	Thanks, blessing and refreshments to finish.

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At the end of the Long Text of her Revelations of Divine Love, Julian of Norwich writes that God told her that all her experience, her wondering and wrestling, consistently pointed to and culminated in one meaning – and she concludes that Love was his meaning.

Throughout her writing she works with many concepts and weaves them together as she mulls them over and returns to them again and again to emphasise how they illuminate that core and crowning assertion.

Comfort and Courtesy, Homeliness and Hospitality are themes which balance and counter-balance each other; that link together, having tension that both pulls and holds.

In this time of retreat together we shall look at some of the ways in which Julian experienced and considered these attributes of God, as she saw them. We shall reflect on what impact they may have on us and how they might enrich our own lives and faith as we seek to understand further the love of God and the God of Love.

So we may perhaps help Julian in continuing the ongoing work of her message as she says:

‘This book was begun with God’s gift and his grace, but it is not yet completed, as I see it.’ Revelations, chapter 86

Canon Gill Butterworth CJN

Gill has been reading, praying, working and living with Julian’s *Revelations of Divine Love* for many years and finds them, and Julian, a constant source of inspiration in her walk with and into God.

She became a Companion of Julian in 2009.

As a Distinctive Deacon, Gill has worked in parishes, as a Hospice Chaplain and in Lay Training. Now retired, she continues in an active ministry of Spiritual Direction.



‘Our courteous Lord willeth that we should be as homely with Him as heart may think or soul may desire. But let us beware that we take not so recklessly this homeliness, and as homely as He is, so courteous He is: for He is very courteous.’

Revelations, Chapter 77

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St. John's Timberhill and St. Julian's Church and Centre (see programme).

The retreat will be taking place in person with some material recorded for sharing online.



In order to gain the fullest experience we would encourage you to attend both the days but, if this is not possible for you, each day can be booked separately. *NB* Tea, coffee and light refreshments will be provided but lunch will not, so please consider bringing a packed lunch.

Book your place, find a map, and get more information:
[comfortandcurtesie.eventbrite.co.uk](https://www.comfortandcurtesie.eventbrite.co.uk)



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Postal booking for the in-person retreat only:

Howard Green, 24 Golden Dog Lane, Norwich, NR3 1BP.

Cheques payable to 'The Friends of Julian' (collect your ticket at the event)

- I enclose £20 for just the Friday
- I enclose £20 for just the Saturday
- I enclose £40 for the in-person two-day retreat

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