



Easter Retreat: 15 – 18 April

Crossways Centre, Yardley Hastings

Useful information

If you have any questions about the event that are not answered below please get in touch with Rosie or Lisa at the SCM office: scm@movement.org.uk or 0121 2003355

Arrivals and departures

The gathering will begin with lunch at **1.30pm** on Friday 15 April, but you are welcome to arrive from midday. We'll aim to finish around **2pm** after lunch on Monday 18 April.

Getting there!

Crossways Centre, Castle Ashby Road, Yardley Hastings, Northampton, NN7 1EL.

See map here: <http://www.crosswayscentre.org.uk/location>

The Stagecoach bus service P1 (Northampton-Bedford) leaves Northampton hourly and goes through Yardley Hastings. The closest stop to Northampton train station is D4 on Drapery and the best bus to aim for would be at 11.31 or 12.31. Allow 20 minutes to walk from the station to the bus stop if you are not familiar with Northampton. The bus journey takes 18 minutes.

If you are travelling from the East Midlands area, Bedford train station may be a better option. The Stagecoach bus service P1 (Bedford-Northampton) leaves Bedford bus station hourly so aim for 11.30 or 12.30. The journey takes 30 minutes to Yardley Hastings.

Once in Yardley Hastings, walk down the High Street, bear left onto Little Street and then right onto Castle Ashby Road. Crossways is on your left.

Accommodation

The accommodation is shared, with some en-suite rooms. We will be cooking all our own food, so everyone will be invited to help with cooking and washing up. You can hire bedding from the centre for £5 (let SCM know if you'd like to do this), or bring your own sheets / sleeping bag.

What we need to know from you

- Dietary requirements and any allergies
- Access requirements (e.g. ground floor bedroom)
- Arrival and departure times
- If you want to hire sheets/duvet cover from the centre (costs £5)
- Anything else you think we should know!

You can email us back or phone 0121 2003355.

Things to bring

- Sleeping bag or sheets (if you don't want to hire bedding from the centre)
- Towel
- Sensible shoes if you want to go walking
- Old clothes that you don't mind getting muddy if you want to do some volunteering in the Centre's garden
- Notebook and pen
- Instruments for the musical ones among you!
- A Bible would be helpful – also any resources that would be useful for planning the morning and evening prayers e.g. poetry, songs, music, prayer books etc
- Cash if you wish to buy anything from the village shop or pub
- Optional – art materials, games, resources for the prayer room

Get involved with the planning

The programme will be creatively planned and led by all who come! If there is something you would like to suggest, prepare or help with then please let us know. For example, you may like to prepare a workshop, a discussion, a creative activity, a practical activity or a Bible study.

We will do some planning before the event via the Easter gathering Wiki* <http://scmeastergathering2011.pbworks.com/> but there will also be freedom at the gathering to decide what we want to do with the few days that we are in community together.

* What's a Wiki, I hear you ask! It's a clever online tool that allows people to work collaboratively on a project. When you book for the gathering, we'll give you permission to view and edit the Wiki, so that you can get involved with the planning. If you have any problems accessing the link then let Rosie know links@movement.org.uk

Help, I've never been on a retreat / to an SCM event before!

SCM aims to be an inclusive community and provide an open and safe space for people to explore their faith. We promise you a warm welcome! This is the second year that we've run a retreat-style gathering, so it's quite new for us too. There'll be time for silence, for discussion, for eating delicious food, for being outdoors (if the sun shines), for sharing what interests you and learning from others. The programme will be informal and relaxed and you are welcome to take part in as much or as little as you like. SCM staff members and students from our General Council will be around during the retreat if you have questions about SCM and want to find out how to get more involved.

Why not join the Facebook event page and find out who else is coming and where they are coming from: <http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=111619818916638>

Useful contact details and links

SCM office: 0121 2003355 / scm@movement.org.uk

Rosie's mobile: 07855 012734 (during the event)

Crossways Centre: 01604 696307 www.crosswayscentre.org.uk

Transport direct: www.transportdirect.info for planning your travel