

The Woman at the Well: an invitation to journey to the well, to Christ the Living Water

Retreat for Presbyters, Deacons & Lay Employees in Yorkshire & the North East



At Jacob's well, Jesus broke strict rules of his time in order to reach a woman who was struggling with past relationships, exclusion and isolation. He listened to her in a non-judgemental way, saw her huge potential and she was transformed, finding her own confidence and her own voice.

We will explore this intriguing Gospel passage, which helps to illuminate inner soul journeys and offers an invitation to walk to the 'well', to Christ the One who restores us. The retreat will include a short theatre piece; presentation; discussion; Ignatian guided prayer; and a labyrinth prayer walk based on the beautiful journey to the well.



Donna Worthington is an experienced retreat giver trained in Ignatian spiritual direction, labyrinth walking and storytelling. She studied Theology at Cambridge, and completed an MPhil at Manchester University. She has written several plays, two of which explored the Lindisfarne Gospels, and Christian contemplative prayer. She has led retreats and workshops examining the Gospels through theatre, dream-prayer and dance-prayer.



When: 20-22 May 2026

Where: Wydale Hall, Wydale, Scarborough, YO13 9DG

Cost: £270. A subsidy of half is provided by your District. You may also wish to seek support from your Circuit or local church.

To book: online via EventBrite:

<https://260520RegionalRetreat.eventbrite.co.uk>

Booking closes: 1 May 2026

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