

# Holy Ground: Art, faith and the natural environment: 17-19<sup>th</sup> September 2021

*A weekend conference/retreat at Berwick Church, Sussex  
co-hosted by Art and Christianity and Berwick Church*

## PROGRAMME

### Friday 17 September

15:30 Arrival, registration and refreshments

15:45 Welcome and introductions

16:00 **Frances Spalding**, *An Unexpected Marriage: Bloomsbury and Berwick*

16:45 Q&A

Short break

17:30 Presentation by **David Hensel**, an artist recently commissioned to create an altar cross at Berwick Church

18:15 Drinks

18:45 Buffet supper in marquee next to church

20:30 Attendees leave for overnight accommodation

### Saturday 18 September

09:30 Coffee and registration for day-only attendees

10:00 Introductions

10:15 **Louise Hampson**, *Movement and Stillness: Destinations and Journeys in Pilgrimage*

10:45 Q&A

Short break

11:15 **Nick Mayhew-Smith**, *Celtic Pilgrimage: Creation, Creativity and the Natural World*

11:45 Q&A

12:00 Presentation by **Julian Bell** (grandson of Vanessa Bell), an artist recently commissioned to paint the reredos at Berwick Church

12:30 Lunch

13:30 **Steph Fuller**, Director/CEO of the Ditchling Museum of Art + Craft (talk title tbc)

14:00 Q&A

14:30 – 16:30 Visit to Firle Church, where we will view the much-praised 'Tree of Life' window by John Piper

17:00 Return to church: film screening of 'Call to Holy Ground' by FourthLand (2020, commissioned by A+C)

18:00 Attendees leave for supper elsewhere and overnight accommodation

### Sunday 19 September

08:30 Sunday morning worship at Berwick Church

09:00 Leave for Cuckmere Pilgrims Path walk with participatory creative activity of making 'walking bundles' led by **James Aldridge**

15:00 Walk returns to Berwick (or shorter options can be followed)

15:30 Tea

16:00 Depart