



The Friends of Julian of Norwich present:

A TWO-DAY RETREAT

Facilitated by Father Brendan Pelphrey



Friday evening, 13th October 2017

DAYS OF FIRE & GRACE

St Fursey and Julian in Conversation

Saturday 14th October 2017

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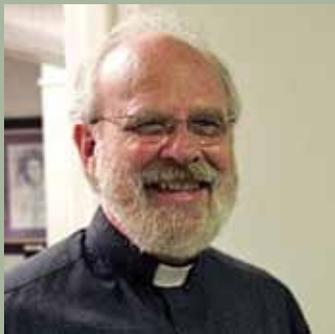
Julian's Vision of Space,
Time and the Apocalypse

St Luke's Church, 61 Aylsham Road, Norwich

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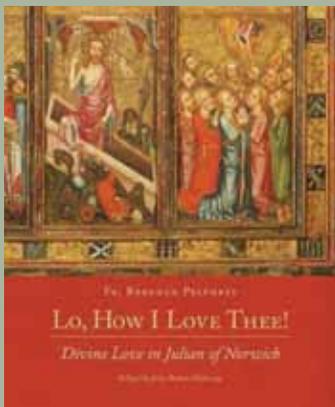
Considered by Thomas Merton to be one of the most significant theologians ever in the English tradition, and one of the most valuable mystics in the Christian tradition, JULIAN OF NORWICH'S (c.1342-c1416) book, *Revelations of Divine Love*, is loved and respected across the world as one of the most powerful and creative spiritual writings of all time.

FURSEY (died c.650) was the first Irish religious leader to work in England. He and his companions were welcomed by Sigebert - the new and Christian king of the Angles - who allowed them to base themselves at 'Cnobheresburgh' (which has been traditionally identified as the **Roman Fort at Burgh Castle, Norfolk**). Working alongside Bishop Felix from the continent, Fursey spent a decade pioneering the recognition of Christ in East Anglia.



FATHER BRENDAN PELPHREY is priest of **St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Church** in San Antonio, Texas. He received his initial theological education at the **University of Edinburgh** and later a PhD from there in Medieval Christian Mysticism. He was privileged to be mentored by **Brother Roland Walls**, a Catholic hermit who introduced the Pelphreys to Orthodox faith and spiritual life.

Following graduate studies in medicine at Vanderbilt University, he served during the Vietnam War as an Army medic and drug/alcohol counsellor. During his ordination training he was for a time a resident at **Kykkos Monastery** in Nicosia, Cyprus.



Founding editor of an international journal on Christian missiology and world religions, **Areopagus**, he has participated in dialogue with HH the Dalai Lama and many representatives of Asian Buddhism in China, Tibet, Nepal, and Mongolia. He has published widely in the areas of English Christian mysticism, Christian spirituality, and interfaith dialogue. His wife, Presvytera Sharon, has recently published two books in the area of Celtic/Irish studies. Father Brendan is author of **Lo, How I Love Thee!**, a theological analysis of the mysticism of Julian of Norwich.

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PROGRAMME

FRIDAY EVENING

Both St Fursey and Julian seem to have had the experience of near-death. Both saw the flames of eternal judgment, though there are significant differences. Father Brendan will raise the question about what Julian may have thought of her **local saint**. Julian seems to have emerged from the experience with a very different impression; or did she?

SATURDAY

Father Brendan will talk about how

Julian's 'cosmic' vision of incarnation and resurrection is important for us personally, and for those engaged in pastoral care – especially with her understanding of God's relation to space/time. Her insights impact our whole understanding of death, for example, and the immediate effect of the resurrection on us today. Father Brendan will also share about how Julian has influenced him over the last 40 years as a priest, and her commonalities with Eastern Christian thought.

FRIDAY EVENING	SATURDAY
18:15 Registration	09:00 Registration
18:30 Sweet and savoury nibbles; hot and cold drinks; red and white wine	09:30 Welcome and meditation
19:30 Introduction and gathering silence	10:00 1st Address
19:45 Address	11:00 Reading, reflection, silent prayer
20:45 Plenary questions and discussion	11:15 Coffee
21:10 Reflective Evening Prayer	11:45 2nd Address
21:30 Finish	13:00 Lunch
During the periods of reflection, reading and prayer, Father Brendan will invite us to reflect on passages from Julian's <i>Revelations</i> and the themes developed in the addresses. Plenary discussions will be times of group questioning and exploration of the themes raised.	14:00 3rd Address
	14:45 Reading, reflection, silent prayer
	15:10 Tea
	15:30 Concluding material, plenary questions and discussion
	16:30 Reflective Evening Prayer
	16:50 Finish

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In order to gain the fullest experience we would encourage you to attend both the evening and the day events but, if this is not possible for you, each day can be booked separately.

NB On the Saturday 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:
julianandfursey.eventbrite.co.uk



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Postal booking: Anna Green, 24 Golden Dog Lane, Norwich, NR3 1BP
Cheques payable to 'The Friends of Julian' (collect your ticket at the event)

- I enclose £40 and would like to book for the full event
- I enclose £30 and would like to book for just Saturday
- I enclose £15 and would like to book for just Friday

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