



The Friends of Julian of Norwich present:

**Julian of Norwich & Margery Kempe of Lynn**

# **SOLITUDE & PILGRIMAGE**

Two paths on the Christian journey



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## **A TWO-DAY RETREAT**

**Facilitated by The Rt Revd Stephen Platten,  
sometime Dean of Norwich**

Friday 12th & Saturday 13th October 2018  
St Julian's Church, St Julian's Alley, Norwich, NR1 1QT

*Great was the Holy conversation*

Norfolk was home to two world-class women in the 14th century. Margery Kempe, from Lynn, and Julian of Norwich could not have been more unlike each other. Margery was a mother of 14 children, an extreme extrovert, a frequent attendee in court for alleged misdemeanours, and an inveterate traveller with trips to the Levant and Europe, to say nothing of her travels around England – including to meet with Julian. In contrast, Julian as an anchoress, lived a life of prayer and contemplation within the confines of her cell, just next to where this retreat is being held.

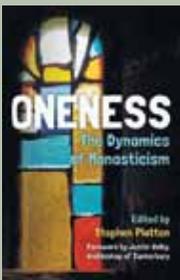
However, they can both lay claim to historic literary accomplishments which reveal their personalities with striking freshness and detail – Julian was the first woman to write a book in England, while Margery is considered to have written the first autobiography. They both longed to know God within. They both had a vivid interior life, and tell us how this engaged their physical sight and sense of smell. They were both concerned to avoid potentially serious consequences as women who strayed into the male territory of teaching about the God that they had each encountered.

Their lives and works both have a lot to teach us. Stephen will contrast solitude, pilgrimage and differing rhythms in the Christian life in our own times.



**Stephen Platten** is known to many of us as the Dean of Norwich from 1995 – 2003. After that he was the last diocesan Bishop of Wakefield, and now is Chaplain to St Martin-within-Ludgate in London.

Stephen has recently edited a book, *Oneness*, which considers the role monastic life plays within the life of the contemporary church, exploring how ‘the theology of mystery and the Great Tradition can still be the foundation of the Christian life’.



*Oneness* considers the role monastic life plays within the life of the contemporary church. Using a focus on the life, practice and history of the Shepherds Law community as a starting point, the book broadens the discussion to consider how such communities negotiate the boundary between the solitary life and life within their community.

With a foreword from Justin Welby and an afterword from Rowan Williams.

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# PROGRAMME

The Retreat will contain a mixture of presentations, plenary discussions for group questioning and exploration of the themes raised, readings from *The Book of Margery Kempe* and the *Revelations of Divine Love* by Julian of Norwich, one-to-one conversations over refreshments, led silence for reflection, simple liturgy, and times to read for yourself.

We suggest you consider bringing your copies of these to take time to make yourself more familiar with them in times of quiet. Stephen will be using Barry Windeat's translations of both books (available from the Julian Centre and our eBay Shop).

FRIDAY AFTERNOON	SATURDAY
<b>13:00</b> Julian Centre. Tea, coffee and biscuits available	<b>09:00</b> Julian Centre. Tea, coffee and biscuits available
<b>14:00</b> St Julian's Church. Welcomes and gathering silence	<b>09:30</b> St Julian's Church. Welcomes and gathering silence
<b>14:15</b> <b>1st Address.</b> Followed by discussion and a reading to usher in a 10-15 minute period of silence	<b>09:45</b> Reflection on yesterday and <b>3rd Address.</b> Followed by discussion and a reading to usher in a 10-15 minute period of silence
<b>15:45</b> Julian Centre. Coffee, tea and homemade refreshments	<b>11:15</b> Julian Centre. Coffee, tea and homemade refreshments
<b>16:30</b> St Julian's Church. <b>2nd Address</b> followed by discussion	<b>12:00</b> St Julian's Church, churchyard, Shrine and garden. A time to read and reflect quietly
<b>17:15</b> Evening Office with Julian	<b>13:00</b> The Julian Centre. Bring your own lunch, or have something from the Butterfly Cafe at the bottom of St Julian's Alley. Refreshments at the Centre
<b>17:45</b> Julian Centre. Wine, soft drinks and nibbles	
<p><i>“And He showed himself on earth...as if on pilgrimage: that is to say, He is here with us, leading us, and will be until he has brought us all up to His bliss in heaven.”</i></p> <p><i>Revelations, Chapter 81</i></p>	<b>14:15</b> <b>4th Address.</b> Followed by discussion and reading
	<b>15:45</b> Office with Julian with a 10-15 minute period of silence
	<b>16:00</b> <b>Finish.</b> Refreshments at the Julian Centre

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The retreat will be taking place at the Church of St. Julian, with refreshments and toilets and opportunities to buy books at the Julian Centre 50 yards up the hill.



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:

[julianandmargery.eventbrite.co.uk](http://julianandmargery.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 £20 and would like to book for just Saturday
- I enclose £25 and would like to book for just Friday

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