

## About Our Course Leaders...

### **Margaret Benefiel**

Margaret Benefiel is the Executive Director of the Shalom Institute and has written extensively on leadership, including 'The Soul of a Leader' and 'Soul at Work'.

### **Annette Bolton**

Annette Bolton has been teaching for the past 30 years, including City and Guilds in Hand Embroidery, Design and Stumpwork Embroidery. Constantly updating her knowledge of all hand embroidery techniques, in order to keep up with current trends together with new and fresh designs.

### **Josie Brown**

Josie is a lettering and heraldic artist with a special interest in book making and using ancient techniques in contemporary ways. She has taught calligraphy and related book arts for over 30 years and is passionate about helping people to achieve their creative potential in an enthusiastic but sensitive manner.

### **Margie Buchanan-Smith**

Margie Buchanan-Smith has played a variety of leadership roles within the humanitarian aid sector and now works as an independent consultant and facilitator.

### **Christine Clinch**

Is the Lead Manager at Ammerdown with special responsibility for Interfaith. She is a Christian pilgrim, passionate about creating opportunities for people to meet 'the other' and to reflect on their spiritual journey.

### **Lynn Douglas**

Lynn is a retired nurse who lives in Bristol and worships in a Baptist Church. She enjoys creative activities including making felt, weaving and knitting.

### **Helen English**

Helen is a life coach and facilitator with deep experience in helping people live well and thrive; in personal, family, work, team and spiritual settings. A co-founder of Enneagram Alive and a core faculty member with 'Enneagram Training' offering Narrative Tradition Enneagram professional qualifications in

the UK, she holds a Cambridge MA, an MSc in Consulting & Change, Chartered MCIPD, Certified Integral Coach and IEA Professional Membership. A long-term Taoist spiritual practice and Systemic Family Constellations work shape her approach.

## **Gwyneth Evans**

Gwyneth is a retired health professional. Since retiring she has developed an interest in gardening, singing, learning new crafts and meeting new people. She loves planning and leading Spring, Summer and Autumn breaks and spending time with the participants.

## **Sue Glanville**

Sue Glanville has broad and varied experience of teaching, church leadership, coaching and spiritual direction. She has been writing and organising courses and retreats since 2005, including many at Ammerdown, as well as Dartmoor, Bardsey, Lundy and Iona Islands, and trekking in the Himalayas. Sue loves wild spaces and exploring the many ways that we can encounter God in our lives.

## **Malcolm Guite**

Poet-Priest Malcolm Guite was Chaplain for 20 years at Girton College, Cambridge and currently teaches at the Faculty of Divinity at the University of Cambridge, lecturing widely in England and North America on Theology and Literature, publishing poetry, theology and literary criticism. Malcolm has a particular interest in the imagination as a truth-bearing faculty and continues to reflect deeply on how poetry can stimulate and re-awaken our prayer life.

## **Josh Harris**

Josh Harris, a local photographer and Zoology graduate, currently working for the Beaver Trust, will talk about his experiences of photographing wildlife in the UK. He will explain how understanding the behaviours of different species and getting to know the landscape can enable you to create unique images.

## **Julia Martin**

Julia is a Chinese Brush Painting Artist, working from her studio, "Brushstroke Poems". Having been solely dedicated to this art form for over 15 years, she has studied with both Chinese Masters and the most renowned CBP artists in the UK. She loves the symbolism of the subjects and strives to create more than a representation of an object, but 'capture its spirit'.

## **Ambrose Musiyiwa**

Ambrose is a Poet, Journalist, and Photographer. His poems have been featured in many anthologies and his journalism, short stories, and essays have been published in newspapers and magazines in the UK, Zimbabwe, USA, and South Korea. His poem 'The Man Who Ran Through The Tunnel' has been translated into over 12 languages. Ambrose has an enduring interest in the intersection between arts, activism, migration, and community action. He has organised numerous creative projects, including the Leicester Human Rights Arts and Film Festival and Civic Leicester, a community media channel highlighting conversations taking place in and around Leicester.

## **Alison Murdoch**

Alison has catalogued paintings for Sotheby's, established emergency night shelters for homeless people, turned a London courthouse into a vibrant Buddhist centre, set up a catering service for refugees, and run workshops in Asia, Australasia, Central and North America, and Europe. She is a regular contributor to BBC Radio including: 'Good Morning Sunday', the 'Moral Maze', 'Women's Hour', 'Prayer for the Day', 'Beyond Belief', and the 'Chris Evans Show'. Her writing has been translated into four languages. She once smuggled herself into Tibet in the back of a lorry.

## **Pauline Payne**

Pauline Payne is a freelance jewellery designer and has gained a number of prestigious awards for her jewellery work including: Royal Society of Arts Commendations and winning the National Platinum Award.

## **Helena Softley**

Helena is a singer, songwriter and live Performer who enjoys leading regular workshops at Ammerdown.

## **Rev Narinder Tegally**

Narinder is lead Chaplain at the Bath RUH Trust. Before ordination in the Anglican Church, she was a registered nurse working in palliative care and mental health for young people. She is also a qualified Psychodynamic Counsellor, Supervisor and Spiritual Director, particularly working with those who have experienced loss. She leads workshops and retreats as well as pilgrimages to the Holy Land.

## **Angela Townshend**

Angela is Emeritus of Guilford Cathedral. In addition, she has worked in ministry in Birmingham and Bath as well as with CMS in Hong Kong. She is a trustee of The Ammerdown Centre.

## **Dave Tomlinson**

Dave Tomlinson is a vicar and writer whose books include 'The Post-Evangelical', 'How to Be a Bad Christian', and 'Black Sheep and Prodigals'. He also regularly contributes to BBC Radio 2's Pause for Thought.

## **Eliza Wylie**

I have been using voice and drums with people of all ages since 2002. I had my first child in 2009 (I now have 4!) and since 2010 I have been running mum and baby/toddler singing groups in and around Wells, developing musicianship through singing using the Kodaly method; I have a Kodaly professional practice certificate. I started up a Thula Mama singing group in my home in 2014 which has given me a taste for working with adults and singing more songs in parts which I have always loved.