Daughters of Wisdom

A French Christmas Crib Tradition

Event raising money for Papua New Guinea Street Children

We create space for people. . . space to meet, space to reflect, space to talk, space simply to be. At the heart of this is hospitality rooted in the tradition and spirit of the Daughters of Wisdom. Our flame logo gives expression to these roots: the warmth of hospitality, the light of the Spirit, the spiral path to Wisdom.

Wisdom Centre

Wisdom Centre is a Ministry of the Daughters of Wisdom, an international Congregation of Religious Women. We offer the Centre at Wisdom House to people of all faiths and none as a sanctuary of peace and tranquillity in a hectic and stressful world.

Below is a scene from a Provencal village.



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Contemplations on the Santons of Provence



Saturday 14th December 2019

10am—4pm

Tea and Coffee available from 9.30am

Suggested Offering—£20 (£8 from every booking donated to street children)





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A French Christmas Crib Tradition supports the children of Papua New Guinea with £8 from every booking donated to street children).

In contrast to our familiar Nativity and Christmas tradition set in the Holy Land, here the scene is set in the normal life of a Provencal Village. The Holy Family are visited in humble adoration by all the local people—Tradesman, Craftsmen, peasants and labourers, each bringing gifts and concerns to the Christ Child. These ordinary people are like us, the Santons—Little Saints.

This is all part of a long and fascinating traditional interpretation unique to Provence.. The Little Santons remind us that God entered into our world not in glory, but in the way of weakness, vulnerability, and need. On a wintry night in an obscure place the Christ Child was a humble helpless God who arrived in the midst of ordinary people.

Possible Outline of Programme:

9.30-10.00 Arrivals and coffee.

10.00-11.15 A little about the Santons

11.15-11.45 Coffee

11.45-12.30 What might the Little Saints mean for us?

12.30-1.30 Lunch

1.30-3.30 Meditation on adoration, using the hymn: Brightest and Best of the Sons of the Morning

3.30-4.00 End the day together with tea and cakes and sharing the experiences of the day.

Patricia Kerridge is a regular visitor to Wisdom Centre and became interested in the Santons when she and her husband David lived in Provence. Whilst learning about the folk culture of Provence, Patricia became very interested in the history of the Santons, an age -old tradition annually celebrated throughout Advent to Christmas in Provence.

Wisdom Centre is set in beautiful gardens, including a Labyrinth, which you will be able to enjoy during your day. (Large umbrellas are available if the day is wet!)

The emphasis at the Centre is on welcome and hospitality. The building itself is spacious, warm and comfortable with an airy Conference/ Meeting Room, Quiet Room, Sitting Room and a Creative Room. Each room offers something to help you relax and make the most of your time with us.

Wisdom Centre is entirely non-profit making. Our suggested offering of £20 includes materials, refreshments and lunch.*

*Please advise us of any special dietary requirements which we will do our best to accommodate. Those with severe allergies please be advised that our food is prepared in an environment were nuts and other common allergens are present.

*Note we are unable to refund payments unless more than 7 days notice of cancellation is given.







A French Christmas Crib Tradition

Name .....

Address .....

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Telephone .....

E-mail .....

I would like to attend our charity "A French Christmas Crib Tradition" on Saturday 14th December 2019

Lunch is provided and is vegetarian, do you require: Gluten Free ☐ Dairy Free ☐

Other

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Please note our food is prepared in an environment which handles nuts and other common allergens.

Yes ☐ I am happy to be contacted by phone/ email about this and similar events at Wisdom Centre.

Have you been to Wisdom Centre before?

Yes ☐ No ☐

I enclose a cheque, payable to Wisdom Centre for £20. (includes £8 for charity) We are able to accept credit/ debit card and BACs .

Please return payment and form to :

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