Daughters of Wisdom

St Brigid: A Day of Celtic Spirituality and the origins of Candlemas

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.



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Saturday 8th Feb 2020

10am—4pm

Tea and Coffee available from 9.30am
Suggested Offering—£30 to include refreshments, lunch and afternoon tea.







Wisdom CENTRE

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This is a teaching and reflective day. What has St Brigid got to do with Candlemas? St Brigid's feast day is 1st February. It is often told that she began her life as a pagan goddess and ended up a Christian Saint. On her feast day it is said her statue was carried into the sea to be washed (purification) and then trawled around surrounded by candles.

The legends about Brigid gradually became associated with Saint Brigid who founded the first convent in Ireland – at Kildare.
In early Christian communities Pagan festivals often became Christianised. In the 6th century, 2nd February was declared the Feast of the Purification of Mary which thereby forged an apparent link between Mary and Brigid and the feast days. People burn candles in their homes and Churches and it became the custom that candles were brought to church on this day to be blessed.

Outline of Programme:

9.30-10.00 Arrivals and coffee

10.00-12.30 Discovering St Brigid

12.30-1.30 Lunch

1.30-3.30 Linking this fascinating Saint with the Candlemas tradition. Time for creativity/ personal space

3.30-4.00 End with tea and cakes

David Cole

David endeavours to present the Christian faith from different perspectives for spiritual seekers who may not feel comfortable in or with traditional or mainstream church. David offers retreats and workshops and in Celtic Christianity with the aim of helping people live in the awareness of the Divine.

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 £30 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.





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I would like to attend —Sat 8th February 2020

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

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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 £30

We are also able to accept credit/ debit card

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