



# Belmont Abbey

Retreats, Conferences & Workshops



## An Art- History Retreat

*Meeting God through  
the arts of man*

Led by **Dom Simon McGurk**

*Monday 11th to Thursday 14th  
June 2012*

Cost £25 plus meals/accommodation and  
£15 for 2 days' minibuss transport to explore  
the Norman churches of Herefordshire.

**F**rom the earliest times, men and women have expressed their fear, faith, hope and love of God through works of art. So also have their descendants come to know and love the same God through the talents he has given to his artists.

After the Norman conquest, Hereford became an important strategic city. Is it any wonder then that the county is dotted with magnificent Romanesque churches from that time, either whole or in part, with unrivalled carvings?

This retreat will look at how 12th century people read their bibles and folklore through stone. Besides talks and slide illustrations, there will be visits to the actual churches in the most exquisite parts of England's most beautiful county.

After an absence as superior of St Anselm's Abbey in Washington, Dom Simon returns to offer what has been one of our most popular past retreats.



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## General Information

- ❖ All retreats and conferences at Belmont take their rhythm from the Divine Office and Mass, the daily round of prayer of the monastic community which guests are welcome to attend.
- ❖ You are welcome to arrive any time Monday afternoon. The retreat begins with tea at 4pm followed by the opening Session.
- ❖ Departures are after 1.00pm lunch on Thursday.
- ❖ Talks are normally held in the Kemble Room, situated halfway between the Hedley Lodge entrance and the Abbey Church.
- ❖ Meals and accommodation are in Hedley Lodge Guesthouse which provides a comfortable and relaxed atmosphere for your stay.
- ❖ If the accommodation is available you are welcome to extend your stay. To book, the number for Hedley Lodge is 01432 374747.