



Belmont Abbey

Retreats, Conferences & Workshops

The Business of Heaven



Led by Dom Andrew Berry
Friday 23rd to Sunday 25th
March 2012

Cost £25 plus meals/accommodation.

"In the Trinity term of 1929 I gave in and admitted that God was God... perhaps the most dejected and reluctant convert in all England."

So C.S. Lewis describes his conversion to Christianity like a prodigal, "kicking, struggling, resentful, and darting his eyes in every direction for a chance to escape."

Yet Lewis became a great articulator of Christian faith in England. With honesty, intelligence and a razor-sharp wit he examined the central tenets of Christianity combined with a sure understanding of human nature.

He talks about pain and loss in *A Grief Observed*, he plays with the devils in the upside down world of *The Screwtape Letters*. He brings his imagination to bear in *The Great Divorce* of a world beyond our own. He speaks of miracles, love, faith, heaven and hell, goodness, desire and glory.

Dom Andrew reflects on life and faith by drawing on the imagination and common sense of this 'apostle to the skeptics.'

"If I find in myself a desire which no experience in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world.
Mere Christianity

"I think that all things, in their way, reflect heavenly truth, the imagination not least.
Surprised by Joy

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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 at any time Friday afternoon. Vespers (Evening Prayer) is at 5.55pm. Supper follows at 6.50pm and the first session at 8.20pm.
- ❖ Departures are after 1.00pm lunch on Sunday.
- ❖ 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. The number for Hedley Lodge is 01432 374747.