

St James Quiet Day – Saturday 22nd October 2016

On Saturday 22nd October twelve adventurous people, from St James, travelled all the way to Ascot for a Quiet Day in the tranquil setting of Ascot Priory.



We started the day with a short service and then shared a Bible study from John 19:1-27. We reflected on what it would have been like to have been there at the time of Jesus' trial and at his crucifixion. Part of this focused on what it must have been like to be Mary's sister and how she could have been angry but "Later I forgave Him He went to his death loving us. And because he loved and forgave I could too."

After the time of reflection people wandered off in their own directions, some to be enjoy the peace of the chapel and others the grounds. One of the observations in summing up the day was: "It was a day to stop and reflect in very peaceful surroundings"



A number of comments were made in relation to what I have been wisely advised is a Liquidambar Tree. One included a reflection on the tree "I liked the idea that just as the tree was already glorious in green but is becoming more glorious as it changes, so are we who are made in God's image already glorious but being made more so as He transforms us" refer to 2 Corinthians 3:18 and the hymn Love Divine.

After spending time in Quiet we all had lunch together and were able to share what we had been doing during the morning. The afternoon included some more time of peaceful wanderings and opportunity for artwork before finishing with a time of communion.

