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Dear Parish Priest/Parish Secretary/Web site Editor

### **DEVELOPING THE GIFT OF PROPHECY**

There's a lot of misunderstanding about Prophecy: the popular image is that it's all about dire predictions of the end of the world. But, as Pope Benedict XVI wrote: "It should be kept in mind that prophecy in the biblical sense does not mean to predict the future but to explain the will of God for the present, and therefore show the right path to take for the future." (*Apostolic Exhortation Verbum Domini 2010*)

On September 21<sup>st</sup> there is an opportunity to participate in a free retreat that will explore in more depth how we can ask the Holy Spirit to stir up in us the gift of Prophecy, for the encouragement and comforting of God's people. This meeting is hosted by "ADoRE" one of the longest-running charismatic days of renewal in the country.

The session includes Mass, Adoration, Praise and Worship, inspired Teaching and Prayer for all participants to develop Prophecy and other charisms of the Holy Spirit. It is part of the 2024 ADoRE programme encouraging us to respond to God's call to holiness; co-operating with the Holy Spirit as He inspires and empowers us to love and help our neighbour.

The retreat takes place at St. Dunstan's Church in Woking, Surrey from 10.00am to 3.00pm. The main talk is given by **Geoff Poulter**, former Director of the Catholic Bible School, who has a powerful ministry of Prophecy and Healing. There will also be prayer ministry for individuals in the afternoon. Please bring a picnic for lunch. There is no charge but donations will be welcome. Those unable to attend in person can view the Mass, Praise and Talk by livestream – no need to register.

We hope you can let your parishioners know about this opportunity for spiritual renewal and formation. Please could you include the following announcement in your parish publicity this month?

**ADoRE spiritual mini-retreat** 21<sup>st</sup> September "YOU SHALL PROPHECY" – developing the gift of prophecy. Including Mass, Adoration, Praise, Prayer for the gifts of the Holy Spirit and inspiring guest speaker **Geoff Poulter**. Live meeting 10.00-3.00 at St. Dunstan's Church, Woking GU22 7DT (Directions at [st-dunstans.org/about-us](http://st-dunstans.org/about-us) Or view livestream 10.00-1.00 at [bit.ly/ADORESEP2024](http://bit.ly/ADORESEP2024) (Registration not necessary.) More information at [www.altonrenewal.com](http://www.altonrenewal.com)

The colour poster for this month, plus other publicity materials, can be downloaded [HERE](#)

Thank you and may God bless you abundantly.

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