

# Welcome to the Alton Day of Renewal

Blessed since 1975

This monthly meeting of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal was formed after spiritual discernment by the original core group in 1975 and it has been blessed with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit ever since. We are now one of the longest continually running Charismatic Days of Renewal in the country.

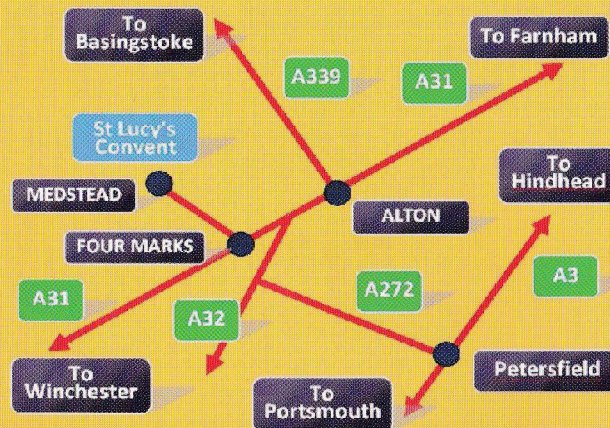
Part of our early covenant with the Lord was that, should we ever have three consecutive monthly meetings without the Lord sending us someone who was new to the Day, we would take it as a sign that we would have to rethink our mission fundamentally. Thanks be to God, we have never gone three months without someone new joining us.

## Our Mission

We are dedicated to the encouragement of a personal relationship with God, through His Son Jesus Christ, and the charismatic work of His Holy Spirit. We provide spiritual refreshment to God's people in and around the Southern counties through a monthly programme of:

- Prayer
- Eucharist
- Praise
- Inspired Teaching
- Healing Ministry

Whilst firmly rooted in the Catholic faith, we welcome and enjoy the fellowship of all Christian denominations. There is a strong ecumenical spirit about the day and we have a number of Christian speakers whose insights we value.



## LOCATION

St Lucy's RC Convent, Medstead, Near Alton, Hants GU34 5LL

## TIMETABLE FOR THE DAY

Time (approx)	Event
11.00am	Rosary
11.30am	Mass or Liturgy of the Word and Communion
12.15am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
1.00pm	Shared lunch
2.00pm	Prayer and Praise
2.30pm	Guest Speaker
3.30pm	Healing Ministry/Tea
4.00pm	End

You are welcome to come for morning or afternoon only, as well as all day.

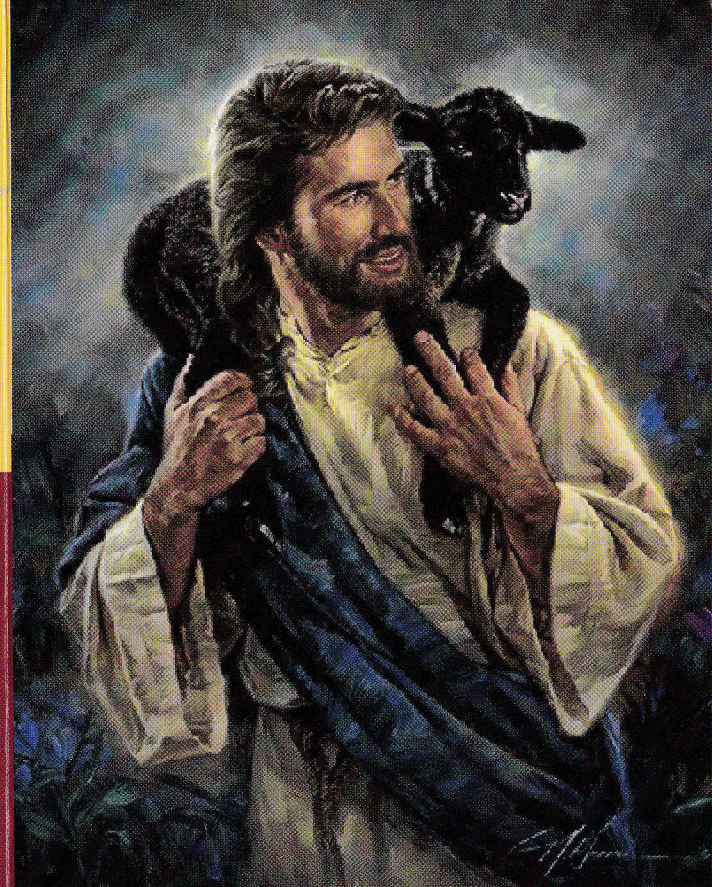
More information about directions and timings on our website:

[www.altonrenewal.com](http://www.altonrenewal.com)

or from Deacon John Foley

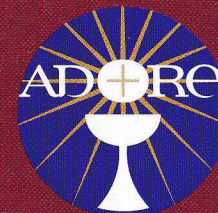
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# MERCIFUL LIKE THE FATHER

Our participation in God's mercy



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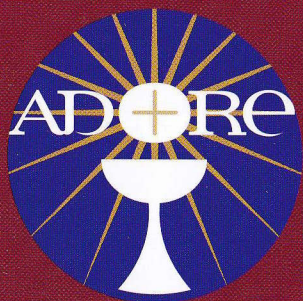
Programme for 2016  
Jubilee Year of Mercy



# Theme for the year: "Merciful like the Father"

*"At times we are called to gaze even more attentively on mercy, so that we may become a more effective sign of the Father's action in our lives. For this reason I have proclaimed an Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy as a special time for the Church, a time when the witness of believers might grow stronger and more effective."*  
- Pope Francis, 'Misericordiae Vultus'.

Alton Day of Renewal will be exploring many different aspects of Mercy, in particular focussing on practical ways we can receive and pass on God's mercy to others. We will examine how mercy expresses God's way of reaching out to us in our sinfulness, offering us new chances for forgiveness, conversion, healing and renewal of our faith; leading us to share God's mercy and the joy of the Gospel with the world.



**Come and  
enjoy a mini-  
retreat day of  
spiritual  
refreshment**

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*"You, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness."* - Psalm, 86:15

# 2016 Programme

DATE	THEME	SPEAKER
23rd January	Beginning at the end: our participation in God's mercy.	Derek Williams
27th February	Reconciliation: Forgive us our trespasses....	Charles Whitehead
19th March	Mercy and Justice: ...as we forgive.	Fr. Tony Meredith
23rd April	Father forgive them: intercessory prayer.	Peter Hobbs
21st May	Mother of Mercy: the promise.	Carol Ann Harnett
25th June	Who is my neighbour: are we good Samaritans?	Paul Gibbons
23rd July	Loved much: spiritual healing.	David Matthews
20th August	Take up your mat: physical healing.	Deacon John Edwards
24th September	The imitation of Christ: blessed are the merciful.	Kristina Cooper
22nd October	Closure: the healing of memories.	Fr. Mike Gwinnell
26th November	You feed them: sharing Christ's compassion.	David Beresford

For latest information on the programme, speakers and timing please go to our website:

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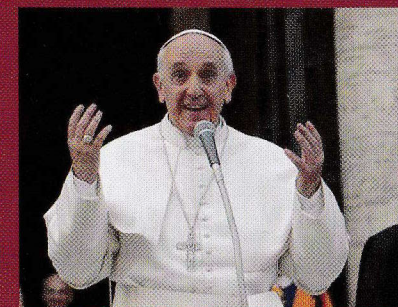
# What is Catholic Charismatic Renewal?

*"It's a personal experience of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, who brings alive in new ways the graces of our Baptism. The Holy Spirit not only sets on fire all that we have already received, but comes again in power to equip us with His gifts for service and mission."*

*"Charismatic Christianity is normal Christianity, because the Church herself is charismatic, and we were never supposed to live a Christian life without the full presence and power of the Holy Spirit."*

*"So, the aim of the Renewal is to bring the life of the Holy Spirit into every part of the Church by bringing Him into the life of every Christian man and woman."*

- Charles Whitehead KSG,  
Former President of International Catholic  
Charismatic Renewal Services.



*"You, Charismatic Renewal, have received a great gift from the Lord. You were born of the will of the Spirit as a current of grace in the Church and for the Church".*

- Pope Francis, June 2014