

ArtServe
Festival 2017



ArtServe Festival Weekend
Friday 20th to Sunday 22nd October 2017

Creative Journeys in Prayer

The Hayes
Swanwick
DE55 1AU



ArtServe Festival October 2017

Come and join us for a weekend of imagination, discovery, fellowship and prayer.

This year, we want our Festival to be a celebration of the talent that already exists within ArtServe. We pride ourselves on being a creative, mutually supportive community, longing to help each other release our creative gifts so that God may be more fully known and lives transformed. So we invite you to come and share your own creative gifts and experience those of fellow members as we explore together how we may use creativity to deepen our prayer lives and help others to do the same.



The Hayes, Swanwick – a great venue for our weekend.

We will be asking all who are attending to bring something with them that inspires them to pray – something they will be willing to show to others and talk about in the small groups on Friday evening.

Our weekend will be structured round the theme of a journey and has been planned with three aims in mind:

- To nourish the creative spirits of all our members, particularly those who find little support or encouragement in their home situation or ministry;
- To enable us to learn from and share with each other in community;

- To come away with something – an idea or an insight – that we can use once we are back in our own churches and daily lives.

Artist and Board Member Anita Collier will lead us in a creative activity that will give a structure to the weekend.

Anita is no stranger to leading sessions at festivals – she is a regular at Spring Harvest where she paints, leads workshops and inspires delegates of all ages. Her work has featured on the ArtServe Facebook page and the cover of the Spring 2016 issue of *ArtServe* magazine.

Our chaplains for the weekend will be the Reverend Nick Young – a longstanding ArtServe member who many of you will know – and our Prayer Coordinator, Pauline Munns. Nick will lead an (optional) prayer walk on Saturday (weather permitting this will be in the beautiful grounds at The Hayes), and will also lead our closing worship on Sunday. Jacqui Hicks and Jo Kay will facilitate a session on using the labyrinth as an aid to worship and there will also be opportunities to discover worship through dance, music, painting and creative writing. Facilitators include Jo Richards (who is a member not only of ArtServe, but also of The Christian Dance Network) and Kate Austin, ArtServe member, artist and author.

The outdoor labyrinth at The Hayes.



Praying with our bodies – worshipping through dance.



Practical details

The weekend's programme

Friday 20 October

Arrive at The Hayes from 4.00 pm onwards, to register and settle in your room. At 5.30, we meet in small groups to get to know each other and share our expectations for the weekend. Everyone will be invited to bring something from home with them – something that inspires them to pray – so that they can show it and share ideas with the other group members.

All groups meet together for dinner at 6.45. After this, Anita will reveal to us what the first stage of our journey will be. There will be time for making music and worshipping together before we disperse to our rooms or to the bar.

Saturday 21 October

We start the day with (optional) morning prayer, followed by breakfast. After this the day will be divided between sessions for everyone, during which Anita will continue guiding us through our journey of prayerful creativity, and smaller groups where you can choose which creative activities are most helpful for facilitating your own prayer life. The aim is for everyone to have the opportunity to engage in at least two activities of their choice, so we are asking you to pick four activities given from the list on the booking form and to rank them in order 1-4. This will give us an idea of how best to schedule activities in order to allow everyone the best possible experience and to see whether some sessions need to be run twice. The earlier we receive this information, the more likely you are to be able to participate fully in your preferred activities.

During the afternoon, we will break for ArtServe's AGM. After dinner there will be an opportunity to watch Su Hallcroft perform her



There are always opportunities for making music at the ArtServe Festival.

one-woman play 'Chosen' and a chance to ask her some questions before repairing to the bar.

Sunday 22 October

Once again, optional early morning prayer is followed by breakfast. We then divide into small groups to prepare for the closing worship. After a break for coffee, Sarah Middleton (a Trustee of the Methodist Art Collection) will talk about how we might make use of image in worship. There will also be time to finish our creative activities. The climax of the weekend, our closing worship and celebration, will take place after lunch and we will be ready to depart around 4.00 pm.



Creating a prayer labyrinth.

The Venue

*The Hayes Conference Centre
Swanwick
Derbyshire
DE55 1AU*

To book

The easiest way is to book online at www.artserve.org.uk You can also download a booking form or use (or copy) the one overleaf where you will also find details of costs. We would love more younger people to come, and discounts can be negotiated for groups. Call 01666 824029 or email festival@artserve.org.uk if you need any help.



Su Hallcroft performing 'Chosen'.

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Please complete a separate booking form for each person, photocopying this form as necessary or download it from www.artserve.org.uk. If you are paying by direct bank transfer you may prefer to use the online booking form – go to www.artserve.org.uk.

Title _____ Christian name _____ Surname _____
Address _____
Postcode _____
Phone _____ Email _____

Accommodation	Cost	Tick
En suite room – single	£200	
En suite room – shared* (<i>per person</i>)	£180	
Young person aged 5–19 years †	£90	
Day visitor – Saturday (including lunch and dinner)	£55	
Day visitor – Sunday (including lunch)	£45	
Day visitor – all days (including lunch and dinner)	£125	

A discount of £15 is available to personal members of ArtServe. Do you wish to claim this discount?

Yes / No

* For a shared room, who will you be sharing with?

If you would like to join the music group, please tell us which instruments you will be bringing

† Phone 01666 824029 for details of family and group discounts. Please note that ArtServe is not able to offer baby-sitting or childcare although children under 5 come free.

Please state any particular needs, including diet (use a separate sheet of paper if necessary)

Which town/area do you want on your badge?

We want to ensure everyone has the best possible experience at this Festival weekend. Please number in order of preference FOUR activities from the list (right) you would like to participate in, with a small group, on Saturday.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Creative writing; | <input type="checkbox"/> Prayer Walk; |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Making music with instruments; | <input type="checkbox"/> Singing; |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Paint and pray; | <input type="checkbox"/> Praying with the labyrinth; |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Worship through dance. |

By booking for this event you give permission for your personal details to be held electronically for purposes of ArtServe mailing and administration. If you give us an email address and you are not already on our mailing list we will send you our email newsletter (you can unsubscribe later).

We require a non-refundable deposit of £50 per person (£20 for day visitors and children aged 5–19). Bookings will be acknowledged on receipt. **The balance is payable by 30 September 2017.**

To book by post please send your completed form with a cheque made payable to ArtServe to:
ArtServe Festival Organiser, Coombe, Crab Mill Lane, Lea, Malmesbury, SN16 9NF

To pay by direct bank transfer please arrange payment to account no. 71872907 sort code 40-07-13 then go to www.artserve.org.uk and complete the online booking form. Alternatively, complete this form and email it to festival@artserve.org.uk confirming the amount and date of your payment.

Signed _____ Date _____

ArtServe use only Received _____ Booking ref _____