

Booking Form for: Margaret Silf weekend workshop
for Contemplative Fire **20-22 April 2012** (inc Friday evening)

To: The Conferences Co-ordinator
Whirlow Grange, Ecclesall Road South
Sheffield S11 9RE Tel: 0114 2363173

Please tick relevant cost per person below:

I enclose a payment of:
£180 for the residential weekend:
£130 for the non-residential weekend:
Cheques payable to 'Whirlow Grange Ltd' please

Please charge my credit card:
Card Number:
Name on Card:
Expiry date:
Security Code on Back Strip (last 3 digits)

Name:

Address:
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Postcode: Tel:

Email address:

If you are booking for more than one person, please list other names
on a separate piece of paper and include with your booking form.

Normally, bookings are accepted without acknowledgement. If you
would like an acknowledgement, please tick here

Please indicate any dietary requirements below:



Margaret Silf

Best-selling author, spiritual guide and teacher;
contemplative reflections led by Philip Roderick

The Other Side of Chaos a whole new way of being human

A Contemplative Fire Weekend Workshop at Whirlow Grange

Friday evening (incl supper) to Sunday afternoon
20-22 April 2012
Residential or non-residential

Cost: £180 residential; £130 non-residential;
£12 Friday evening session only

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Friday Evening, 20 April 2012

The full weekend will begin with supper. The Friday evening is also a stand-alone session and is open to those who book simply for the Friday evening workshop, not including supper (see separate leaflet for booking details).

‘Breakdown! Breakthrough? Finding God in times of crisis and transition’

We are living through times of extreme turbulence, in our religious practices, our financial, social and political systems, and in the planet itself. And we all experience personal turbulence from time to time. We might well ask: ‘Where is God in all of this?’

Yet both science and scripture remind us that chaos is the raw material of creation. Precisely when things appear to be breaking down, frequently something new and life-giving is gestating. Precisely when the egg appears to be shattered, the new chick is hatching. Can we trust that our own experiences of breakdown can become gateways to a new *breakthrough*?

Margaret Silf is a prolific, well-travelled author and spiritual teacher. Her books include *Landmarks*, *Companions of Christ* and *Roots and Wings*, *The Other Side of Chaos*. **This weekend is based on Margaret’s new book ‘The Other Side of Chaos’.**

The Weekend continues on...

The Other Side of Chaos

We live at a point of great flux and transition, in which many of our old ‘certainties’ are breaking down. Where is God in this experience, how can we best navigate the changes we are facing? Can we trust that breakdown will become breakthrough, not just for ourselves but for the whole human family?

Our Christian faith rests upon a moment of apparently total ‘breakdown’ on the cross, yet that breakdown becomes a breakthrough into a possibility we could never have imagined – a whole new way of being human. Can this faith apply also to our present global breakdowns, and in what ways might we be able to nourish a new ‘spirituality of transition’?

During the weekend we will also make a reflective journey through the Exodus story, and discover where we find ourselves, and how we might be present to others in the dislocations of the 21st century, guided by the Biblical narrative of Passover.

Details about the weekend:

Residents please arrive on Friday 20 April from 4pm. For all weekend participants (res and non res), supper will be at 6pm. Workshop concludes mid-afternoon on Sunday. Friday evening session at 7.30pm.