

Saturday January 15th 2011

10am until 4pm

You are invited to a retreat-workshop day entitled

Christ and the Earth

**Contemplation and action on the way to a new kind of life
by Eco-congregation in partnership with EarthAbbey and
Contemplative Fire**

at Whirlow Grange Conference Centre
Ecclesall Road South
Sheffield
S11 9PZ



**To include
prayer and
contemplation,
stories of innovative projects and a unique
presentation about land and dispossession
entitled 'The Meek shall inherit the Earth'.**

The day will be led by Rev Dr Chris Sunderland, founder of EarthAbbey, in conjunction with Contemplative Fire and Ecocongregation.

Cost £20 including lunch.

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The day to include:

10.00 am Arrive, welcome, drink.

10.30 am Introduction to the worldwide environmental challenge as a spiritual issue.

11.00 am With Christ the contemplative: The parable of the soils.

11.30 am Working it out: EarthAbbey stories and stories from your neighbourhood including:

- The Walled Garden project – a community growing initiative in one of the most deprived areas of the South West.
- Guerilla Gardening – how some 'unofficial' gardening won the admiration of a neighbourhood.
- Forming a community-supported agriculture initiative.
- Local stories.

1.00 pm Lunch

1.45 pm The Great Blessing – drum, song and a breath of fresh air, engaging us with the integral biblical perspective of the garden of God. Led by Philip Roderick.

2.15 pm Building community with Grow Zones: hear about this national EarthAbbey initiative based on working together on each other's gardens to grow edible produce using Permaculture principles. An opportunity to build friendships across a neighbourhood and make deep spiritual connections.

3.00 pm Tea.

3.20 pm 'The Meek shall inherit the earth' – preview of a story/Bible telling presentation based on Naboth's vineyard and the perennial story of land and dispossession that echoes down through human history.

4.00 pm Close.

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