

## A CONTEMPLATIVE COMMUNITY GATHERS

*Creativity flows freely from contemplation, and artistic expression is woven into every aspect of the work within the Contemplative Spirituality network. A small community of contemplative artists meets regularly to discern, learn and find support for this way of life where art is integral to spiritual transformation. We see this gathering community, and this artistic expression, as one response to a quiet and wide movement of recovering traditional wisdom schooling in our contemporary world.*

*As a community we are immersed in, and express our experience within the Christian tradition, and also live in spiritual friendship with artists within other religious traditions whose art witnesses to their own path.*

*In these sacred gatherings of artists a particular place and value is given to friendship, silence, listening, and service.*

*In relationships of spiritual friendship confidence in artistic vocation grows and spiritual imagination awakens. Silent meditation is an essential part of the ground from which our creative work rises.*

*Creative and experiential ways of listening together with dreams, with wisdom writings and the work of great visionary artists are all core practices of spiritual formation.*

*Ultimately the purpose of all our artistic work is to offer it as gift in service to others.*

### 'Windows into the Heart'

*is a sacred time, a week set aside to warmly invite people to enjoy the process of creativity that flows from contemplation. It is not an exhibition in the usual sense of the word.*

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*is sacred space, a threshold place just off a busy High Street that takes those who enter it into quieter inner place.*

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### 'Windows into the Heart'

*is part a spiritual movement, a wider movement that re-discovers the wisdom of the Christian contemplative writings and practice for this century.*

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### 'Windows into the Heart'

*is a spiritual community that wants to celebrate their life and work with those who drop in or attend the open community days and workshop.*

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# WINDOWS INTO THE HEART



*A sacred space of threshold  
and creativity in the Tea  
Factory, 104 Endwell Road,  
London, SE4 2LX from  
12 – 6pm  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May to Saturday  
18<sup>th</sup> May, 2013*

*This artistic exhibition has been inspired by the spiritual writings of the sixteenth century Christian Spanish Mystics, Francisco de Osuna, St Teresa of Avila and St John of the Cross, as well as the creative work of great visionary artists, both Western and Eastern. Several mediums of artistic expression are displayed in various sections, or petals, of a rose window design, which include -*

- **VISUAL ART – the art of sacred space and symbolic centring**
- **GLASS ICONS – the art of illumination and seeing Light.**
- **POETRY – the art of sacred speech.**
- **PAINTING – the art of imagination and creative vision.**

As well as

- **A PLACE FOR SILENCE**
- **ARCHITECTURE SPACE**
- **INTERFAITH SPACE**



### What's On

#### Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May

6pm – 8pm

Contemplative Artists Community Celebration and Viewing

#### Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May

12pm – 5pm

Contemplative Artists Community Open Day on the theme: *Creativity and Wisdom.*

#### Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May

11am – 4pm

Exploring The Song of Songs – God's Passionate Love

*Rev. Graeme Watson*

#### Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May

12pm – 5pm

Contemplative Artists Community Open Day on the theme: *Creativity and Silence*

#### Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May

11am – 4pm

Contemplative Artists Community Open Day on the theme: *Creativity and Prayer*

