



## THE ORTHODOX FELLOWSHIP OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

*Registered Charity No. 1063713*

The Fellowship was founded in 1979. It works with the blessing of the Pan-Orthodox Episcopal Assembly for the British Isles and Ireland. It enables English-speaking members of the many Orthodox Church Traditions in Britain and Ireland to come together and through prayer, discussion and mutual friendship, deepen their commitment to, and understanding of, the one Orthodox Christian faith. Membership is open to all Orthodox Christians.

- There is a residential weekend conference each summer. Recent subjects have been *Orthodoxy In The West - Today And Tomorrow* (2004), *Wholeness and Healing* (2005) *Women and Men in the Church* (2006), *Revealing Christ to the World* (2007), *Living the Liturgy* (2008), *Creation and Evolution: an Orthodox Approach* (2009), *Mothers and Fathers in God: Spiritual Guidance in the Orthodox Church* (2010), and *Orthodox Witness Today* (2011). Every three years the annual conference becomes a major International Conference, the last one being in 2010.
- The Youth Committee organises several events specially for those in the 18 – 35 age range including an annual Youth Festival.
- The Family Committee organizes an annual Family Camp.
- There is a Study Weekend early in the year, often devoted either to the Bible or to one of the Church Fathers. Recent topics have been: *Saint Irenaeus of Lyons* (2005), *The Jesus Prayer* (2006), *Living the Tradition - Marriage and Sexuality* (2007), *Saint Augustine of Hippo* (2008), *How to Study the Bible* (2009), *Saint John of Kronstadt* (2010), *The Song of Songs* (2011), and *The Macarian Homilies* (2012).
- Pilgrimages organized have included those to Walsingham, Patmos, Russia, and Romania.
- Additional meetings are arranged according to demand. Past events have included a series of day conferences on *Women: an Orthodox Perspective* and a *Liturgical Weekend* where members gained experience of how to read and sing at church services.
- We publish an annual *Calendar and Lectionary* which gives Scripture readings and an extensive list of saints for each day. Different traditions are represented, including Greek, Russian, Serbian, Romanian and that of Western Europe, especially Britain and Ireland.
- A *Directory* is published annually, giving details of all Orthodox places of worship in Britain and Ireland.

Our events are open to non-members, but we hope that as many as possible of those Orthodox Christians attending will want to support our work on a more permanent basis by taking out membership. Members receive *Forerunner*, the Fellowship journal, twice a year.

Although our work is limited to the British Isles and Ireland, Orthodox Christians from elsewhere are welcome to become members.

Further information, including details of forthcoming events, and downloadable membership application forms, are available on the Fellowship web site at [www.ofsjb.org](http://www.ofsjb.org) .