

# CHURCH LIBRARY

We have been given a selection of books to add to our Church Library. I have been reviewing the ones below and also re-positioning and tidying up those books which we already have.

For the past year, very few people have borrowed books and it would be good to see that more people are interested in this added facility to our Church premises. Please let me know if you have any comments, positive or negative, which can be of help in making the Library work for us.

*Eileen Robinson*

## **Corrymeela – the search for peace – Alf McCreary**

The troubles in Northern Ireland have been well documented. The story of Corrymeela, which is only 55 miles from Belfast, and the peace process, makes a powerful read. The last page is not the end of the story. It goes on and quite rightly too.

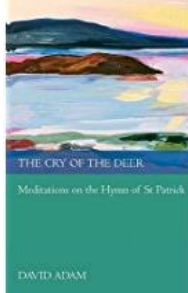
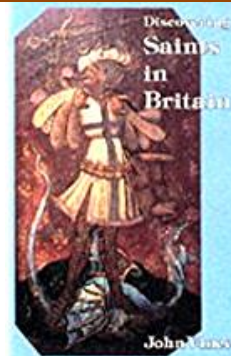


## **'Praise Be' Book of Prayers – Thora Hird**

This collection of prayers is a real jewel. We all know some famous prayers which we've heard and probably used over the years, so to find them in a book under headings such as Pilgrim Prayers; Prayers for the Day Ahead, and Praying for Peace, is very helpful. Most can be used as personal or corporate prayer.

## **Discovering Saints in Britain – John Vince**

What a fascinating little book. You name a Saint and you find it with some information about him or her. I guarantee you'll learn something you didn't know before.

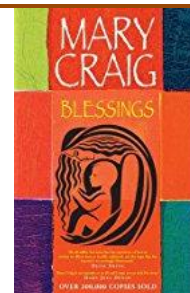


## **The Cry of the Deer – David Adam**

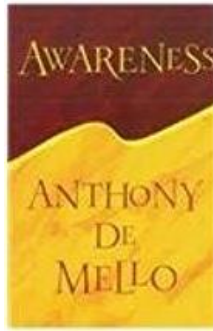
Over the years I have used prayers written by David Adams and found them very helpful. This little book of Meditations on St Patrick's hymns is a welcome addition to our Church Library. It was written while the author was the Vicar of Holy Island.

## **Blessings – Mary Craig**

I read this book many years ago but it was good to be reminded of it. To remember the courage of Mary Craig when she'd has two children out of four with special needs – one with Gargoylism and the other with Downs Syndrome. A very moving true story.



### Awareness – Anthony De Mello



Known as one of the greatest spiritual guides of the twentieth century, Anthony de Mello tells many stories, down to earth stories, in this little book.

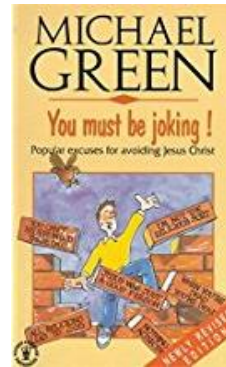
De Mello was widely known in English and Spanish speaking countries for his retreats, workshops and seminars on prayer. He talked to all faiths and met the people at their level.

A fascinating, easy to read book and you'll find a story that will move you.

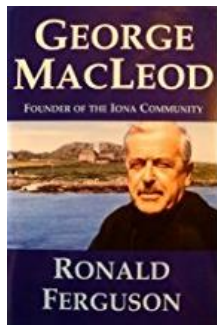
### You Must be Joking! – Michael Green

The sub-title for this book is "Popular excuses for avoiding Jesus Christ". With chapters headed, "I'm not the religious sort", "Nothing can alter the past" and "Jesus was just a good man", makes you think and, I hope, read on.

Those of you who have a memory for names, may recognize the name Michael Green as a Canon in the Church of England – one-time Rector of St Aldgate's, Oxford.



### George MacLeod by Ronal Ferguson



I would find it difficult to believe that anyone has never heard of Iona and the Iona Community. Many people have been there and experienced it for themselves. This book by Ronald Ferguson tells of the founder of the Iona Community – George MacLeod.

The ecclesiastical dynasty in which he was born is quite amazing on its own. Even before you get to the background of the founding of the Iona Community in 1938 there is much to be learnt. In many ways, it is not just a biography of a man but also of the founding of the Community. Certainly, a journey in faith. I recommend it to you.

### Heaven in Ordinary – Angela Ashwin

When we talk about contemplative life in prayer we think of retreating from the world and so on. However, this little book helps one to understand with questions like, "Can I live a life of prayer?" and "What can I offer?" An interesting read and certainly makes one think

