

Sunday 11 June

4.00 - 5.15 pm, St Mary's Church, Binsted

Free event

BINSTED LAUDATE: A CELEBRATION OF NATURE AND THE ARTS

'Binsted Laudate' is a spiritual event designed to be enjoyed by churchgoers and non-churchgoers alike. We will celebrate the natural world in all its dappled glory, with readings from poets such as Hopkins, Rossetti and W.S. Merwin, and writers including Esther Meynell, Walter Wilkinson and Dietrich Bonhoeffer, as well as passages from the Psalms, Ecclesiastes and the Book of Job.

Well-known hymns allow all to join in. A small group of local viola da gamba players and singers will contribute two motets with words from the Song of Songs, one of the Bible's most passionate texts.

'Laudate' will be led by Bishop Michael Langrish, who has retired to Walberton. He is also a poet and was commended in the Binsted Arts poetry competition of 2016.



Binsted Church; the church's mediaeval wall-painting as it looked in 1888

'Glory be to God for dappled things' - from 'Pied Beauty' by Gerard Manley Hopkins