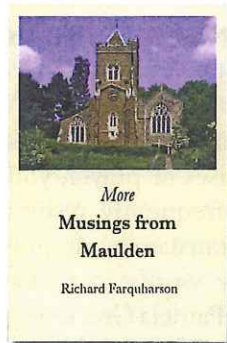


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The Author once more takes us on a journey with his weekly musings.

This second book continues to look at situations that Richard finds himself involved in while roaming round his home village, and further afield, inspired by the sublime and ordinary, including looking at the English landscapes, nature, weather, Churches and Religious Communities, with thoughts turning to God and His creation along the way.

In this book, he covers more of religious life and the hidden powerhouses of prayer, with the possibility of experiencing quiet days on a retreat to become closer to God, while continuing to look at the world around him as he continues his travels.

Richard has included photographs in this book which greatly enhances the writing, drawing you in to the narrative and observations. The passages of scripture also help the words to come alive.

The Author has looked in more depth in to the world of Monasteries, Convents, and Religious Communities, allowing us to journey alongside him as he explores some largely hidden places.

Richard has had several visits to the Community of the Resurrection during his travels in the past year, to study, contemplate, becoming involved in the Auction held to raise much needed funds towards the restoration of the grade 2 listed monastic church.

While travelling to Mirfield Richard ponders on the number of churches that caught his eye on the 3-hour trip. The book points out the importance to us of understanding that we need time to stop and find God and to be assured of his presence.

The descriptions and activities described as Richard travelled around, especially in regard to the different communities and churches I found especially interesting, and am encouraged to look further into these and perhaps try a few explorations myself.

Richard's enthusiasm is infectious, and his entertaining and informative observations, together with understanding the power of God's presence everywhere, makes for a very interesting read.

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