

Musings From Maulden. A year of reflective observations.

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Musings From Maulden is a series of short personal travelogues set against the background of village life and travels further afield.

The Author draws parallels between Village, Church, and Monastic life that change with the seasons showing how we can find God anywhere, and everywhere.

It was a fascinating read, which enables you to dip in when you have a few minutes to spare.

Thoughtful and contemplative, giving insight into how worship can differ in all faiths, but in the end it all comes back to God and the interpretation of the Scriptures.

In our busy lives Richard shows we can find peace and fellowship in unexpected places where we can witness to Christ. On Richard's travels he speaks of the peace and tranquility to be found as he visits monasteries and convents where he is able to reflect and find comfort to the soul. I found the reference to the Community of the Resurrection in Mirfield particularly poignant.

My own experience of the monastery is of peace and tranquility in a wonderful setting, with extensive gardens and orchards where I can relax and reflect.

The newly-reordered Church at Mirfield is beautiful in its simplicity allowing you to slow down, contemplate and renew in silence.

The Mirfield Fathers welcome visitors from around the UK and abroad for spiritual direction and renewal, whilst also undertaking missionary work here and abroad.

The Community and College continue to reach out and spread God's word, and all are welcome to share in the worship and silence in this special place.

Richard's book reflects changes taking place in daily life as he journeys through the year. The order and neatness to be found from his garden with its variety of plants and wildlife, visiting local allotments in and around Maulden, meeting local villagers and strangers who enjoy the countryside.

Thank you, Richard, for sharing your reflections and observations through the seasons.

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