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On the afternoon of Tuesday, the 10 July 12 Worship Leaders from Lancashire and Yorkshire arrived at Purley Chase to attend a Funeral and Bereavement Workshop organised by Jan Millar who chaired the meetings. The sessions were led by Rev Ian Russell and Marion Curry.

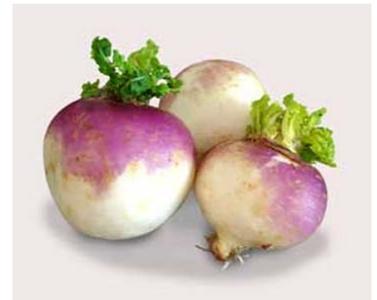
The Programme had been well thought out so that there was plenty of time for ourselves, including two hours free time on the middle afternoon when some of us took the opportunity to visit the local garden centre and spend our money! As a group we all got on well together and learnt a lot from other member's questions or comments. Although the Programme had provided for a concluding sessional discussion at the end of each session in fact neither Ian nor Marion minded if we asked questions or raised queries as the sessions went along. Ian dealt (from his own experience) with Rituals and Ceremonies, 'Teachings' relevant to bereavement and the logistics on the day and leading up to it. Marion introduced dealing with the bereaved, listening skills and some role playing of a bereaved person and the question of when, or if, to revisit after the funeral, drawing on her skills as a Cruse Counsellor.

We were supplied with a wealth of handouts, including many suggested forms of service and CAM's A4 Booklet on Resurrection Services and Bereavement Ministry and also an A5 Binder of Resurrection Appendices containing samples of Resurrection Services at Church and Services at the Crematorium. We now have ample material to look through to assist us in preparation when the need arises for us to be called upon for our services.

I recommend any Worship Leader, who is given the chance to attend a similar Workshop, to take it.

Our personal comforts during our stay were very well looked after by Anne Gaffney

**Doreen Metcalfe**

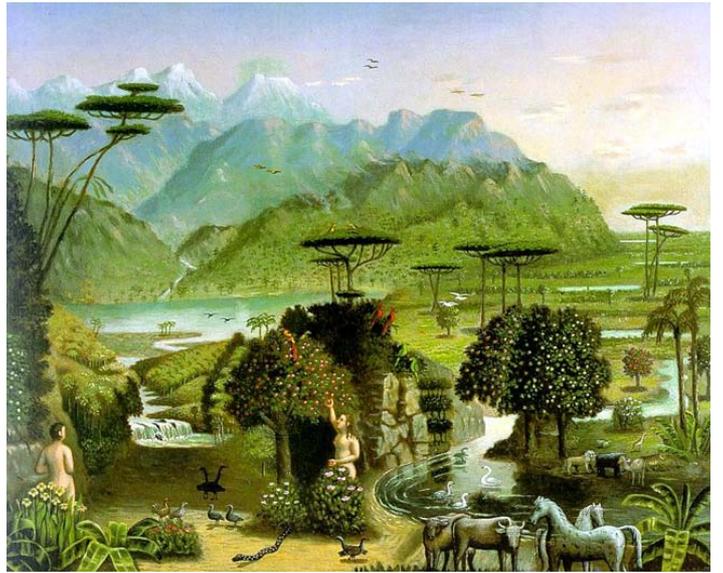
















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