



Wisdom in Shakespeare Evening

Exploring the Wisdom in 'Midsummer Night's Dream'

6 July 2017, 19:30-22:00

led by Peter Dawkins & Saira Salmon

The Brooke Suite, The Arden Hotel, 44 Waterside, Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 6BA, England.

Love, the main theme underlying the Shakespeare plays (including lack of love and mistaken love), is certainly displayed in this many-layered play, but working with the theme of the blindfolded Cupid – a lover's blindness to truth and the resulting chaos that is resolved harmoniously in the end, when eyes are opened. But if love is truth, why do lovers not see the truth? Why do they make mistakes? And what is it that opens their eyes, our eyes?



The great wisdom traditions all agree that God is love, as powerfully reiterated and explained by Jesus Christ and the Apostle John, and that this love is wisdom or truth. But this love is love in action – “the work that God works from beginning to end” – and is difficult for us to imitate.

These 'Wisdom in Shakespeare' evenings give us the opportunity to explore the various wisdom teachings and traditions utilised by the author Shakespeare in the Shakespeare plays, to see why and how Shakespeare used them and what they can teach us today.

For each evening, Peter Dawkins and Saira Salmon will each provide a short talk or presentation on a particular wisdom tradition which can be found in the play that is being focused on that evening, with examples drawn from the play to illustrate how it is used. We can then look at and discuss not only Shakespeare's use of that wisdom but also what it means or might mean, what it says to each of us, what advice it might give, how and where we might see this played out in our own life experiences and that of others, and how we might use this wisdom and what we've learnt from Shakespeare to improve life generally for ourselves, others and the world.

Dates of 'Wisdom in Shakespeare' Evenings:

1. 26 Jan 2017: *The Tempest*
2. 9 March 2017: *Loves Labours Lost*
3. 6 July 2017: *Midsummer Night's Dream*
4. 28 September 2017: *Measure for Measure*
5. 7 December 2017: *Hamlet*

Cost

£25 (incl. VAT) per person per evening. Limited places – booking essential. (Bursaries available.)

Further Information & Booking

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Presenters



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