

Watts Weekend

November 23rd and 24th at Avenue St. Andrew's URC, The Avenue, Southampton, SO17 1XQ



Watts exhibition: throughout the weekend, in the church. Watts memorabilia and literature, books and images...

Watts' Study Day:

Saturday, November 23rd: at Avenue St. Andrew's URC: Church opens 10.30a.m.

)11a.m. to noon: **Talk** by Allyson Hayes and Wendy Stokes: 'Richard Cockle Lucas and the Statue of Isaac Watts'. (The eccentric sculptor who made the statue of Watts in the centre of Southampton + how West Park became Watts Park.)

Lunch break: Drinks and biscuits available throughout the day, but bring your own sandwiches, etc., for lunch.

)1.00p.m. to 2.30p.m. **Watts-themed writing workshop** led by Dr Joan McGavin. No previous experience needed and all ages welcome – so come along and try some fun writing tasks!

)2.30p.m. **Talk** by Dr Cheryl Butler: 'Gunpowder, Treason & Plot: Religious strife from the Reformation to the Act of Toleration'. (The context around Watts' life and work.)

4.00p.m. Sarah Siddons Fan Club present a **drama** - a mini 'Life & Times of Isaac Watts'

Sunday, November 24th: Watts' church service, at Avenue St. Andrew's URC:

10.30a.m. A Watts-themed service led by Chris Noyce (of Isaac Watts Memorial URC) and Alan Jenkins (of Avenue St. Andrew's URC):

There will be poems, congregational singing of Watts' hymns, plus choral singing from the Avenue Singers (Watts' version of Psalm 23) and – led by Matthew Kelley – members of the Brockenhurst Choir will premiere the prize-winning entry to the Watts' choral composition competition: Matthew Kelley's choral setting of Watts' 'Christ Inviting, and the Church Answering...' The prize will be presented.

The **exhibition** will continue to be available over the Sunday afternoon, closing at 5p.m.

ALL EVENTS ARE FREE, BUT FOR THE STUDY DAY, PLEASE SEND YOUR NAME + A NOTE OF WHICH TALK OR WORKSHOP YOU'RE SIGNING UP FOR TO

Office@asaurc.org.uk (If you forget to sign up, please just turn up on the day.)