

Our latest poetry day will offer a retreat to explore the poetry of Denise Levertov, born in England but later moved to the USA where she died in 1997. She became a source of inspiration to several generations of poets and produced over twenty five books of poetry.

# ‘Grasping God’s Garment in the Void’

**A day retreat at  
Heatherwood**

Saturday 11th September  
10.30am to 3.30pm



*Denise brought her own distinctive voice to poems concerned with multiple aspects of the human experience: love, motherhood, nature, war, the nuclear arms race, the environment, mysticism, and the role of the poet.*

*During this retreat day we shall reflect mostly on the poems that assert Denise Levertov’s movement from agnosticism to Christian faith. She says that it is a ‘movement incorporating much of doubt and questioning as well as affirmation.’*

Sharon Stinson will lead this retreat day. Sharon walked us through the poetry of Mary Oliver last July 4. She is a counselor, spiritual director, group facilitator who squeezes in writing when she is inspired. Sharon has lived in York for the last 30 years, but grew up in the Western States of the USA.

The cost of the day will be £10.

Please bring your own lunch - tea and coffee will be provided.

You are encouraged to bring a notebook as there will be times for personal reflection. Wear casual clothes for being inside and out.

Some of Denise Levertov’s books will be on sale on the day.

Contact Liz Johnson on 01422 206319 for more details.

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