



Retreat *in Lent* 2026

Tending with Care:

Listening for where God is at work

A Contemplative Morning Retreat with Luke 13:6–9

Retreat offers a time to step away from the busyness of life and spend quiet, focused time with God. It's not about doing more, but about slowing down, listening, and letting your soul rest. As Ruth Haley Barton teaches, it's a chance to be still, reflect, and become more aware of God's presence in your life.

The parable ... is a way of saying something that requires the imaginative participation of the listener. Inconspicuously, even surreptitiously, a parable involves the hearer. This brief, commonplace, unpretentious story is thrown into a conversation and lands at our feet, compelling notice. A parable is literally "something thrown alongside of" (para, alongside, plus bole, thrown) to which our first response is, "What is this doing here?" We ask questions, we think, we imagine. ... And then we begin seeing connections, relations. A parable is not ordinarily used to tell us something new but to get us to notice something that we have overlooked ... Or it is used to get us to take seriously something we have dismissed as unimportant because we have never seen the point of it. Before we know it, we are involved.
~ Eugene H. Peterson



The Caim at Luthermuir



Lent Retreat Morning

Saturday 21st March

(Arrivals from 9am) Start 9.30am - 12.15pm

Parables are not tidy moral lessons, but living stories that invite us into God's surprising reality. Quite literally they are 'odd stories' thrown down alongside ordinary lives, using ordinary images to unsettle our expectations, open a window onto the strangeness of God, and reveal a love that heals and re-sets what is broken. Like the gospel itself, they are meant to be lived and experienced as a "*resetting of broken bones*".

In this retreat, we will dwell with one such parable, allowing its gentle challenge and mercy to meet us where growth feels slow or hidden. In prayer, silence, and shared reflection, we come not to analyse the story, but to inhabit it—and to discover how God's patient, renewing work might already be underway in us.

Cost: £25 per person
(includes refreshments and all materials)

Sign up by Sunday 15th March

(Further details and location will be sent after registration) We are offering 20 spaces.

To register or enquire: Email: thecaimfield@gmail.com
If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Please don't let cost alone stop you from coming—we want this space to be accessible. If this is a barrier, just contact us in confidence.

I look forward to welcoming you. *Fyfe* (The Caim at Luthermuir)