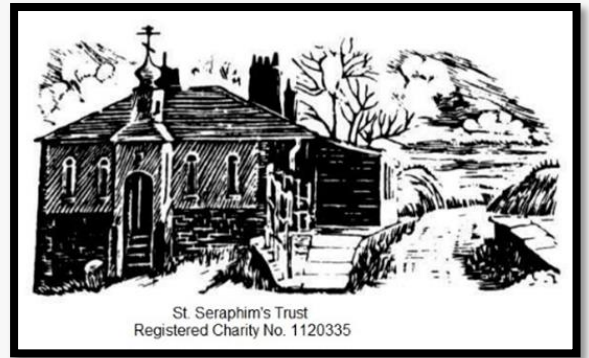


# St Seraphim's Trust Newsletter



*"Autumn shows us how beautiful it is to let things go"* Autumn 2024

## St Seraphim's new manager arrives



### Mariamni Plested, St Seraphim's new manager

Mariamni Plested and her family will arrive at St Seraphim's in December 2024. Mariamni is an iconographer who currently lives in the USA – but is no stranger to St Seraphim's. She was born in a neighbouring village and baptised at St Seraphim's where she was a regular part of the community as a child. As a teenager she learned from Fr David, and later also studied iconography with Leon and other teachers. She is excited to be setting up her iconography studio at St Seraphim's where she will be working on some special projects focused on British Saints as a tribute to Fr David and his legacy.



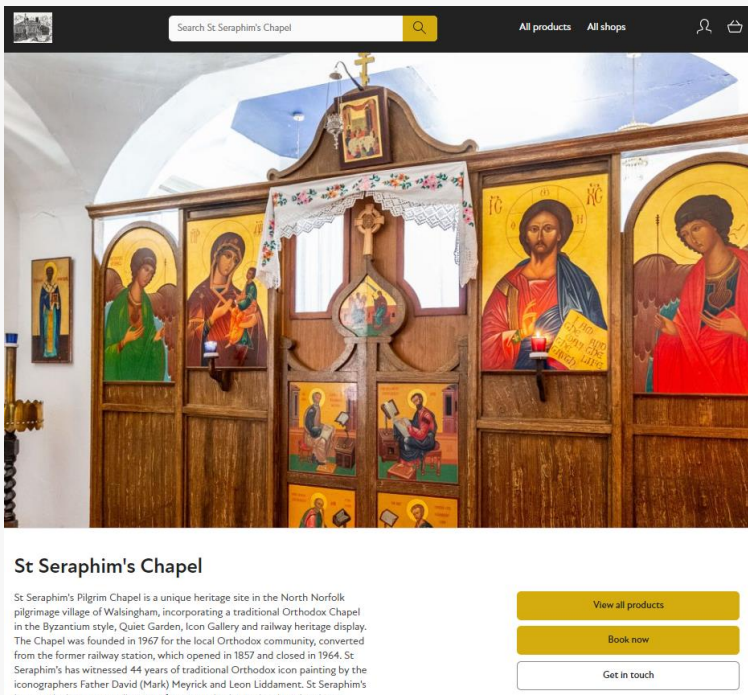
She will also take over management of the site from Jules and has some exciting plans for creative community workshops in the pipeline. Mariamni will spend eight months as iconographer-in-residence at St Seraphim's during which time her husband, Marcus Plested, on sabbatical leave from his post as Professor of Greek Patristic and Byzantine Theology at Marquette University, USA, will be working on a research project on the Theology of History. They look forward to hosting a range of events and study days connected with the history and work of key figures associated with the Chapel.



*Examples of Mariamni's work above depict St Constantine and Archangel Raphael*

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**NEW!!!!**

## ST SERAPHIM'S ONLINE SHOP

We now have our own online shop where you can buy items including postcards, prayer cards and greeting cards. All our products are unique to St Seraphim's.

You can also use the shop to book icon tours and hire the Garden Room.

[HTTPS://MUSEUMSHOPS.UK/SHOP/ST-SERAPHIMS/](https://museumsshops.uk/shop/st-seraphims/)

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

St Seraphim's is looking for volunteers to help us keep the chapel open to visitors. We have always been open from dawn to dusk daily with very few exceptions, but to continue this we need more people able to share the task of opening and closing the chapel each morning and evening. This would be for a week at a time once every 6 weeks. Opening and closing takes just a few minutes, and we know from our visitors' book how much people appreciate being able to visit this special place. Please contact us if you think you can help. Unfortunately without more volunteers we won't be able to open every day.

We also are looking for volunteers to help look after our beautiful garden - join our friendly Garden for Wellbeing group on Monday mornings 10.30am – 1.30 pm (weather permitting). Morning tea included. The group welcomes volunteers of any faith or none.

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