



THE SIBYLS

A Christian Spirituality Group for Transgender People

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Holy Rood House Weekend 15-17 June



This weekend, which explores the theological, spiritual and pastoral insights trans people and their loved ones bring to the life of the Christian Church, is based on the findings published in *Transfaith: a transgender pastoral resource* (Darton, Longman & Todd 2018) and led by its co-authors, Chris Dowd and Tina Beardsley.

Transfaith demonstrates the yawning gap between the largely negative things that the Church has said about trans people and the extraordinary journeys of Christian trans people. The Friday evening session will offer an overview of the *Transfaith* project, and the main themes that emerged from the interviews, including the figure of Job as a transcestor.

Liturgies for trans people have been in the news recently and seem to be a source of controversy for some churches. As a response to the needs of trans people and their loved ones *Transfaith* contains no less than seven liturgies. The first session on Saturday morning will focus on liturgy.

Having completed *Transfaith* Tina and Chris are now writing a practical, 'how to do it' book to equip churches to respond to and include trans people and their significant others. Like *Transfaith* this too will be evidence based, and the second session on Saturday morning is an opportunity for Sibyls' members to contribute to that evidence.

The Bible has often been used to hurt us and so, to encourage us, as trans people, to engage positively, rather than defensively, with Scripture, *Transfaith* contains four Bible studies. The first session on Sunday morning will focus on one or more of these.

One of the evening/night prayers to be based on the Bible study on Psalm 139 and the Sunday worship will be based on the Communion Service from *Transfaith*.

There will be a Sibyls Together meeting on Sunday morning.

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Holy Rood House in Thirsk is a tranquil, easily accessible haven. Thirsk is on the mainline for rail travel. For drivers, the postcode is YO7 1HX and there is plenty of parking at the venue. The station is about a mile from Holy Rood House. Staff at Holy Rood House can pick people up from the station. The number is 01845 522580. Alternatively, if no one is available, Pauline will arrive early and have her car so give her a call on her mobile – 07581553357.

We are asked to arrive at about 4.00 p.m. Tea and cake will be there to welcome us. The weekend is fully catered. We will have exclusive use of the venue.

The cost of the weekend is £160 per person with a £5 discount for those sharing a room.

Please send the booking form, cheque and gift aid form as required to Carol Belfield, 69 North End, Ditchling, Hassocks, West Sussex BN6 8TE.



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Booking Form

I/we wish to attend the Sibyls weekend from Friday 15 June to Sunday 17 June 2018.

I enclose a cheque payable to Holy Rood House for £_____

Names (s) _____

Address _____

Postcode _____ Tel _____

Email _____

Are you a member of the Sibyls: Yes/No

Any special dietary or access requirements _____

Most rooms are single but it may be necessary to share a room.

Are you willing to share? Yes/No

If yes: Anyone or Name _____

Please post this booking form to.....

(THIS WEEKEND IS INTENDED FOR SIBYLS MEMBERS ONLY. PLEASE APPLY TO JOIN THE SIBYLS IF YOU WISH TO ATTEND)

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Gift Aid Form

Thank you for your interest in Holy Rood House.

We are a Registered Charity wholly supported by Donations from Guests, Visitors, Friends, Financial Partners, Local Organisations and some Grant Making Trusts.

These donations make possible the continuing work of the House and to be able to offer hospitality and help to others we hope you might wish to make a contribution to establish the continuing work.

A Donation is a Gift because we do not make specific charges.

If you are a Tax Payer and can sign a Gift Aid Form (available as a .pdf download; text below) this will greatly enhance the value of your gift at no extra expense to yourself.

I, (full name please):

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I confirm that I am a Tax Payer, and that I pay **Income** or **Capital Gains Tax** to at least equal to amount of Tax to be reclaimed, and, that it is my wish to make this, and all future donations to Holy Rood House, under the Gift Aid Scheme.

Signed:Date: