



THE SIBYLS

A Christian Spirituality Group for Transgender People

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**SIBYLS HILFIELD WEEKEND:
FRIDAY OCTOBER 28TH – SUNDAY 30TH OCTOBER 2016.**

THE TRAVELLERS WAY

Following the success of last year's Sibyls Weekend at Hilfield Anglican Franciscan Friary in Dorset, a further weekend has been booked for the 28-30th October 2016, which is NOT a bank holiday. There will however be time for discussing and relaxing. Saturday afternoon will be kept free and I am sure that entertainment will be provided.



The anticipated theme is "The Travellers Way". St Francis was a traveller. We will have input from Brother Samuel SSF, who was the Minister Provincial for the European Provinces, and from the Revd Jonathan Herbert, who is Chaplain to Gypsies, Travellers and Roma in the Salisbury Diocese. A workshop on Transgender Care will be held on the Saturday morning. We are all travellers in our own journeys, and we hope that insights from others who have encountered their own journeys of challenge and discrimination will help us in our journeys through life and the gender divide.

We will be self-catering for breakfast and the evening meal, and joining the Brothers for lunch

This weekend is intended for Sibyls Members only.

PLEASE APPLY TO JOIN THE SIBYLS IF YOU WISH TO ATTEND.

If you wish to join the Sibyls, please email enquiries@sibyls.co.uk or write to:
The Sibyls. 10, Ffordd Las, Rhyl, LL18 2DY

***A BOOKING FORM, DRAFT PROGRAMME, AND FURTHER DETAILS ARE ON
THE FOLLOWING PAGES***

For more information on the programme, contact sgen4144@gmail.com

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HILFIELD DRAFT PROGRAMME: 28 – 30 OCTOBER 2016.

Friday

- 17.15 Evening Prayer, (followed by prayer time) with Franciscans
- 18.00: Bring and Share Supper and Introduction
- 19.30: Talk during or after meal¹ "Travellers Way": by Rev Jonathan Herbert, Chaplain to Gypsies, Travellers and Roma in the Salisbury Diocese.
- 21.00: (Night Prayer with Franciscans)
Chores for Everyone, washing up etc. - if not already completed!

Saturday

- 07.00 (Silent Prayer in Chapel with Franciscans)
- 07.30 (Morning Prayer with Franciscans)
- 08.15 Breakfast: Self Catering
- 10:00 Transgender Care Workshop, led by Tina Beardsley. This will help form input into the forthcoming "Transgender Care Manual" to be edited by Chris Dowd and Tina Beardsley
- 11.00 Coffee
- 11:15 Workshop: Continued
- 12.00 Midday Prayer and Eucharist with Franciscans
- 13:00 Lunch with Franciscans
- 14.00 Free time/ Entertainment/ Garden Ceilidh?
- 16.30 Afternoon tea
- 17.15 Evening Prayer, (followed by prayer time) with Franciscans
- 18.30 Dinner: Self Catering
- 19:30 Talk: "Franciscan Way": by Brother Samuel SSF, Formerly Minister Provincial for the European Provinces
- 20:45 (Night Prayer with Franciscans)
Chores for Everyone, washing up etc. - if not already completed!
- Late Silence Together (*very optional*)

Sunday

- 07.30 (Morning Prayer followed by silent prayer with Franciscans)
- 08.30 (Sung Eucharist with Franciscans)
- 08.30 Breakfast
- 09.30 Sibyls Together
- 10.30 Coffee
- 11.00 Communion Service in the chapel
- 12.15 Group photograph
- 12.45 Midday Prayer with Franciscans
Chores for Everyone, washing up etc. - if not already completed!
- 13:00 Lunch with Franciscans
- 14.00 Disperse

¹ Jonathan will be briefed that people who arrive later may wish to eat during the talk



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BOOKING FORM (REG)

I/ we wish to attend the Sibyls Hilfield weekend from Friday October 28th to Sunday 30th October 2016.

I enclose a cheque for £ _____ *

Name (s): _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____ Tel: _____

Email: _____

I/ we will be staying for the Whole Weekend / Friday / Saturday/ Sunday / (Delete as applicable)

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: _____

* The Friary asks for donations. The suggested rate for donations is from £80 to £120 per person for the whole weekend (pro-rata if you only attend for part of the time). Please make cheques payable to Mr P. A. Raftery – The Sibyls. Please post this booking form to Hilfield Weekend, 8 Greenways Drive, Maidenhead, SL6 5DU or email it to sgen4144@gmail.com.

PLEASE NOTE: This weekend is partly self-catering. You will be asked to bring something for the Bring- and-Share buffet on the Friday evening and pudding/cheese/biscuits etc. for the Saturday evening meal. Basics for breakfast will be provided but if you want a particular cereal bring your own! So that everyone does not bring the same thing, specific requests will be given to you at a later date.

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WRITE: The Friary, Hilfield Dorchester, Dorset, DT2 7BE
EMAIL: hilfieldssf@franciscans.org.uk
CALL: Main Office: 01300 341345
 Guest Booking: 01300 341741

Transport Advice

We are happy to collect guests from local railway stations or Bus stops at mutually convenient times and ask for a £5 donation towards costs. In comparison the taxi fare from Sherborne is £20. We also have a car park at the friary and if possible we ask guests to car share to lower their carbon footprint.

If coming by train, most travellers should type in Sherborne Station to discover train times. For some it may be cheaper to come to Yetminster station on the Bristol – Weymouth line. For a very few travellers, Dorchester South Station, although the furthest of our 3 stations, may be the best option. The friary can meet you by arrangement in advance at all 3 stations.

If you are willing and able to come closer to the friary by public transport, try Chetnole station on the Bristol Weymouth line. Google maps will give you the 4 mile walking route to us. Cyclists, there is usually room to put your bike on this train without reservation. A few people even cycle the 9 miles from Sherborne Station. There are usually unreserved bike places on off peak trains from London.

The X11 bus runs approx. every 2 hours between Sherborne Station and Dorchester South Station. Type in Minterne Magna, a village 2 ½ miles SE of the friary as the nearest bus stop on this route. We can meet you there if arranged in advance. The bus stops by the church. If you want to walk the last 2 miles over the hill, ask the driver if he can let you alight ½ m north of Minterne Magna at the Evershot sign – it is not an official stop.

There are few convenient coaches, but we do recommend Berries Buses which runs from Hammersmith in London to Yeovil Bus Station where we can meet you by arrangement in advance. www.berryscoaches.co.uk

There are also taxis at Sherborne and Dorchester South Stations and Yeovil bus station. Beaver Cabs at Sherborne 01935816620.

The last half mile to the friary from the South is a steep, narrow hill. The Google Map does not tell you there is a sign saying that it is not suitable for large vehicles. Minibuses are absolutely fine but please take note if you are bringing a large group in a 40 seater coach.

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