

## **The Sibyls**

The Sibyls is a UK-based confidential Christian spirituality group for transgender people, their partners and their supporters. It offers companionship along the journey, and information/advocacy to churches. Sibyls seek to fulfil the two great commandments of Jesus: To love God and love one another.



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## **Meaning of marriage**

For the Sibyls, the rite of Holy Matrimony is the spiritual joining of two persons in a sacred covenant through which they enter into a life-long commitment, one to the other.

## **Same-sex marriage**

The current law in Scotland, as in the U.K. permits a person who has transitioned and has subsequently obtained a Gender Recognition Certificate to legally marry in their newly recognised sex. However one unfortunate condition of the gender recognition legislation is the requirement that those who are already married before transition must dissolve their marriage in order to obtain a full Gender Recognition Certificate. Already married transgender people who believe in the sacred nature of their marriage vows, or who are unwilling to risk financial loss in terms of pensions for their spouses, have refused to take this step. This ruling seems to have been imposed to prevent same-sex marriage by default.

## **Religious marriage**

We believe that all people are created equal in the sight of God. All couples, either of opposite sex, same-sex, or where one or both partners are transgendered, should have equal access to civil marriages, religious marriages and civil partnerships. We believe that the refusal of many churches to accept the sanctity of such loving, faithful and committed relationships is a denial of the Love of Christ.

