

WEEKEND AT THE PURLEY CHASE CENTRE, The Midlands, CV9 2RQ

www.purleychasecentre.org.uk/

24-26 SEPTEMBER 2021

Christian Communities, Transgender People, and Celtic Traditions

DRAFT PROGRAMME FOR THE WEEKEND - VERSION 3

FRIDAY

People may arrive any time after 3pm. Tea, coffee, juice and biscuits and cakes are available all the time all weekend.

7 p.m. Buffet dinner. There is a bar for people to buy their own drinks at reasonable prices. The centre only takes cash & cheques but not cards.

8.30 p.m. Time for sharing and news from our churches/denominations.

10 p.m. Compline

SATURDAY

8 a.m. Breakfast

9.30 a.m. “*Christian Communities, Transgender People, and Celtic Traditions*”: Alex Clare-Young and Susan Gilchrist: Introduction

The Iona and Corrymeela Communities are Ecumenical Christian Communities in Scotland and Northern Ireland. Alex Clare-Young is a member of the Iona Community, Susan Gilchrist is a member of the Corrymeela Community. Both communities have histories of bringing reconciliation and healing to socially and religiously divided societies. Both communities have the common tradition of Celtic Christianity at their foundations. Both are extensively involved in working and campaigning for the full LGBTI Inclusion in society, and across all denominations in the Christian Churches. In this introductory session we will consider how history and these experiences can today bring support and insight both to the Sibyls, and to transgender people in their everyday lives.

11 a.m. - Tea, coffee, juice and biscuits and cakes

11.30 a.m. “*Christian Communities, Transgender People, and Celtic Traditions*”: Alex Clare-Young and Susan Gilchrist: Outreach

Celtic Christianity and Roman Christianity did not just differ of the date on which Easter is celebrated. The came from contrasting environments where the attitudes to men, women, gender identity, and gender roles differed greatly from each other. In this section we will examine how we may use these experiences to enrich the welcome and inclusion of transgender people in current society, in our own lives, and in the churches and institutions of today.

1 p.m. Lunch

2 p.m. Free afternoon.... Potential options include:

- Visit the Battlefield Line www.battlefieldline.co.uk Leicestershire, Shackerstone, CV13 6NW. There are trains at 3pm & 4.15pm going from Shackerstone to Shenton and back. This is 12 ½ miles from the Centre
- Visit the Bosworth Battlefield Heritage Centre www.bosworthbattlefield.org.uk, CV13 0AD. This is 10 miles from the centre. **2.00 pm to 3.30 pm** Join one of their experienced Guides for

an informative 2 km guided walk exploring the Battle of Bosworth, the death of King Richard III and the unlikely victory of Henry Tudor.

- Stroll in the beautiful grounds of the centre or stride out further afield to the nearby Hartshill Hayes Country Park, www.countryparks.warwickshire.gov.uk/country-parks/hartshill-hayes-country-park. It's a 30 min walk or a 6 min drive to the Country Park.
- Twycross zoo.
- Just relax in the warm, comfortable centre.

Refreshments are available any time people would like them.

6.30 p.m. Gala Dinner - a great opportunity for everyone to dress up.

8 p.m. Entertainments – You are welcome to join in and contribute as you see fit.

10 p.m. Compline

SUNDAY

8 a.m. Breakfast

9.30 a.m. Sibyls Together

11 a.m. Tea, coffee, juice and biscuits and cakes

11.30 a.m. Service with Holy Communion in the Chapel.

12.30 p.m. Group photo

1 p.m. Sunday lunch

2 / 2.30 p.m. Leave to go home.

Please complete and return this booking form before the 31st. August. Although we hope all lockdown restrictions will have been lifted, we cannot be certain. You will not be charged if the Purley Centre has to cancel the event. Please book early since social distancing requirements might limit the numbers attending, and we may not be able to accept your booking if you register at some later date.

This event is for members of the Sibyls, their partners, and specific invitees only. Please join the Sibyls if you want to come. To apply, and for details, please email enquiries@sibyls.co.uk

Booking form follows

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Your name (s) _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Your address _____

_____ Post code _____

Accommodation – please tick one option: (full-board is Friday dinner until Sunday lunch)

En-suite: Double room Twin room Single room £153 full-board per person

Adapted facilities with wet room £153 full board per person

Name of other occupant in room you are willing to share with

Standard dormitory accommodation with shared bathroom £131 full board per person

(There are 3 double rooms and 2 adapted room with wet facilities)

Day Rate, No Accommodation but with Lunch & Dinner £45 per person per day

Tell us if you want breakfast as well. Please state the number of people & which days

Are you or your partner a member of the Sibyls? Yes No. This event is for members of the Sibyls, their partners, and specific invitees only. Please join the Sibyls if you want to come. To apply, and for details, please email enquiries@sibyls.co.uk

Dietary requirements _____

Any allergies or special needs? _____

Do you need help with transport to The Purley Chase Centre? _____

Can you offer a lift to someone? _____

Because of the present uncertainties we ask you to pay by cheque. No cheques will be cashed either before the event or before we are completely certain the event is going ahead. If it does not, the cheques will be destroyed. If you are unable to pay by cheque, please return the booking form as soon as possible in any case and let us know that you wish to pay by electronic bank transfer by ticking the box below. We will then send you details about this in due course.

I enclose a cheque for £ _____ in payment for the above event. Cheques should be made payable to Mr P.A. Raftery – The Sibyls

I wish to pay by electronic bank transfer.

Please send the completed booking form and your payment to Dr S. Gilchrist, 8 Greenways Drive, Maidenhead, Berks, SL6 5DU

Directions to Purley Chase Centre

Purley is located on Purley Chase Lane, which runs between the villages of Mancetter and Ridge Lane. Despite its rural position, the Centre is easily accessed by road and rail.

Postal Address - Purley Chase Centre, Purley Chase Lane, Mancetter, Atherstone, Warwicks, CV9 2RQ.

Tel: 01827 712370

Email : enquiries@purleychasecentre.org.uk

Manager: Rachel Gilsenan



By car – The centre is just over 2 miles south of the A5 near Atherstone. It can be approached from all points of the compass via the motorway network, using M1, M6, M42 or M69 for instance. If travelling along the A5 from the East then just before Atherstone, take the B4111 towards Mancetter. If you are travelling along the A5 from the West, go past Atherstone on the dual carriageway and when you reach the large roundabout at the end, take the right exit towards Mancetter B4111. After about a quarter of a mile on B4111, just past the church, take a right turn signed Ridge Lane. Over the traffic light controlled bridge, follow the road round to the right and up through the trees, Purley Chase Centre is about a quarter of a mile further on, on the right.

By rail – The nearest main line railway station is at Nuneaton, about 6 miles away. Nuneaton is a stop on the high-speed main line between London and Lancashire. Atherstone Taxis (01827 712427) charge £15/£16. Triple A Taxis (01827 713637) charge £13/£14. Slower trains go through Atherstone station which is about three miles away from Purley Chase Centre. This is also the Euston Crewe line. Atherstone Taxis charge £10 to £12 and Triple A Taxis charge £8/£9. Both Nuneaton and Atherstone are served by various bus and coach services.

Lifts can also be arranged for people arriving at either Nuneaton or Atherstone. Call Pauline on 07581553357.