

SIBYLS 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



We are happy to announce that the next Sibyls weekend will take place (Covid permitting) at the Purley Chase Centre in Warwickshire from the 24-26 September 2021. The Purley Chase Centre is a retreat centre and event venue set in the beautiful North Warwickshire countryside. Originally a Victorian gentleman's residence, Purley has been greatly extended to offer comfortable en-suite and dormitory accommodation. The theme for the weekend will be "Christian Communities, Transgender People, and Celtic Traditions". These sessions will take place on the Saturday morning. Saturday afternoon is free just to chill out or visit local attractions. As with all Sibyls weekends there will plenty of opportunity to chat, meet old friends and make new.

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 the 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. 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 the second session 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.

Click on the link <http://sm.gndr.org.uk/activities/Purley21/index.htm> For the draft programme, booking form and other details.

Please note that 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 to join, or for other details, please email enquiries@sibyls.co.uk

