

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

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24-26 SEPTEMBER 2021

Christian Communities, Transgender People, and Celtic Traditions

**DRAFT PROGRAMME FOR THE WEEKEND - VERSION 4a**

### FRIDAY

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

6:30 p.m. Sit Down Dinner served at table. Please arrive on Time. Covid restrictions prevent us having a 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. *Yvonne*

10 p.m. Compline *Pauline*

### 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](http://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](http://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](http://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. *Circus master and rounder-upper* *Pauline*

10 p.m. Compline: *Lorraine*

## **SUNDAY**

8 a.m. Breakfast

9.30 a.m. Sibyls Together *Yvonne*

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

11.30 a.m. Service with Holy Communion in the Chapel. *Nicky von Benson, preside and preach*

12.30 p.m. Group photo

1 p.m. Sunday lunch

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