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These donations make your stay here possible as without them we would not be able to continue to run the House. In order for us to be able to offer hospitality to others we ask that you may also consider making a donation towards the costs of maintaining the House for the future.

We understand that giving these amounts may not always be possible for some people and we would be happy to discuss individual situations.

If you are a tax payer and can sign a Gift Aid form this will greatly enhance the value of your gift at no extra expense to yourself.

Thank you for your generous support

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# HOLY ROOD HOUSE AND THE GUILD OF HEALTH AND ST RAPHAEL ADVENT RETREAT

“EMBRACING CHAOS AND ORDER  
IN OUR ADVENT SEASON”

1<sup>st</sup>—3rd December 2017

with Revd Dr Gillian Straine & Revd Elizabeth Baxter



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Gillian Straine, Director of The Guild of Health and St Raphael and Elizabeth Baxter, Executive Director of Holy Rood House, are looking forward to working together for this Advent Retreat, as part of our partnership in the ministry of healing.

Members of the Holy Rood Community will also be sharing their gifts with us during this retreat. Please bring with you any poetry, articles, images or music you feel you wish to share.

Chaos is a word that comes to mind when we think about recent global and national events. In a similar way, the run up to Christmas can also be a time of chaos and stress. This Advent retreat will be a time of peace and reflection in the midst of events, both personal and global. We will spend time reflecting on our theme of chaos to find that order and beauty emerge when we await the Advent promise of the coming of Christ into chaos, in order for us to be free.



*You come to us in the chaos of our lives  
and the brokenness of our hearts  
our messed up minds and our embodied wounds  
bless our advent path  
our nomadic wanderings  
our waiting and our longings  
give us courage to speak out  
where we find you  
and to share all  
that we have found*

*(taken from the Holy Rood Advent Eucharistic Prayer written by E.B.)*



## BOOKING FORM ADVENT RETREAT 2017

Holy Rood House is supported by donations [please see overleaf]. In order to continue the good work of the House we are asking for a suggested donation of £170 (£180 for en-suite) for the weekend. There is a £10 discount for members of the Guild of Health and St Raphael and for Community Companions of Holy Rood House. For those of our guests who are taxed you may wish to gift-aid.

Please send this form together with £50 non-returnable deposit to Holy Rood House

Of course you may want to donate the whole amount now, which would be a great help for our administration! Please make cheques payable to Holy Rood House

### **If you would like a receipt please send an SAE**

Name:

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We will arrange to meet a train or coach if necessary;

Time of arrival: Thirsk Station at..... Coach at .....

For two people booking to stay overnight, please indicate if you require:

..... Single Rooms  Twin beds  Double bed

..... Please indicate if stairs are a difficulty for you.

En-suite if available

**SPECIAL DIET** Do you have a special diet or other information we need to help make your stay comfortable?

How did you here about Holy Rood House?