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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 circumstances.

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.



# **RE-TREAT** **YOUR-SELF at** **HOLY ROOD HOUSE**

THIRSK, North Yorkshire

## **LGBT+**

**A WARM WELCOME TO YOU**



**'Creating Gardens in the Desert'**  
**(Fri 29th October from 4pm - Sun 31st)**

**With Urs Mattmann**  
**and the Holy Rood Community**  
**An inclusive, relaxed and creative Retreat**

**Contact [enquiries@holyroodhouse.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@holyroodhouse.org.uk)**

I (*full name*)

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confirm that I am a UK tax payer and I pay income, or capital gains tax, at least equal to the amount of tax to be reclaimed, and that it is my wish to make this and all future donations under the Gift Aid Scheme.

*Signature*

*Amount of gift £*

*Date*

**Holy Rood House & Juliet House**  
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Holy Rood is a great place for a holistic re-treat and Urs Mattmann and the community are looking forward to welcoming friends from the LGBT+ communities.

Holy Rood is a member of Inclusive Church, and is constantly on a learning curve as the community welcomes all kinds of people for all kinds of reasons from across Britain. We accompany many people who find themselves in very difficult situations and desert places. Sometimes groups find their way to Holy Rood to look at the issues of oppression they are facing.

Members of the community are looking forward to sharing their skills so we can face the desert times and create gardens of hope and renewal for our own lives and the life of the churches.

**Urs** will guide our Retreat and enable conversation and reflection. Urs is the author of "Coming In- Gays and Lesbians reclaiming the spiritual journey" that was published by the Iona community where he is an associate member: Originally from Switzerland, Urs is a Social worker and a Psychotherapist using Psycho-synthesis at the core and, with his partner, Emmanuel, is part of the Holy Rood House team where he is also on the Chaplaincy team offering Spiritual direction.



**Carolyn and Mike** will be there to welcome you and **Helen** will be offering a well-being session,



**Urs and Elizabeth** will start off our time together on the Friday evening, and Elizabeth will celebrate the Eucharist for us on Sunday morning using one of the communities inclusive liturgies and **Nick** will delight us through his music



Saturday evening our meal will be opening some bottles of wine and continue our conversation.

We hope you will enjoy our good home-cooked and abundant food, the gardens, labyrinth, making friends with the goats, the garden chapel, art room, library and the many nooks and crannies



that help to make Holy Rood a place to...

**re-treat your-self and create gardens in the desert.**

**BOOKING FORM FOR LGBT+ RE-TREAT**  
**Suggested Donation**  
**from Fri 4pm — Sunday after lunch**  
**£220 en-suite**

**For those sharing a room there is £10 each Reduction. Please also let us know if you have concerns regarding the cost. A small bursary may be available.**

Please send this form together with a £50 non-returnable deposit to:  
 Holy Rood House, 10 Sowerby Road, Sowerby, Thirsk YO7 1HX

Name: .....

Address: .....

.....Post Code: .....

Telephone:.....  
 Email.....

We will arrange to meet a train or coach if necessary;  
 Time of arrival: Thirsk Station at..... Coach at .....

En-suite if available  Share twin with wash-basin & best views   
 Double en-suite   
 Please indicate if stairs are a difficulty for you.

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

How did you hear about this retreat?

Have you been to Holy Rood before?.....

**If you would like a receipt please send a stamped addressed envelope**

**Please make cheques payable to Holy Rood House**

**Or pay via BACS followed by an email Ref: LGBT+ Retreat to admin@holyroodhouse.org.uk**

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