

The Centre for the Study of Theology and Health was set up as part of Holy Rood House in 2001. Working at the interface of the arts and sciences, psychology, ecology and spirituality, the Centre informs the work and mission of the therapeutic community and charity

'An Ecology of Health', is set out below as four strands working together through our therapeutic and theological work:

Ecology health acknowledges the interconnectedness of creation. It recognises that fulfilment through a sustainable vision of planetary well-being. Focus is placed upon the environmental factors that constitute health and ill health, while the inclusiveness of this heading gives rise to our overall theological categorisation of health as an ecology of balanced relationships.

Global health emphasises the global community and the social-political dimensions of health. Here, the pursuit of justice and peace are seen as fundamental to any understanding of health and healing. We are particularly concerned to emphasise and contribute to a culture of justice and peace, in contrast to a culture of violence. We seek to do this by challenging both the logic and practice of retribution ideologies whether in their theological or secular forms.

Personal health focuses upon our physical and mental wellbeing. Here, both medical practices and the other healing arts are explored through the interpretative lens of the Christian story. Emphasis is placed upon a holistic model of human personhood that acknowledges the multiple influences constituting human wellbeing, whilst also challenging definitions of health that isolate an individual from the wider relational contexts with which they live.

Spiritual health draws attention to the specifically cultural contexts through which all human experience is filtered. Here, emphasis is placed upon the Christian story as the primary mode of interpretation through which we come to know ourselves and our community as either healthy or unhealthy. Spirituality is defined in this context as the symbolic mode of experience through which we gain insight into, and value for our lives.

None of the above categories can be understood in isolation, and so our methodology is based upon a conversational encounter between these four overlapping strands.



Patrons:
Lord Williams of Oystermouth PC
Previous Archbishop of Canterbury

Prof Mary Grey Emer. Prof. of Theol. at the Univ. of Wales, Lampeter, fellow Sarum Coll., Salisbury, and visiting Prof. St Mary's Univ. Coll., Twickenham

Mrs Juliet Ramsden Trustee 1981-2017
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Holy Rood House is in partnership with the Guild of Health and St Raphael, supporting their research and education.



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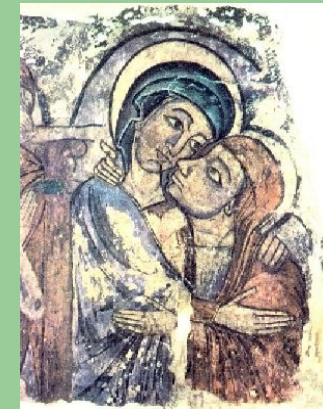
The Centre for the Study of Theology and Health *Summer School 2018*

*Transition & Trans-formation'
Identity & Integrity
in Church and Society*

...an on-going conversation
...for our 25th Anniversary Year

Mon 2nd July 4pm - 2pm Thurs 5th July

**Programme...
and booking form
Non-residents are welcome to attend**



*Part of the ministry of
Holy Rood House
Centre for Health and Pastoral Care.*

Mon 2nd

4.00 Welcome, Registration and tea

6.00 Dinner

7.30 Keynote Lecture:
'The Broken Middle'

Revd Canon Dr Rachel Mann, Priest, poet,
writer and broadcaster. South Manchester.



Tues 3rd

9.15 Prayers & Refection with Revd Elizabeth Baxter

10.00 Rachel Mann : Continuing...

12.00 Introducing her work Artist Caroline Mackenzie: 'The Empty Coffin' 12 paintings and 'Way of Christa' figures



1.00 Lunch

3.30 Introducing her work Artist Shaeron Caton-Rose 'Transcendgender' Lino-cut



4.00 Tea

5.00 'Interviewing Ken'

6.00 Dinner

7.30 Keynote Lecture:

"Queering Freedom –
Music, sexuality and spirituality"

The Rev Dr June Boyce-Tillman MBE FRSA
FHEA Professor of Applied Music, Artistic
Convenor for the Centre for the Arts as Well-
being, Extraordinary Prof at North-West University, South



Wed 4th

9.15 Prayers & Reflection with Elizabeth

10.00 Keynote Speaker: James Caspian
Psychotherapist

'Transitions and Transformation'

Midday break and buffet lunch

2.30—5.30 Workshop with tea break

Jackie Scully & Rachel Mann

6.00 Dinner

7.15 Mini-bus trip to Sutton Bank/Hambledon Hills for
an evening walk and return for a cool glass of wine



Thurs 5th

9.15 Prayers and Reflection with Elizabeth

10.00 Keynote Lecture with coffee break

Prof Jackie Leah Scully

'Transplant and loss of Identity—an ethical feminist approach'

Policy, ethics & life-sciences Newcastle University. Author.

12.30 Closing Liturgy

1.00 Buffet Lunch



Wednesday Workshop

'Faithful Judgements in Genetics & Fertility Medicine'

**Facilitated by Revd Canon Dr Rachel Mann and
Professor Jackie Scully**

In the face of new medical developments to help people
with fertility problems and hereditary genetic conditions,
Christians face questions about our human rights to 'play
God' or about selecting against disability.

This workshop explores together our responses as people
of faith to these challenging new forms of medicine.

This is an opportunity to learn more about where these
new scientific possibilities are leading us, to reflect on
what it means for you, and make creative and prayerful
responses.

(Economic & Social Research Council)
&
(Policy, Ethics and Life Sciences)

(Day delegates are welcome to book for this event)

This Summer School includes
lectures, workshop, story-telling, art works & interviews
around a variety of issues including
transgender, trans-formation, transplant & transfiguration.

This is set within a liturgical and reflective framework
within the welcoming hospitality of the community of
Holy Rood House
which is celebrating it's 25th Anniversary this month

*"A house full of the rustlings of a new
energy and renewal"*

***"I don't know all the answers, but have had
the space to ask myself the questions..."***



BOOKING FORM SUMMER SCHOOL 2018
from 4pm Mon 2nd July —2pm Thurs 5th July
Suggested Donation which can be gift aided
All inclusive Residential : £475/£495 en-suite
Costs arranged for day delegates

Please contact the office to check booking
arrangements **before** sending this form together with
a £50 nonreturnable deposit to:
Holy Rood House, 10 Sowerby Road, Thirsk YO7 1HX

Name/names:

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Address:

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Post Code:.....

Telephone:.....

Email.....

TRAVEL: One mile from Thirsk station: Taxi no:
KA 07817858077. Buses/coaches arr Thirsk Market
Place: 5 mins. walk

En-suite room if available Δ

If 2 people: singles/double/twin (less £15 per person)

Please indicate if stairs are a difficulty for you.

Chair lift available to 1st Floor if required

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

How did you hear about the Summer School?

