

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, theology 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:

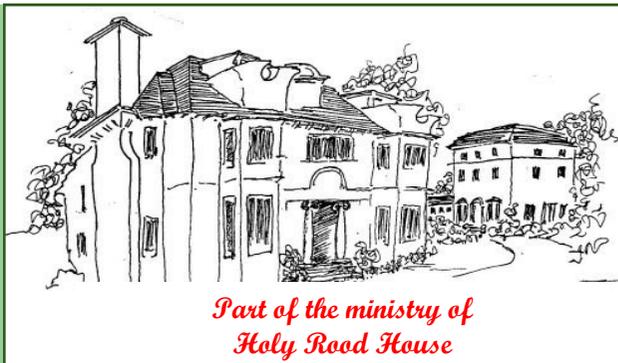
Ecology health acknowledges the interconnectedness of creation. It recognises that fulfilment through a sustainable vision of planetary well-being. Focus is placed upon the environmental factors that constitute health and ill health, while the inclusiveness of this heading gives rise to our overall theological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



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

Patrons:
Lord Williams of Oystermouth PC
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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

Visitor:
Rt Revd Alison White
Bishop of Whitby

Executive Director:
Revd Elizabeth Baxter MPhil

Holy Rood House is in partnership with the Guild of Health and St Raphael, supporting their research and education. The Centre publishes lectures in 'Chrim' and they may also be viewed on Utube through our website and facebook links.



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The Centre for the Study of Theology and Health at Holy Rood House

Summer & Winter Theological Schools 2020

'Fantasy & Fecundity'

From Fear to Flourishing

Revd Prof June Boyce-Tillman,

Revd Canon Peter Kenney, David Gee

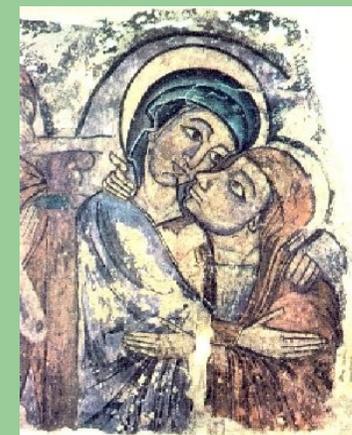
Thurs 4th June 12 noon—Sat 6th June 4pm

'Public Theology & The Common Good'

Hildegard Lecture and Workshop

Professor Elaine Graham

Thurs 5th NOV 12 noon—Sat 7th NOV 4pm



JUNE 4-6 2020

The Rev Dr June Boyce-Tillman MBE FRSA FHEA is Artistic Convenor for the Centre for the Arts as Wellbeing, Extraordinary Professor at North-West University, South Africa and Consultant to Holy Rood House



David Gee is a Consultant to Holy Rood House, and writer and activist supporting groups working for social change. His book 'Hope's work' will soon be published.



Revd Canon Peter Kenney is a priest and Jungian Psychotherapist. He is a Consultant and Trainer at Holy Rood House

Throughout this event there will be on-going creative arts events including circle-dancing in celebration of fecundity

"To come to the full picture of fecundity, we have to discuss its global dimensions.

The fruits of the Spirit of God (Gal: 5:23)... cannot be limited to interpersonal relationships... They carry in themselves a world-wide dynamic that we call mission.

As surely as solidarity arises out of true intimacy, mission emerges from fecundity"

Henri J.M. Nouwen 'Lifesigns' Intimacy, Fecundity, and Ecstasy in Christian Perspective 1986

NOVEMBER 5 -7 2020

Elaine Graham is the Grosvenor Research Professor of Practical Theology at the University of Chester and Canon Theologian of Chester Cathedral and a Consultant to Holy Rood House



Contact the office for more details, speakers, titles of Lectures, abstracts, arts exhibitions and full programme.

These Summer and Winter Schools include lectures, workshops, story-telling, art works & panels

This is set within a liturgical and reflective framework within the welcoming hospitality of the community of Holy Rood House

The Centre for the Study of Theology and Health is celebrating it's **20th Anniversary** this year. It was set up in November 2000 and the inaugural Hildegard Lecture given by Rowan Williams took place early 2001

***Book in for both Summer and Winter Schools for a discounted suggested cost of: £540 or £560 en-suite**

(a small bursary may be available)

"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..."



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JUNE AND NOVEMBER**

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£285 or £295 en-suite**

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Costs arranged for day delegates**

Please contact the office to check booking arrangements **before** sending this form together with a £30 non-returnable deposit for each school to: Holy Rood House, 10 Sowerby Road, Thirsk YO7 1HX

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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 £10 per person)
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