A close-up of a garden

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**Holy Rood House**

**Centre for the Study of**

**Theology and Health**

**2025 Summer School**

**Liberating Liturgy**

**With**

**Revd Dr Mary Kells**

**Revd Prof Steven Shakespeare**

**The Venerable Karen Best**

**and Revd Rory Dalgleish**

**Monday 14 July 12pm –**

**Thursday 17 July 2pm**

**Residential and Day guests welcome**

**Booking Form: Liberating Liturgy**

Please send this information to: [enquiries@holyroodhouse.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@holyroodhouse.org.uk) or post the form to Holy Rood House, 10 Sowerby Road, Thirsk, YO7 1HX

*Do visit our website for more information about staying here*

**Name/s** (both names if sharing a room)

**Address**

**Telephone Email**

**RESIDENTIAL GUESTS** (Mon 12noon until Thursday 2pm, full board)

Please state which type of bedroom you would prefer; the suggested donation is per person for the whole summer school:

* £430 *(ensuite)*
* £415 *(shared bathroom or sharing a twin bedroom)*

Please state any mobility issues and/or dietary requirements:

**NON-RESIDENTIAL GUESTS** (Refreshments included, no meals)

* Mon 2pm – 5pm Introductory Session
* Tuesday 9.30am – 12.30pm Liberating Liturgy (Rory Dalgleish)
* Tuesday 2pm – 5pm God Beyond(Mary Kells)
* Wednesday 9.30am – 12.30pm The Edge of Language

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* Wednesday 2pm – 5pm The Dangerous Mystic (Karen Best)
* Thursday 9.30am – 12.30pm Plenary Session

For each session we ask for a donation of £25 at time of booking.

We ask for full payment to secure your booking.

If you pay by BACS please let us know in your email or tick here: \_\_\_

**BACS details** - HSBC plc: Sort Code: 40-28-16 A/C no. 41227572

Centre for Health and Pastoral Care. **Reference** Surname 17JULY

Cheques payable to **Holy Rood House**

If you are a UK Tax Payer we can claim **Gift Aid** on your donation  **Y / N**

Holy Rood House Summer School 14-17 July 2025

**Liberating Liturgy**

Residential and day guests are welcome but advance booking is essential. Accommodation at Holy Rood is on a first-come-first-served basis and there is plenty of alternative accommodation locally.

Each day will include presentations by people whose experience of worship is inclusive, experimental and informed by their own experience.

**Revd Rory Dalgleish (Tuesday am)**

The gospel demands that we commit to shared paths intentionally travelled, always with the stranger. How do we meaningfully encounter our own human stories in the scripture stories and each other's? Through conversation, imagination and personal reflection, Rory will help us explore these, and other questions.

A person taking a selfie

AI-generated content may be incorrect.Rory is a South African-born Methodist minister who trained during the country's transition to democracy. Storytelling, good listening, and transforming encounters have been part of his life and ministry ever since. He has been in the UK for over 20 years, and has a range of experience in local church ministry, wider church and university chaplaincy.

**Revd Dr Mary Kells – (Tuesday pm)**

**God Beyond: making a tent of meeting**

Mary will explore how we can encounter God outside of the formal structures of habit, through an attention to fresh imagery, using word, art and music as gateways to the divine.

A person wearing a black shirt and glasses

AI-generated content may be incorrect.Mary is Chaplain of King’s College Cambridge, moving at Easter to become Rector of St Martin and St Paul, Canterbury. She is on the Executive Committee of WATCH (Women and the Church), where she leads on inclusive liturgy, includinga quarterly series of online liturgiesand liturgy-writing workshops. Her book ‘God beyond gender: crafting inclusive liturgy’ is due out in the spring with Canterbury Press.

**Revd Professor Steven Shakespeare (Wednesday am)**

**On the Edge of Language: the Word of Creation**

A person smiling for a selfie

AI-generated content may be incorrect.This presentation will reflect on the power of words in liturgy. While we rightly emphasise other aspects of liturgy - movement, colour, silence, music - we should not neglect language, or abandon it to prose. We will reflect on how a poetic and contemplative relationship with words can nurture an inclusive spirituality and a renewed ecological attention to the more-than human world.

Steven Shakespeare is a writer, Anglican priest and professor of philosophy at Liverpool Hope University. His work on prayer includes *The Earth Cries Glory* (Canterbury, 2019) and the revised and expanded edition of *Prayers and Blessings for an Inclusive Church* (Canterbury, 2025).

A person smiling with her arms crossed

AI-generated content may be incorrect.**Archdeacon Karen Best: The Dangerous Mystic (Wednesday pm)**

Entering into the internal world, or the mystical world is a journey without a Conductor and without a Leader. The leader is the inner Self; the heart where love is birthed.     What we find inside ourselves might not match up with our external  frameworks.  Our inner words can seem small and insignificant until we take the bold step of truly listening.

Karen Best is Archdeacon of Manchester in the Church of England. She describes herself as a friend of Christ and a 21st century mystic.  She was ordained in 1994 in the Diocese of London.   She is a lover of people, nature and is particularly inspired by the spirituality of trees.

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