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Living Spirituality Connections
Resources for the spiritual journey

**Living Spirituality Connections
Retreat
at
Holy Rood House, Thirsk, N. Yorks
Weekend 9-11 June 2017
“CREATIVE CONVERSATIONS”**



Artist: Elaine Wisdom

There will be a warm welcome to all from the Holy Rood community who will accompany us in different ways throughout the weekend. Elizabeth Baxter, priest and director of Holy Rood, and other members of the community will help to guide our time together.

Through creative arts, liturgy and reflective engagement, this weekend will explore fresh, safe ways towards creating communities of conversation.

Within the safe space of Holy Rood House we will be able to explore the place of creative embodiment in conversation. Starting with our own story-telling through creative images, we will ask the question, how do we embrace the silent, spoken or shrieked embodied conversations in our daily lives and the life of those we engage within our communities?



Through our time together in the art room, the gardens and the chapel, we will find ways forward to see how our communities may become 'being alongside communities', 'communities of attentiveness', and 'communities of wisdom'. The creative gardens will bring inspiration towards an 'ecological conversation' and we may even touch in on how we may be 'communities of forgiveness', perhaps one of the most difficult challenges of our day in the wider world.

"...community is the fruit of true communication: the working out of love... (and) communication lies at the heart of the Godhead." (Lavinia Byrne)

Creative conversations through times of silence will also be part of our time together as one of our guests at Holy Rood wrote:

"Henri Nouwen wrote a line in 'Reaching Out' which helps me explain my feelings of peace at a difficult time here in this little room, with wonderful views and the birds welcoming the day and sending the sun to bed. He said 'Silence opens in us the space where the Word can be heard.' I have welcomed the silence (and the birds) in helping me hear the Word."

Please bring poems, art, music and musical instruments to share, so we can be enriched by each other. We will have the opportunity for relaxing massage and a walk on the hills at Sutton Bank, and enjoy good food and wine.

There will be opportunities for complementary therapies and Thirsk Swimming Pool and river walks are just across the field.

Why not come for an extra day?



The suggested donation for this retreat from **4pm Friday—3pm Sunday** is: £170 (£180 en-suite) For members of Living Spirituality Conversations there is a suggested £10 discount For those sharing there is a £10 reduction on our suggested costs.

If you are a tax payer all donations may be gift aided. Please be kind enough to fill in the form on the back.

Name/s.....

Address.....

Email..... Tel.....

I/we wish to book in for the Creative Conversations Retreat
& send a deposit of £30 per person/the full donation of £...

If possible I/we would like: single en-suite twin en-suite
Single standard Double en-suite twin standard

All bedrooms are very comfortable with their own wash-basin. There are adequate shared bathrooms and showers.

To help us make your visit comfortable please let us know if you have difficulty with stairs and if you have a particular dietary requirement:

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Please make cheques payable to Holy Rood House and gift aid if possible (see overleaf)

How did you know about the Retreat?

