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**WOMEN CLERGY RETREAT 2018**

TUES 1ST MAY FROM NOON -

THURS 3RD MAY 4.30PM

**“PASSION, POWER & PERSEVERANCE”**

WITH REV'D ELIZABETH BAXTER
ELAINE WISDOM (ART THERAPIST) AND OTHER COMMUNITY MEMBERS

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Revd Elizabeth Baxter MPhil is an Anglican priest and Executive Director of Holy Rood House and enjoys accompanying people on their therapeutic and theological journeys. From her work in inner cities and housing estates and her experience of working at Holy Rood House for 25 years, Elizabeth draws on liberation theologies, and particularly Feminist Theologies, to give a grounding to our explorations, alongside biblical material to resonate with our stories, as we travel through this retreat together. Elizabeth’s MPhil was ‘Modelling Church as Therapeutic Community’.

Creative arts, rest and relaxation, gardens, labyrinth and library, will all be part of our retreat. There is a swimming pool a stone’s throw away, and river walks opposite the house. There will be the opportunity for massage and spiritual accompaniment. To top it all we will crack open several bottles of wine and enjoy good home-cooked food in the relaxed and welcoming environment of Holy Rood House.

‘People are empowered to work for justice by their love for others and by the love they receive from others’
(Sharon Welch 2000)

‘If we burn with a passion for human well-being, the spark is God.’
(Carter Heyward 1984)

‘community (that) appears as a constructive and creative place that not only supports us in living our lives but affirms our convictions, sustains us in moments of doubt, and gives us energy to persevere.’
(Ivone Gebara, 1999)

We have woven a rich Tapestry and danced A rhythm of creation We have found the Spaces in between And given thanks for the Wise women past And now we wise women Are leaving To weave our abundance But knowing the rhythm is held And will be held in the spaces in between.
(written by a guest following a previous retreat)