



The Sibyls

A Christian spirituality and support group for transgender people

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Sibyls is a nationwide group for Christian transgender, non-binary and intersex people, partners and allies.

Sibyls offer companionship along the journey, and supports advocacy work with churches and faith groups on behalf of trans people.

Sibyls seek to fulfil the two great commandments of Jesus: to love God, and to love each other as ourselves, which we hope to do by –

Living faithfully - accepting yourself as you worship, and in day-to-day life

Spiritual upholding – encountering the freedom to pray and to seek God's will

Fellowship - sharing with Christians who understand what it is to be transgender

Listening – respectfully and confidentially to each other

We don't distinguish between types of transgender experience - if you are having difficulties reconciling your faith with gender incongruence, confusion about who you are, worries about secrecy and family, waiting for medical advice and concerned about acceptance in your church or faith group – then perhaps Sibyls is a community you can feel part of.

Sibyls offers occasional opportunities to meet in a safe and friendly environment.

Sibyls produces a regular newsletter with news of gatherings, personal stories and information about transgender in society.

You might value the chance to talk with people who understand what it is to be trans and Christian, or simply wish to be yourself as you worship in a safe environment

More overleaf...

We welcome new members, young and old, whether out or private, of all denominations, whether within or looking for a welcoming worshipping community.

There is no membership fee or annual subscription. We ask everyone to respect each others' confidentiality. Your details are held in total confidence and will not be given to any others without your permission. We comply with GDPR regulations.

To contact us in confidence:

Email: enquiries@sibyls.co.uk

or send a note to: **Sibyls, 10 Ffordd Las, Rhyl LL18 2DY**

Visit: www.sibyls.co.uk

We hope that the Sibyls network may help us all know and understand the love of God in our journey

Through a confidential network of members, Sibyls hopes to:

- *Support the process of self-knowledge, understanding and self-acceptance*
- *Provide safe and private spaces in which trans people are able to be who we are, where we can explore our concerns and be true to our own identities*
- *Develop long-term caring relationships among Sibyls*
- *Signpost help and support in times of crisis, for transgender people, families and friends*

We are fundamentally a Christian fellowship and place God, our faith and Love at the heart of all we do. We hope to nurture and develop all members' faith by:

- *Providing ways of maintaining and nurturing the faith of members*
- *Giving spiritual support, including times of worship, teaching, prayer and learning*
- *Enabling fellowship, friendship and fun for transgender people and their families, in the context of an inclusive Christian faith*
- *Nurturing links between denominations and all LGBTI Groups of faith*

Churches and other members of our congregations find great difficulty understanding transgender experience, so Sibyls hopes to:

- *Increase understanding of transgender issues and the wider acceptance for transgender people in churches and Congregations*
- *Supply resources for churches and church leaders who need assistance and information to respond pastorally to gender variance issues among members of Christian communities*
- *Keep abreast of debates and campaigns related to gender identity and faith, to represent the interests of transgender people in such debates.*
- *Further the exploration and the expression of transgender understanding and experience through theology, personal writing, drama, art, music and performance*

We keep a list of welcoming, inclusive churches so please inform us of churches which welcome transgender people. If you would like more information to give to your church, please do contact us.