

SIBYLS WEEKEND AT THE PURLEY CHASE CENTRE



The Midlands, CV9 2RQ

www.purleychasecentre.org.uk/

27-29 SEPTEMBER 2019

PROGRAMME FOR THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY

People may arrive any time after 3pm. Tea, coffee, juice and biscuits and cakes are available all the time all weekend.

7 p.m. Buffet dinner. There is a bar for people to buy their own drinks at reasonable prices. The centre only takes cash & cheques but not cards.

8.30 p.m. Time for sharing and news from our churches/denominations.

10 p.m. Compline

SATURDAY

8 a.m. Breakfast

9.30 a.m. Rev. Alison Southcombe, Spiritual Director of the Purley Chase Centre. An introduction to the ideas of Swedenborg:

Using Swedenborg's ideas of correspondence to examine the Bible

We all realise that when Jesus said "I am the bread of life," he didn't mean he was edible - he was referring to being that which feeds, nourishes, sustains and gives life. In looking at this symbolic idea, what we have understood is a 'correspondence.' This idea of Biblical allegory was known to early church fathers and was brought into fresh focus in the 18th Century by the scientist and mystic Emanuel Swedenborg. Swedenborg called the understanding of these correspondences - the inner spiritual sense - which allows for a deeper understanding of scripture and a means to apply what has been apprehended to one's own life.

In this short workshop we will be looking at scripture and using the ideas Swedenborg provides as a toolkit to examine Biblical passages in a new way.

11 a.m. - Tea, coffee, juice and biscuits and cakes

11.30 a.m. This session relating to transgender issues within the Church of England will be jointly led by Rev. Priscilla White and Tina Beardsley. Priscilla is a parish priest in Harborne, Birmingham and is a representative on Synod for trans issues.

1 p.m. Lunch

2 p.m. Free afternoon. Potential options include:

- Visit the Battlefield Line www.battlefieldline.co.uk Leicestershire, Shackerstone, CV13 6NW. There are trains at 3pm & 4.15pm going from Shackerstone to Shenton and back. This is 12 ½ miles from the Centre
- Visit the Bosworth Battlefield Heritage Centre www.bosworthbattlefield.org.uk, CV13 0AD. This is 10 miles from the centre. **2.00 pm to 3.30 pm** Join one of their experienced Guides for an informative 2 km guided walk exploring the Battle of Bosworth, the death of King Richard III and the unlikely victory of Henry Tudor.
- Stroll in the beautiful grounds of the centre or stride out further afield to the nearby Hartshill Hayes Country Park, www.countryparks.warwickshire.gov.uk/country-parks/hartshill-hayes-country-park It's a 30 min walk or a 6 min drive to the Country Park.
- Twycross zoo.
- Just relax in the warm, comfortable centre.

Refreshments are available any time people would like them.

6.30 p.m. Gala Dinner – a great opportunity for everyone to dress up.

8 p.m. Entertainments. Elaine Sommers will show films she has been involved in and may also sing.....all welcome to join in and contribute as they see fit.

10 p.m. Compline

SUNDAY

8 a.m. Breakfast

9.30 a.m. Sibyls Together

11 a.m. Tea, coffee, juice and biscuits and cakes

11.30 a.m. Service with Holy Communion in the Chapel led by Alison Southcombe.

12.30 p.m. Group photo

1 p.m. Sunday lunch

2 / 2.30 p.m. Leave to go home

Directions and Booking form follow:

Directions to Purley Chase Centre

Purley is located on Purley Chase Lane, which runs between the villages of Mancetter and Ridge Lane. Despite its rural position, the Centre is easily accessed by road and rail.

Postal Address –

Purley Chase Centre, Purley Chase Lane, Mancetter, Atherstone, Warwicks, CV9 2RQ.

Tel: 01827 712370

Email: enquiries@purleychasecentre.org.uk

Manager: Rachel Gilsenan



By car – The centre is just over 2 miles south of the A5 near Atherstone. It can be approached from all points of the compass via the motorway network, using M1, M6, M42 or M69 for instance. If travelling along the A5 from the East then just before Atherstone, take the B4111 towards Mancetter. If you are travelling along the A5 from the West, go past Atherstone on the dual carriageway and when you reach the large roundabout at the end, take the right exit towards Mancetter B4111. After about a quarter of a mile on B4111, just past the church, take a right turn signed Ridge Lane. Over the traffic light controlled bridge, follow the road round to the right and up through the trees, Purley Chase Centre is about a quarter of a mile further on, on the right.

By rail – The nearest main line railway station is at Nuneaton, about 6 miles away. Nuneaton is a stop on the high-speed main line between London and Lancashire. Atherstone Taxis (01827 712427) charge £17. Triple A Taxis (01827 713637) charge £14/£15. Slower trains go through Atherstone station which is about three miles away from Purley Chase Centre. This is also the Euston Crewe line. Atherstone Taxis charge £10 to £12 and Triple A Taxis charge £8/£9. Both Nuneaton and Atherstone are served by various bus and coach services.

Lifts can also be arranged for people arriving at either Nuneaton or Atherstone. Call Pauline on 07581553357.

Booking form follows:

Booking Form

To book a place for this weekend, please could you fill out this form and post it, with a cheque made out to Mr P A Raftery - The Sibyls, to:- Mr Peter Raftery, 7 Sketchley Lane, Ratcliffe Culey, Atherstone, CV9 3NZ

Or you can email the completed application form to rafterypeter1@gmail.com and transfer the money directly into The Sibyls account through internet banking.

Bank: Co-operative

Account Name: Mr P A Raftery - The Sibyls

Sort Code: 08 93 00

Account Number: 80470524

Reference: 'Your name' (this is vital to help identify who has paid)

To facilitate the Centre, CLOSING DATE is 31st August 2019

Your name _____

Telephone number _____ Email _____

Your address _____

Post code _____

Accommodation – please tick one option: (full-board is Friday dinner until Sunday lunch)

En-suite - Double room Twin room Single room £125 full-board per person

Adapted facilities with wet room £125 full-board per person

Name of other occupant in room or willing to share with

Standard dormitory accommodation with shared bathroom £105 full-board per person

(There are 3 double rooms and 2 adapted room with wet rooms - book early to avoid disappointment 😊)

Not needed – staying off site-Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner £38 person, Lunch & Dinner £32 per person per day Please state the number of people & which days

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Dietary requirements _____

Any allergies or special needs? _____

Do you need help with transport to The Purley Chase Centre?

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Can you offer a lift to someone?

.....**If you have a question or**

require further information about the weekend or the venue, please email me at

rafterypeter1@gmail.com or send a text to 07595776574. (As I teach I am unable to answer my mobile during the day)