

## **Focussing on the next transgender pastoral care book**

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#### ***A new transgender practical guide for churches***

Little did I think when I joined Michelle O'Brien in co-editing 'the Sibyls' book', *This is my body: hearing the theology of transgender Christians*, that it would be Volume 1 of a trilogy. But that's what's happened!

Chris Dowd generously invited me to share in the writing of *Transfaith: a transgender pastoral resource*, due out soon, which is 'Volume 2'.

'Volume 3, which I've invited Chris to write with me, will be a very practical, 'how to do it' book for churches about making Christian communities safe and welcoming for trans people and their loved ones. It will be published by Jessica Kingsley.

#### ***The Focus Groups – February 2018***

Chris and I would like you to help us ensure that the new book's advice and guidance is thoroughly grounded in the reality of trans people's lives and the experience of their significant others.

We plan to hold focus group sessions in the north and south of England next February where we can hear your views. We will also be 'launching' *Transfaith: a transgender pastoral resource* straight after the York event. Here are the details:

**Saturday 3rd February 2018 Allen Room, St Anne's Church, 55, Dean Street, Soho, London, WD1 6AF <http://stannes-soho.org.uk/contact/>**

10:00am-11:00am Focus Group for trans people

11:30am-12:30pm Focus group for the partners and families of trans people

12:40pm Launch of *Transfaith* with light refreshments

**Saturday 24th February 2018 St Columba's URC, York, Priory Street, York, YO1 6EX <http://stcolumbaswithnewlendl.yolasite.com/find-us.php>**

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For further information or to book a place, please contact me on [belgravetina@gmail.com](mailto:belgravetina@gmail.com)

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