

Further gender diverse Christian Resources

Although gender diverse people can be found at every stage of history, in every culture, and in every great religious tradition, too little is still known and understood. Too much negative material has also been produced, and is still produced in some places, by others who have no lived experience or real knowledge of gender diverse people's realities and faith. Happily today here is a gradually increasing number of excellent resources now being produced by gender diverse Christians themselves.

Further stories

To learn more about some of the journeys of other gender diverse Christians from across the world, check out some of the links below to the following people:

- * *Christina Beardsley* – Anglican pioneer trans priest
- speaking here on gender & the spiritual heart: <https://themasofgender.com/episode-3-tina-and-the-spiritual-heart>
- * *Austen Hartke* – author of the YouTube series 'Transgender and Christian' author
at <http://austenhartke.com>
- * *Sarah Jones* – Anglican trans priest in Wales
- <https://www.bbc.com/news/av/uk-wales-47575088/transgender-vicar-people-relate-to-people-first?fbclid=IwAR1nfoN9bSS4KzVzeO9gNw8yKwyj6Eu4sOZCu4hVXHrm3dFzCXzHi377SY>
- * *Shay Kearns* – A Strange Calling: the 1st Old Catholic Priest
- at <http://thesaltcollective.org/strange-calling-1st-old-catholic-transgender-priest/>
- * *Nancy Ledins* – former Catholic priest who continued a fine ministry after transition
www.newwaysministry.org/2017/09/12/transgender-womans-ministry-continued-long-after-she-left-priesthood/
- * *Rachael Mann* – Anglican priest, poet, writer and broadcaster based in Manchester
at <http://rachelmann.co.uk/>
- * *Justin Tanis* – leading trans theologian and activist
- at <https://lgbtqreligiousarchives.org/profiles/justin-tanis>

”Voices of Witness: Out of the Box” - view at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QzCANWGsEdc>
(a ground breaking Anglican documentary giving voice to transgender people of faith telling their stories of hope, healing and wholeness. Produced in 2012 as a gift Integrity (the Episcopal Church's LGBT+ Caucus organisation))

Briefing paper on the Church of England House of Bishops' Pastoral Guidance on using the Affirmation of Baptismal Faith with transgender people - www.inclusive-church.org/sites/default/files/files/Trans%20briefing.pdf

Further reading:

- with thanks to *Inclusive Church* – www.inclusive-church.org

- * Althaus-Reid M. and L. Isherwood (Eds.) 2009. *Trans/Formations*. London: SCM.
- * Beardsley, C., & M. O'Brien (eds.) *This is my body: hearing the theology of transgender Christians*. 2016. London: Darton, Longman & Todd. (Part 1 includes chapters on medicine, scientific perspectives, social theory and theology, Part 2 the personal stories of transgender Christians)
- * Cornwall, S. *Sex and Uncertainty in the Body of Christ: Intersex Conditions and Christian Theology*. 2010. London: Routledge. (Chapter 4 considers 'Theologies from Transgender Perspectives')
- * Dowd, C. & C. Beardsley with Justin Tanis. *Transfaith: A transgender pastoral resource*. 2018. London: Darton, Longman & Todd. - based on in-depth interviews with twelve transgender Christians
- * Gilchrist, S. 2016. 'A New Approach to Identity and Personality Formation in Early Life'
<http://www.tgdr.co.uk/documents/218P-InfluencesPersonality.pdf>
- * Gilchrist, S. 2017. 'What does it mean to be Transgender?'
<http://www.tgdr.co.uk/documents/242P-TransgenderIdentities.pdf>
- * Hartke, A. 2018. *Transforming: The Bible and the Lives of Transgender Christians*. Louisville, Kentucky: John Knox Press. (a clearly written, well-argued volume, aimed at a US audience)
- * Hornsby, T.J. & D. Guest. 2016. *Transgender, Intersex, and Biblical Interpretation*. Atlanta: SBL Press. (scholarly exploration of the translation and interpretation of a range of biblical texts)
- * Mann, R. 2012. *Dazzling Darkness: Gender, sexuality, illness and God*. Glasgow: Wild Goose. (autobiographical theological reflections by a Christian priest-poet.)
- * Tanis J. 2003. *Trans-Gendered: Theology, ministry and communities of faith*. Pilgrim Press.