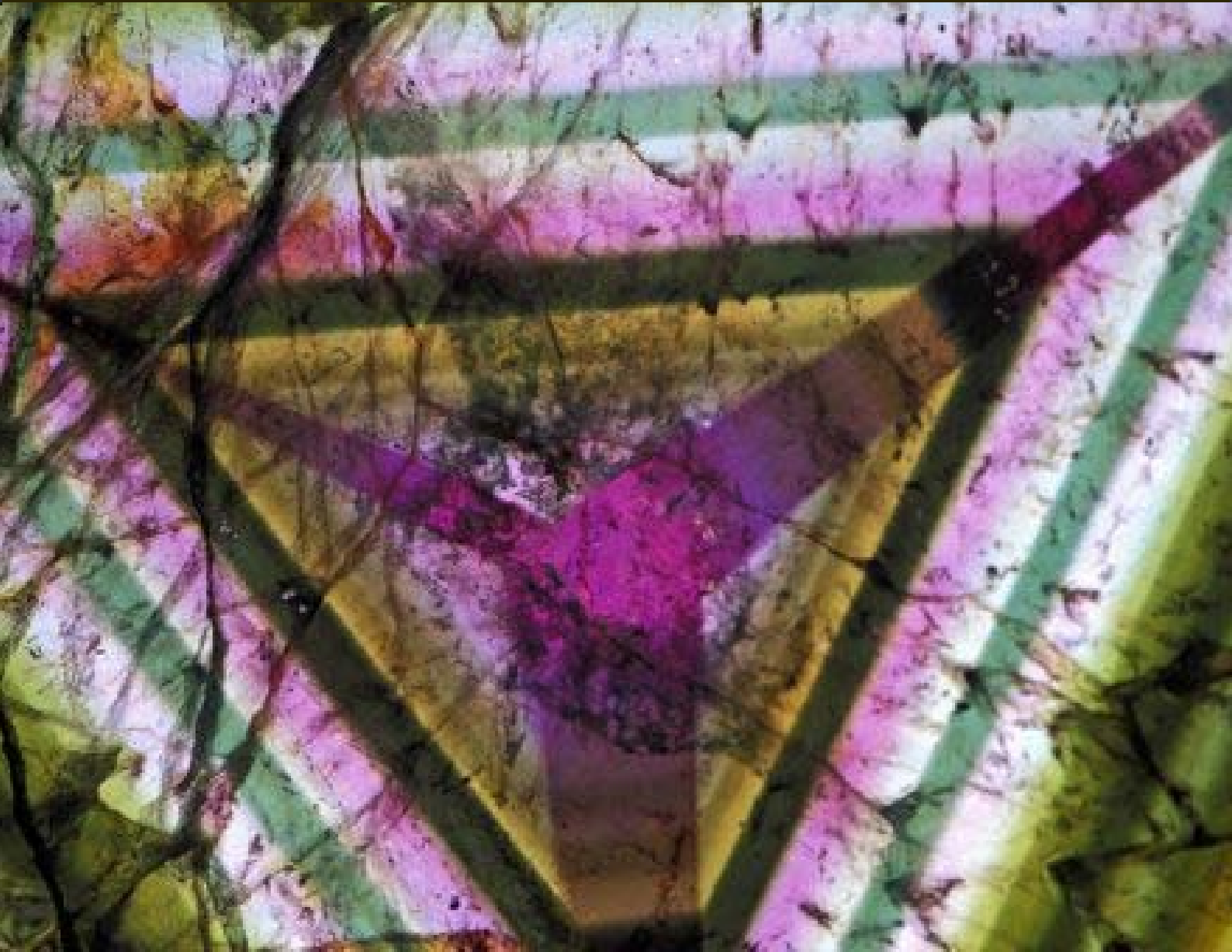


# The Christ-stone

Day Workshop with George Perry and Tom Ravetz  
Saturday, 12th April, 10am-5pm



*The tourmaline is a Christ-stone, because  
it is an organ of perception that Christ  
uses to perceive the entire mineral earth.*  
- Friedrich Benesch

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Tourmaline crystals are not only much sought after gemstones but highly interesting to study. Formative forces have created an impressive array of shapes and colours that can point beyond natural science towards spiritual science. In this one day workshop we will take an active approach of sense observation and 'living cognition' to enjoy and discover the extraordinary world and meaning of 'Tourmaline.'

There will be many tourmaline pieces to see and relate to; we would also be delighted if you could bring your own special examples for others to see.

George Perry is a biographical counsellor and community development consultant based in Stroud. Profoundly inspired by the monograph 'The Tourmaline' by Friedrich Benesch, he became a collector and researcher of this unique crystal over 20 years ago. He enjoys introducing this beautiful mineral as a shared journey towards understanding and connecting to the spiritual nature of the earth.

Tom Ravetz is a priest of 'The Christian Community in Forest Row'. Having lived in Friedrich Benesch's house in Stuttgart and seen the shop window of his best friend and gemstone dealer through many years, he has been an admirer of tourmalines for decades. As a priest and theologian, his interest is in seeing how this extraordinary stone writes the story of Christ into the unseen depths of the earth.

No registration necessary, although we would appreciate it if you could let us know that you are intending to come: [tccinfr@gmail.com](mailto:tccinfr@gmail.com)

Suggested donation: £25/ £20 concessions.

Your donation will cover travel costs and other expenses. Any excess will go to The Christian Community.

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*10.00am*

Meeting the nature and being of Tourmaline

*11.30am*

Break

*11.45am*

Artistic activity with George Perry

*12.45pm*

Lunch break (lunch is not provided)

*2.30-3.20pm*

The Christ-Stone – an icon of Christ's passion

*3.35-4.30pm*

Conversation in the round

*4.45pm*

Closing Service

*to finish by 5pm*

