



'Other than mother': bridging between the childless and childfree

with Kamalamani

Monday 24th October, 7.30-9.30pm, £6
at the Door and Rivet, The Old Crypt,
City Road Baptist Church,
Upper York Street, Bristol, BS2 8TP

Early this summer I hosted a discussion group exploring childlessness following the launch of my book *Other than Mother: Choosing Childlessness with Life in Mind*, published by Earth Books in April. It was a rich evening with the 12 of us there ranging from those who were childless by circumstance, to those childfree by choice, others who were without child because of happenstance, and a parent intrigued by the subject and the emerging dialogues.

What's becoming clearer to me in researching and launching *Other than Mother* is that there can be a lot of grey area between being without child due to circumstance and happenstance and choice. For many of us this choice is often not a simple one; its twists and turns pulling us in different directions over time. In launching *Other than Mother* I've been struck by the importance of bridging between those of us who are—or identify—as childfree and those of us who are childless. There may be a range of similarities and differences between our life's circumstances. An important unifying theme is that however we have arrived at being without child, we are still (sadly) subjected to society's stereotypes and suspicions. That might be pity, if we are childless by circumstance, through to sometimes being dismissed and scorned if we are childfree by choice.

So this evening will be a chance to talk about this bridging - is it timely? Is it useful? How might it happen? It would be lovely to see some of you from our first gathering, and, of course, to see new faces. Please come along and add your presence and voice!

To find out more or to book: kalamamani@blueyonder.co.uk or 07905 147 968.

Tickets cost £6 and are bookable in advance due to the limited number of places (14). Light refreshments will be available for sale

Venue information—please see the address for the Door and Rivet in St Paul's above, or click on the photo to the right...



Kalamamani works as a Body psychotherapist, counsellor, facilitator, supervisor and author here in Bristol. 'Meditating with Character', Kalamamani's first book, was published by Mantra Books in 2012. 'Other than Mother: Choosing Childlessness with Life in Mind' was published by Earth Books in April.

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