

Subject: Request for Dating Service users

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UPDATE - YOUTH CHAT ROOMS

In our previous Newsletter I mentioned that the **Main Chat Room** was going to be restricted to those over 18. We are no longer bound by that constraint and are able to open the Main Chat Room to all, as before.

We will still keep the **Youth Chat Rooms** going on **Monday and Friday nights** for those young people (12 – 18) who want to get together with their peers. Jan and Matt will moderate depending on whether a male or female is needed in the room. We also have the **Ages 18 – 24 yo Room** for that age group which is open all the time.

Remember that now when you enter Chat, you are in the **Lobby**. From there you choose the room you want to go into from the selection near the top of the page. Look at the very top left of the page and it will say "**Welcome {your name}**" Directly under that is "**Room**". Click on "**Lobby**" and select the room you wish to enter. If you're there for a while and don't come into one of the rooms someone will come out to the Lobby to rescue you and will explain how to do it. ;-)

NEW BLOG – POEM BY DENNIS - "Cliché"

It's excellent. I highly recommend you read it at <http://www.christiangays.com/blog/dennis.php>

NEW VIDEO – PROJECT 1138 SAME-SEX MARRIAGE EQUALITY

See it on our **Gay News** page at <http://christiangays.com/news.shtml>

REQUEST - DATING SERVICE REPLIES

To those who use the **Dating Service** I would request that if someone contacts you, if you are not interested, please at least be courteous enough to give a response. Some of you may feel that you don't want to be unkind so you just don't respond, but this is very unkind because the person who wrote to you is holding out hope, perhaps for many days, perhaps thinking that you just haven't checked your email yet.

Our Christian Gays Dating Service has been compared to other sites that contain porn as well as some decent folks, and we fare very badly in our response record compared to the secular sites. This is very sad when we are commanded by Jesus to love God above all else, and then to love our neighbours as ourselves. The people who write to you are your neighbours. Please treat them with the same respect you'd like to receive, and do them the honour of replying.

Suggested reply: "Thank you for taking the time to contact me. I do appreciate your interest but am seeking someone with different attributes. I wish you well in your search."

Or

"Thanks so much for writing but I see you live in a different country. I'd like to avoid the hassles of a long distance relationship and so am seeking someone closer to home. I pray you find your soul mate."

More Ideas:

Our backgrounds are too diverse
I'm choosing to take a break from dating

I don't feel like the chemistry is there (if you've written a few times)
I'm pursuing another relationship
The distance between us is too great
We don't have enough in common

These are just a few suggestions. I'm sure you can think of something depending on the circumstances but please don't leave people hanging.
Thanks!

UPDATE - SHORT BIBLE STUDIES – MON - FRI

Socko691 (John) is hosting a **short** 15 min (max 30 min) prayer/study time in the **Bible Study Room** of the Chat Rooms every **Monday to Friday** at 6 pm Pacific, 7 pm Mountain, 8 pm Central & 9 pm Eastern.

The regular chat rooms will be open at the same time so you have your choice of chatting during that time or attending the prayer/Bible study.

Our **Sunday night Bible Studies** continue with Rev Brown and Viator (Derek) hosting.

All details can be found on the **Bible Study** link at http://christiangays.com/chat_study.shtml

QUEER STUDENT NEEDS HELP FOR THESIS – WIN \$50????

We invite you to participate in a study on cognition and social groups that takes about 15 – 20 minutes to complete. In this study, you will be asked to answer a variety of questions about yourself. You will also complete two timed categorization tasks. **Participants will have the opportunity to enter a drawing for \$50.**

The purpose of this study is to gain a greater understanding of cognitive processing about social groups in the world.

This is an anonymous, web-based study run through the Department of Psychology at the University of Washington. For more information, please go to <https://catalysttools.washington.edu/webq/survey/sbaillie/95609> , or contact the Social Identity Lab at silab@u.washington.edu or (206) 685-4229. Please remember that we cannot guarantee the confidentiality of any information sent by email.

This study has been approved by the University of Washington Institutional Review Board, Certification of Exemption #38239 under 45 CFR 46.101 (b) (2).

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April 1: Television and radio host **Rachel Maddow**, 1973

April 2: Danish fairy tale writer **Hans Christian Andersen**, 1805

April 3: Actor **David Hyde Pierce**, 1959

April 4: Actor **Anthony Perkins**, 1932

April 7: Songwriter and singer **Janis Ian**, 1951

April 8: Comedian and activist **Robin Tyler**, 1942

April 12: Indigo Girl **Amy Ray**, 1964

April 14: Actor **Sir John Gielgud**, 1904

April 15: Renaissance artist and scientist **Leonardo da Vinci**, 1452; blues singer **Bessie Smith**, 1894

April 16: Rocker **Dusty Springfield**, 1939

April 19: Actor **Dick Sargent**, 1930

April 20: Actor and activist **George Takei**, 1937; writer and editor **Katherine V. Forrest**, 1939; Canadian painter and figure skater **Toller Cranston**, 1949

April 23: Playwright and poet **William Shakespeare**, 1564; U.S. President **James Buchanan**, 1791; Fashion designer **Halston**, 1932

April 25: **Edward II**, King of England, 1284

April 26: Blues singer **Gertrude "Ma" Rainey**, 1886; Novelist **Gale Wilhelm**, 1908; composer **Conrad Susa**, 1935

April 27: Mexican painter **Luis Zapata**, 1951

April 29: Poet and composer **Rod McKuen**, 1933

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May you all be especially blessed this wonderful Easter Season! HE IS RISEN!!!!

God bless,
Mary

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