

Newsletter

May 2018

Keeping you up to date with
Hounslow Friends of Faith

Nuclear Weapons – a challenge for faiths Saturday 2nd June

Brentford and Isleworth Quakers are hosting a meeting on Saturday 2nd June 5.30pm – 7.30pm on the issue of the abolition of nuclear weapons. The Quaker Meeting House is in Quakers Lane, London Road, Isleworth TW7 5AZ.

Twitter diplomacy and nukes?
Political inertia and nukes?
Racism, sexism and nukes?

The events of the last year have shown us that the danger of nuclear weapons did not go away when the Cold War ended. 10 days before President Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jung-un are due to meet for the Singapore Summit, come hear an expert panel discuss what the international situation means for the UK. Is this problem solvable? Does it really matter when we have other pressing issues in society? Is there reason for hope? Faiths speak of peace. How can it be realised.

Speakers: Dr Rebecca Johnson,
Founding President of the International
Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons -
2017 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate

Hayley Ramsay-Jones, Director of the
Soka Gakkai International Office of UN
Affairs Geneva, Programme lead for
Nuclear Disarmament.

Ruth Cadbury MP

Chair: Josie Parkhouse, Co-Chair of
Amplify Global Youth Network for
Nuclear Disarmament.

Event is free. Booking via Eventbrite.
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/hope-in-the-time-of-trump-and-north-korea-tickets-46019685117>

Small Grants Programme 2018/19 – open for applications

The Small Grants Programme provides grants of up to £500 to support local community events or activity across the borough. This includes street parties, local events or activities for residents that help prevent social isolation or allow neighbours to get to know one another better. Only one grant can be allocated to any organisation or group of residents in any financial year.

There will be three funding rounds in 2018-19. Decisions on funding are made by the Cabinet Member responsible for communities in consultation with members of the Community Investment Advisory Panel and will normally be made within four weeks of the closing dates below.

Round 1: This is now open and the closing date for applications is 12 noon on 8 June 2018. There will be two further rounds later in the year. Use this link below for more information.

https://m.box.com/shared_item/https%3A%2F%2Fhounslow.box.com%2Fs%2F2u01103r62b0a2mcqcvxi09zbp5c1st6

Refugees Welcome Hounslow Summer Garden Party 21st June 7-9.30

It's been a while since there's been an update for supporters on how things are

going welcoming the now six households settling into their new lives here in the borough of Hounslow. There have been generous donations from many faith groups and individuals to this cause since it started.

To say thank you to supporters and volunteers and celebrate our part in making Hounslow a Refugee Welcome Borough, all are invited to a Garden Party on Thursday evening 21st June, 7pm – 9.30pm. The venue is St Paul's Church Garden, 62 Grove Park Road, Chiswick W4 3SB. 5 minutes walk from Chiswick train station, buses E3 or 272 or parking on street.

Bring food to share (no pork, alcohol or nuts please). A fitting event in the week of World Refugee Day and the Great Get Together in memory of MP Jo Cox.

To help with arrangements please book via Eventbrite.

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/refugees-welcome-hounslow-summer-party-tickets-46316872011. For more information email refugeeswelcomehounslow@gmail.com

Walk of Peace and Friendship

Our 2018 Walk takes place on Sunday 24th June and this year takes in four places of worship in the Feltham area. This enjoyable event is our regular chance to visit different places of worship, meet members of different faiths and hear about their work and witness and meet others on the pilgrimage.

We start at 11.30 am at the Athula Dassana Buddhist Centre at 114 Hounslow Road in Hanworth TW13 6QB where a vegetarian lunch will be provided. We don't leave until 12.45 so come when you can.

From the temple we will walk across Hanworth Park to visit the Riverside Vineyard Church in Browells Lane at 1.15pm where we will hear about their work in the area, see their newly completed community and hear about the Storehouse Project.

Moving on from the Vineyard at 2pm, we will walk up to the High Street and then along Hounslow Road in Feltham to HIRA (the Hounslow Islamic Relief Association). Leaving there at 3.30, our final visit is St Lawrence's Catholic Church on The Green, TW13 4AF.

We are aware that some people may have other commitments and their own faith observances on a Sunday. Do just come when you can.

As we are visiting places of worship, we ask everyone to dress modestly. Women should cover their heads at the Islamic Centre. All will remove shoes there and at the Buddhist Centre. We hope many people will walk with us. If this is not possible, use local buses between each venue, or your own car.

Westminster Interfaith

For those who are interested in places of worship in other parts of London, on Saturday 23rd June, Westminster Interfaith Pilgrimage is visiting venues in Tower Hamlets. This is an area which has attracted large numbers of immigrant groups over the centuries, notably Jewish arrivals at the end of the 19th century. Now, a high number of Muslims reside in the area.

The Pilgrimage begins at 9.30am at the East London Mosque, moving on to the East London Central Synagogue and St Boniface German Catholic Church where

there will be lunch. During the afternoon there will be a visit to Guardian Angels Church, Mile End Hindu Mandir and the Sikh Gurdwara in Bow.

Places must be booked by emailing Jon Dal Din on jondaldin@rcdow.org.uk or ringing 020 7931 6028 or 075 2775 8729.

Our differences are much more interesting than our similarities – Living together in the 21st Century

This is the lively and ever topical title of a talk to be given by Clive Lawton in St John's Church Hall in Isleworth on Wednesday 18th July at 7.30pm.

Clive is a well known Jewish educationalist, writer and broadcaster.

He has written widely on religion, moral and religious education and was a head teacher of a unique co-ed, Jewish, state comprehensive school in Liverpool where half of the pupils were not Jewish.

He has served on the North Middlesex Hospital Board, and has been an independent member of the Metropolitan Police Authority (over-viewing public order policing and community policing). He has contributed to Radio 4's Thought for the Day.

Clive is an engaging speaker and we can expect an entertaining and stimulating evening.

The talk will be preceded by HFOF's AGM at 7pm. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

Full address: St John's Church Hall, St John's Road, Isleworth TW7 6NY

New Bishop of London visits Southall

The new Bishop of London Sarah Mullally visited nearby Southall earlier this month. She visited the Shree Ram Hindu Mandir, the Central Jamia Masjid, the Sri Guru Singh Sabha Gurdwara Southall and St John's Church.

During her tour, Bishop Sarah heard about the work of each place of worship, the good relations between faiths in Southall and the work of Near Neighbours who support joint interfaith projects such as the Listening Space.

Ramadan Mubarak!

Best wishes to our Muslim colleagues as they began the holy month of Ramadan on 16th May. During this time Muslims abstain from food and drink during daylight hours to devote themselves to spiritual renewal and thinking about the needs of others. They break the fast with dates and water and often a community meal called iftar.

If anyone would be interested in sharing an iftar with their Muslim neighbours, do get in touch.

Celebration of the Buddha's Anniversary

Vesak celebrates the Buddha's birth, enlightenment, and death, or attainment of Nirvana. While these anniversaries are observed in all Buddhist countries, they are not always celebrated on the same day.

The Dewachan Buddhist Centre's Jayanti to celebrate the Buddha's anniversary took place on 29 April 2018 at Feltham Community College and HFOF was represented. This colourful

event was well attended. After speeches and prayers, food was shared.

The occasion will be celebrated at the London Buddhist Vihara in Chiswick on 27th May.

Disability Network Hounslow Culture and Diversity Days 25th - 27th June

Stalls with advice and information on services for people with health needs (i.e. any of us) are being organised at the Gurdwara Sri Guru Singh Sabha in Alice Way in Hounslow TW3 3UA over three days in June. On Wednesday 27th June there is a programme of talks starting at 11.15 on keeping safe, Job Service Plus and services for people with autism. All welcome. For further information ring 020 8577 0956 or email ashi@disabilitynetworkhounslow.org

New vicar in Brentford

Welcome to Rev Sarah Guinness who was licensed as the new Priest in Charge at St Paul's and St Faith's in Brentford on 1st May by Bishop Graham Tomlin. As well as local Christians from the area, the church were delighted to welcome the Chair of Hounslow Friends of Faith, local councillors, local MP Ruth Cadbury and the Mayor of Hounslow Councillor Sue Sampson.

Hate Crime

Hate crime can take many forms:

- verbal abuse
- physical abuse, threats or bullying
- criminal damage or graffiti
- intimidation
- offensive printed material
- offensive posts online and social media provoking hostility towards a

whole group because of a disagreement over the behaviour or policies of a few people, an extremist group or a government

To report hate crime

Call 999 in case of emergency or 101 for non-emergencies. [Online here](#)

Crimestoppers: 0800 555111

[Visit the Crimestoppers reporting page](#)

Calls are free. You don't have to give your name. Hounslow Council has a dedicated hate crime officer Call 020 8583 2464

community.safety@hounslow.gov.uk

Hounslow Friends of Faith works to increase understanding about faiths, supports equality and diversity and promotes good relations between people of different religions and beliefs and people of no belief. HFOF challenges all faith based hate crime including Islamophobia and Anti-Semitism, whoever commits it.

General Data Protection Regulation

Hounslow Friends of Faith (HFOF) use personal contact information to keep both members and those interested in our work informed of events and activities relating to interfaith. HFOF does not share this personal information without the individual's express permission.

Members and others may ask to have their names removed from this list at any time by contacting the HFOF Secretary by phone 07928 345959 or email on info@hounslowfriendsoffaitth.org or

But we hope you won't!

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