



Newsletter of York Interfaith Group

October 2018



Dear Members and Supporters

Welcome to October's newsletter, which may appear thin on the ground but, nevertheless, maintains our universal desire of loving relationship and communication across the world. We extending the hands of friendship and understanding to likeminded people whom we may even consider our true brothers and sisters.

Mark continues to be great loss to us. His dedication to publicity and the Newsletter was unrelenting. However, since Mark left, we have not yet had anyone volunteer to be the regular Editor. Thus, Members of the Management Committee do what they can in rotation (some obviously better than the others depending on time and IT skills). If, you feel you can make some contribution, then please do not be shy in coming forward to share this interesting part of our communication. New ideas and talents are always welcomed.

We also need a Good Samaritan to print the newsletter and post or deliver it to a few members who do not have Email access. These members have been sadly deprived of access to the Newsletter in print form/hardcopy. Please bear with us during this period of transition.

Join the Management Committee: There are a few vacancies on the Management Committee to which anyone interested may be co-opted with the approval of the MC until the next AGM. We seek to enhance gender, diversity and inclusivity from currently under-represented faith groups.

Monthly Meetings (reminders)

October

7.30pm Tuesday 2nd October, 2018

‘Teaching RE Today’

Olivia Seymour, Dr James Holt

@ Hudson Room, City of York Council, West Offices, Station Rise, York YO16GA

This promises to be a very interesting presentation highlighting the impact of new developments in Religious Education at schools on Interfaith Dialogue.

Olivia Seymour is Assistant Director of Education at Diocese of York and an active member of York Standing Advisory Committee for Religious Education (SACRE) of the City of York Council. At York Diocese, Olivia has particular responsibility for church school, Christian distinctiveness, including SIAMS Manager*, RE and Collective Worship.

*Service Integration and Management (SIAM) is an approach to managing multiple suppliers of services (business services as well as information technology services) and integrating them to provide a single business-facing IT organisation.

Dr. James Holt is Senior Lecturer in Religious Education at the University of Chester, with extensive educational background, research and publications on child education.

November (Looking ahead)

7.30pm Tuesday 6th November, 2018

‘The Experience of Interfaith Marriages’

Couples in Interfaith Marriages

Chair: Daryoush Mazloum

@ Hudson Room, City of York Council, West Offices, Station Rise, York YO16GA

Week of prayer for world peace

The Week of Prayer for World Peace was started as a Christian initiative in 1974. It soon became an interfaith activity when members of faith communities from around the world pray for the peace and wellbeing of humanity and now welcomes everyone, of all faith traditions or none. This year, the week falls between 16 and 23 October.

Here is a (2017) link for suggested prayers for each day of the week from some faith traditions.

http://weekofprayerforworldpeace.com/download/wpwp.leaflet_2017.pdf

Religious Festivals in October according to the Interfaith Network for the UK. For details please go to www.interfaith.org.uk/resources/religious-festivals

- 1 October (Monday): JASHN-E MEHERGAN (or MIHR JASHAN) Zoroastrian
(Iranian)
- 2 October (Tuesday): SIMCHAT TORAH Jewish
- 9 October (Tuesday) to
17 October (Wednesday): NAVARATI Hindu
- 14 October (Sunday) to
18 October (Thursday): DURGA PUJA Hindu
- 16 October (Tuesday) to
23 October (Tuesday): INTER FAITH WEEK OF PRAYER FOR WORLD PEACE
- 17 October (Wednesday): Picnic In A High Place / Chongyangjie / Ch'ung Yang Chinese
- 19 October (Friday): DUSSEHRA / VIJAYA DASHAMIPUJA Hindu
- 20 October (Saturday): Conferring of Guruship on The Guru Granth Sahib Sikh
- 24 October (Wednesday): PAVARANA DAY Buddhist
- 31 October (Wednesday): SAMHAIN (pronounced Sow-in) Wiccan Pagan SAMHUINN
Druid
- 31 October (Wednesday): HALLOWE'EN Heathen
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An invitation from The Interfaith Network for the UK (for anyone who might be interested)

IFN will be holding its next day event for local interfaith practitioners in Bradford on Tuesday 16 October from 10.30 am to 4.00 pm, with refreshments available from 10.15am. The meeting will be held at the Kala Sangam Arts Centre, St Peter's House, 1 Forster Square, Bradford BD1 4TY.

The event is an opportunity for people from local interfaith groups anywhere in the UK to come to share their experiences, discuss issues of common interest and concern and discuss practical aspects of developing successful inter faith programmes as well as the challenges. There is no charge to attend. A vegetarian lunch is provided. The day will be chaired by IFN Co-Chair and local inter faith practitioner Jatinder Singh Birdi.

IFN are delighted that the Rt Revd Toby Howarth, Bishop of Bradford, plans to be present for the morning session. The day will offer a mix of short plenary presentations and discussion and workshops and more details on these will be coming shortly.

Dr Harriet Crabtree, Executive Director

Lifting the Shadow of WW1 & Prospects for Peace Today – 2 events Organised by York Quakers

Sat 6 October: Lifting the shadow of WW1 and prospects for peace today

A day conference at Friargate Meeting House 10.00 am - 5.00 pm

Cost: adult £15/student £7 – includes lunch and other refreshments.

Saturday 17 November: Peace Now – the Personal Dimension

A day of workshops at Friargate Meeting House 10.00 am - 4.45 pm

Cost: adult £12 students/£7 – includes lunch and other refreshments.

A brochure with application form is available at Friargate and other local Meeting Houses. Electronic version and fillable form from www.yorkquakers.org.uk or by email from friargate@yorkquakers.org.uk or 01904 624065

'DURGA PUJA and DANDIYA NIGHT' Celebration 21st October 2018, 6 pm at St. Aelred's Community Centre, 216 Fifth Avenue, Tang Hall. For further information please contact either Soumya Singharoy (soumyasingharoy@gmail.com) or Mahendra Verma (mkv1@york.ac.uk).

Diwali Celebration 3rd November 2018, 4 pm at York St. John University

See posters overleaf

Reminders

The Website: Please see the website for an introduction to the group's activities and for on-going events and updates... www.yorkinterfaith.org

Membership: Please renew your memberships and if you don't remember when you renewed last time please Email our dear treasurer Anthony Glaister resolve@anthonyglaister.co.uk

Although we have much less expenditure than previous years, still our main source of income are membership fees and donations at our monthly meetings.

Group membership is important to indicate the support and solidarity of your faith community for the aims and objectives of the Interfaith as well as allowing your activities to be circulated among our membership.

Your News inclusion: In order to include your news in this Newsletter, please ensure you send them to our dear secretary Sister Patricia Harriss <patricia.cj@bar-convent.org.uk> at least a week before the end of the month who will forward it to whoever may be doing the News letter for the following month.

York Indian Cultural Association
&
The Hindu Faith Advisers, York St John University
proudly presents

Diwali 2018

- Festival of Lights -

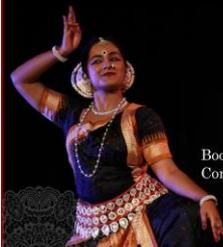


- Dance performance by award-winning Odissi dancer Meghna Das (from India)
- Wide varieties of Music and Dance performances by Talented local artists & childrens
- Dance workshop for the audience by Meghna Das
- Traditional Indian meal supplied by award-winning Indian restaurant (Tapasya, Hull)

3rd November, 4PM
Temple Hall, York St. John University

Book tickets at www.yica.org.uk
Contact: yica.york@gmail.com

Tickets
Adult: £15
Children: £7.50
under 5's Free



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cordially invite you to celebrate

Durga Puja & Dandiya Night 2018

An entertaining cultural evening with
*Puja, Aarti, Children's performance,
Dandiya Dance and Food.*

21st October, 6 PM
St. Aelred's Community Centre,
216 Fifth Ave, York YO81 0PN

Book your place by sending an email
yica.york@gmail.com

Tickets
Adult: £8
Children: £1.50
under 5's Free



Food sponsor (BHANDARA):
Masala Craft
200, York Road, YO1 1BA

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