



**“Above is the sky of the mind, and beyond this sky is the Lord”  
(Sri Guru Granth Sahib)**

Thank you once again for your valuable contribution to this issue, please continue to email your events, reports or any information which you think would be useful for faith communities.

**Shout out for Surrey Faith Links:**

Do you need a speaker from a different faith for any of your events or regular meetings? Whether it is a Mother’s Union, Women’s fellowship, prayer breakfast, men’s groups, youth groups etc. how about inviting people of different faiths to increase understanding and develop friendships.

Would you like help organising an interfaith event? Or would you like to arrange a visit to a different place of worship?

If so, please get in touch. I am happy to come and talk to you where you are.

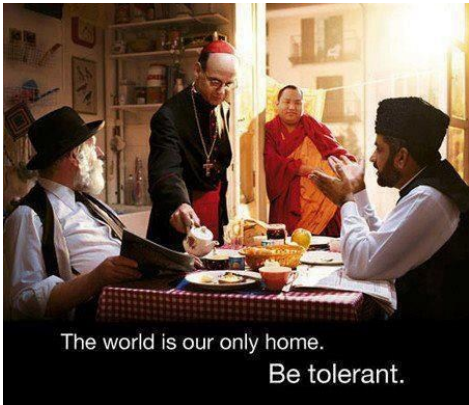
Find out more about Surrey Faith Links: [www.surreyfaithlinks.org.uk](http://www.surreyfaithlinks.org.uk). We are updating and developing the website; if your church has a website or face book page, get in touch and I will be happy to add it to the Surrey Faith Links website.

Visit the new Resources, Multi media and news pages; if you have some good interfaith resources, songs, poems etc. you would like to share, again please do send them in.

Facebook is a great way of staying in touch with what is happening in Surrey, so if you are a face book user, ‘Like’ the Surrey Faith Links page!

Thank you  
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**Main Faith Festivals in May 2013**

- ◆ 8th - Yom Yerushalayim
- ◆ 9th - Ascension Day
- ◆ 15th - Shavuot
- ◆ 19th - Pentecost
- ◆ 23rd - Declaration of the Bab
- ◆ 25th - Buddha Day
- ◆ 26th - Trinity Sunday
- ◆ 29th - Ascension of Baha'ullah
- ◆ 30th - Corpus Christi

Helping young people build a future

Guildford

## Changing the future for young people in Guildford




Participating in a Prince's Trust Team can seriously change a young person's future for the better. Currently 12 young people aged 16-25 are completing their community project as part of the Guildford Prince's Trust Team based at Plantation, Market Street. Led by Cassie Cowan and Jenni Daniel of Guildford YMCA's

Plantation youth work department, the young people are nearly half way through this life changing course.

They have been on quite a journey already. A week spent on the wilds of Dartmoor threw them together to face challenges on a team and individual level. Since then they spent a week fundraising. One particularly talkative team member did a sponsored silence, and the group sold doughnuts and cakes in various work places around Guildford town centre. They chose to redecorate the entrance and hallways of the No 5 night shelter on York Road for their community project. They have had to work hard to make that project a success. Alongside all this they have been stretched in ways they may never have experienced before, and their negative beliefs about themselves are constantly being questioned. Team leader Cassie says, "The team have worked really hard to get this project completed. Some of the team have really stepped up in their ability to lead and others in their ability to see something through to the end. They should be very proud of themselves."

For young people who have few qualifications, no sense of direction and little hope for the future, being on Team has a profound effect. Making new friends is a huge positive, and as team progresses the young people's growing support for each other is heart-warming. They discover they can achieve far more than they thought possible, and what seemed unattainable at the start of the 12 week course, gradually becomes more achievable over time.

There are plenty of challenges ahead still for this group of young people. They will spend two weeks on work experience in varied settings such as a care home for the elderly, an IT department and a children's nursery. If you can offer a work experience placement for this or a future team Cassie would love to hear from you.

After that they will get down to evaluating and enhancing their CVs, get a taste of the interview process and undertake further fundraising and work for the local community. Those that persevere to the end of the course will truly deserve to feel they've achieved something significant. And best of all, each young person will be better equipped to find work and hold a job down.

In the current climate things are tough for young people but the Prince's Trust Team course is giving this group an advantage. The next Team will run in Guildford in September. If you know anyone who could benefit from 12 life changing weeks call Cassie or Jenni on 01483 888122 and visit [www.plantationcafe.org.uk](http://www.plantationcafe.org.uk) for more information.



### Counting on You to Get the 145 Needed!

Opportunities are available for individuals who work with people with disabilities in a professional or voluntary capacity, as a carer or have disabilities themselves, to work with judges in ensuring the right decisions are made in benefit appeal cases involving disability.

For more information: <http://jac.judiciary.gov.uk/selection-process/selection-exercises/current/1657.htm>

## SPECIAL INTERFAITH WEEKS/DAYS

**Are you planning to do anything for the special interfaith days/weeks? If so, let's hear about it!**

### International Day of Peace

The International Day of Peace, a.k.a. "Peace Day" provides an opportunity for individuals, organizations and nations to create practical acts of peace on a shared date. It was established by a United Nations resolution in 1981 to coincide with the opening of the General Assembly. The first Peace Day was celebrated in September 1982. In 2002 the General Assembly officially declared **September 21** as the permanent date for the International Day of Peace.



Anyone, anywhere can celebrate Peace Day. It can be as simple as lighting a candle at noon, or just sitting in silent meditation. Or it can involve getting your co-workers, organization, community or government engaged in a large event. The impact if millions of people in all parts of the world, coming together for one day of peace, is immense.

International Day of Peace is also a Day of Ceasefire – personal or political. Take this opportunity to make peace in your own relationships as well as impact the larger conflicts of our time. Imagine what a whole Day of Ceasefire would mean to humankind. For more information please visit: [www.internationaldayofpeace.org](http://www.internationaldayofpeace.org)



### One World Week

One World Week is a Development Education Charity. Each year, "The Week" (**20 – 27 October 2013**) is an opportunity for people from diverse backgrounds to come together to learn about global justice, to spread that learning and to use it to take action for justice locally and globally. "More than enough?" is the theme for One World Week 2013. Visit the website for more information, advice on planning local events and other resources: [www.oneworldweek.org](http://www.oneworldweek.org)

### Interfaith Week UK

The three aims of the Week are:

- Strengthening good inter faith relations at all levels
- Increasing awareness of the different and distinct faith communities in the UK, in particular celebrating and building on the contribution which their members make to their neighborhoods and to wider society
- Increasing understanding between people of religious and non-religious beliefs

Inter Faith Week is for everyone. Some of the many kinds of organisations who have participated in previous Weeks include faith communities and their places of worship, community and voluntary groups, inter faith bodies, youth groups, schools and SACREs, institutions of further and higher education, local authorities and other public agencies, sports organisations, museums, businesses and workplaces, TV and radio stations and many others. Inter Faith Week 2013 will take place from Sunday 17 - Saturday 23 November, for more information please visit: [www.interfaithweek.org](http://www.interfaithweek.org)



**If you are organizing an event, we would love to hear from you. If you would like to get involved with existing Interfaith Forums events please get in touch. Keep reading future issues for updates on events!**



Action for Carers Surrey unveils its new logo (above) and website – [www.actionforcarers.org.uk](http://www.actionforcarers.org.uk) - designed to help carers and those who work with them access essential information and advice more easily.

Visitors to the site will find the latest news, issues and campaigns and essential information and resources for carers. Carers can take part in online surveys or express a view and can sign up for forums and other events using the online forms.

The makeover helps to bring the five services provided by Action for Carers under one umbrella, allowing carers and others to recognise them as being part of the ACS stable.

Three of the services have been renamed. Action for Carers and Employment (ACE) becomes **Learning and Work**, Moving, Handling and Backcare is simplified to

## New logo and website for Action for Carers Surrey

**Moving and Handling** and GP Carer Recognition is now **GP Carer Awareness**.

**Surrey Young Carers** has a new logo and its website ([www.surrey-youngcarers.org.uk](http://www.surrey-youngcarers.org.uk)) will be updated in phase two of the rebrand project. In future, the site will be a resource for young people, with information for teachers and other professionals on the main Action for Carers site.

Jane Thornton, CEO for Action for Carers Surrey, commented:

“We hope our new website will encourage more carers, particularly those who aren’t able to get out much or who work, to access our services.

We will continue to be available to carers face-to-face and by phone or post as we have always done. Our aim is to make sure all carers have access to the information, advice and support they need.”

### The Diocese of Guildford seeks to recruit Partnership Development Co-ordinator For the Diocesan Communities Engagement Team (CET)

Salary: £34,500 including 15% benefits package

Full-time, based in Guildford

This inspirational project manager role will oversee a new team. Signposting is particularly important when providing services for the vulnerable and needy members of our communities. The team will Map services, identify gaps in resources and link with commissioners of services across Surrey’s Council boundaries. The Co-ordinator will also support the wider work of CET and the Diocese and must be committed to the values of the Church of England.

The closing date for applications will be: Thursday 16th May

Interviews will be held on: Wednesday 29th May

For an application pack please contact Gerardine Brown

Email: [recruitment.diocese@cofeguildford.org.uk](mailto:recruitment.diocese@cofeguildford.org.uk)

Tel: 01483 790302



Diocese of Guildford



## Handy Person Scheme

Guildford Borough Council's Care and Repair Agency is pleased to offer a Handy Person Scheme which may be able to assist you with small works to your property, if you are aged over sixty or disabled or vulnerable.

Examples of works undertaken:

- Install key safes
- Small carpentry works
- Plumbing repairs or small alterations
- Shelving
- Assemble units from DIY stores
- Any other small works
- Installation of Hand/Grab rails
- Bannister rails.

Please be aware that we cannot offer a same day service. However, urgent works will be given priority.

How much does the service cost?

This will depend on the type of work and your personal circumstances.

**SPECIAL OFFER**

All grab rails fitted FREE of charge. Charges may apply to bannister rails.

CARE AND REPAIR, Community Services, Housing & Health Services, Guildford Borough Council, Millmead House, Millmead, Guildford, Surrey, GU2 4BB, Tel: 01483 444302

Email: [careandrepair@guildford.gov.uk](mailto:careandrepair@guildford.gov.uk), Website: [www.guildford.gov.uk](http://www.guildford.gov.uk)



### Some Courses from WEA

**Make Lined Curtains with Tie-Backs** - 2 week course starts on 1st May at Epsom Ebbisham Centre. 10am – 12pm. Price £40. Ref C3733687 (plus small charge for materials)

**Glass Painting Workshop** – 1 day workshop Saturday 18th May at The King's Church, Epsom. 10am – 12pm. Price £10. Ref C3733724 (plus small charge for materials)

**Beginners Jewellery Making Workshop** – 1 day workshop Saturday 18th May at The King's Church, Epsom. 10am – 12pm. Price £10. Ref C3733728 (plus small charge for materials)

For more details call 01737 225100; visit [www.southern.wea.org.uk](http://www.southern.wea.org.uk) or email [east Surrey@wea.org.uk](mailto:east Surrey@wea.org.uk)

### Mary Frances Trust: Two Job Opportunities

The Mary Frances Trust is a Leatherhead based charity established in 1994 to support people who experience mental ill-health. Two job opportunities have come up within their organisation: Skills Development Co-ordinator and Volunteer Co-ordinator.

For more information: <http://www.maryfrancestrust.org.uk/>



## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

### SURREY DEMENTIA TRAINING CONSORTIUM

#### Funding opportunities for leadership and management training and development

The Dementia Training Consortium has been contracted to take responsibility for funding of £125K which has become available to encourage and facilitate the design, development and delivery of innovative training strategies and programmes in relation to leadership and management for those involved in the delivery of services relating to mental health and dementia within the adult social care sector and the health sector.

Proposals and suggestions for training and development will be encouraged from representative groups in the public, private and voluntary sectors, as well as health and social care sectors which

- Address gaps in current provision (whether this relates to content or mode of delivery)
- Are mapped against/aligned with the national Qualifications and Credit Framework, whether accredited or non accredited
- Are sustainable, embedding the training within the organisation and helping support succession planning

Any submission received will be reviewed against the specific criteria detailed below.

It is anticipated that the range of requests for funding will be from approximately £5K to £25K.

#### Who can submit

Proposals are welcomed from representative groups who can take forward innovative training strategies and programmes for developing leadership knowledge and skills in strategic leaders and operational managers, both current and future. The proposals must meet the criteria detailed below; and these proposals will be considered by members of the Dementia Training Consortium.

Deadline for proposals: 5pm on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2013.

For more information please contact Sue Cundell, Project Manager - Learning and Development (Adult Social Care), Surrey County Council, Mobile 07941164146, Email: [sue.cundell@btinternet.com](mailto:sue.cundell@btinternet.com)

### Surrey CC - Local Prevention Framework - £2.5million Grant Opportunity

Do you work with vulnerable young people to prepare them for further education, training and employment? If so, Surrey County Council has £2.5 million in funding available to you now!

The funding is to support local, targeted projects that keep young people participating in education, employment or training. In particular, the money will support work outside of school with young people of secondary school age who are most at risk of not participating.

You can apply for funding from 25 March to 3 May. Go to the online bidding portal, Bravo (<https://surrey.bravosolution.co.uk>) and use the "view current opportunities" link on the right of the page. More information is also available on the Surrey County Council website: [www.surreycc.gov.uk](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk)



For more information/help please contact SCC Procurement Jeremy Walker E: [jeremy.taylor@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:jeremy.taylor@surreycc.gov.uk) or contact Surrey Youth Focus who are assisting SCC to promote this fund. Contact Mike Abbott or Kate Peters (01483-453962) or email: [Mike.abbott@surreyfocus.org.uk](mailto:Mike.abbott@surreyfocus.org.uk)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### The Old Moat Monthly Cycle Group

Join us for an afternoon of gentle cycling in and around the scenic cycle paths of Epsom, setting off from, and returning to The Old Moat. Please make sure you bring a bike, cycle helmet, water and appropriate clothing.

**Date:** Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2013 (and the last Tuesday of every month)  
**Time:** 2pm to 4pm.  
**Venue:** Meet at The Old Moat, Horton Lane, Epsom, Surrey, KT19 8PQ  
**Cost:** Free



To find out more or to book a place, please contact Nicholas Denny on:  
 01372 731 971 or email: [Nicholas.denny@richmondfellowship.org.uk](mailto:Nicholas.denny@richmondfellowship.org.uk)

This event is open to anyone with a mental health problem aged 18 and over living within the Surrey area.



Queens Park & The Old Moat are part of the Richmond Fellowship (RF) who are specialist provider of mental health services, and one of the biggest voluntary sector provider of mental health care in England

## 'Doing God Together' WHAT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING OF LIFE AFTER DEATH?

Informal discussion exploring what people of  
 different faiths believe

**Date:** Sunday 28th April 2012

**Time:** 3.00 pm - 5.00 pm

**Venue:** Shah Jahan Mosque, 149 Oriental Rd  
 Woking, GU22 7BA

**Tea & Cake!**

**Free Entry, Donations Welcome.**



Woking People of Faith

For more information and RSVP please contact:

Rev Pippa Ross McCabe, M: 07986 342 355, E: [coordinator@wpof.org.uk](mailto:coordinator@wpof.org.uk)

Kauser Akhtar, M: 07502 460 397, E: [Kauser.Akhtar@cofeguildford.org.uk](mailto:Kauser.Akhtar@cofeguildford.org.uk)

## The Right to Die – right or wrong?

The annual Thomas of Chobham Lecture  
A faith perspective on euthanasia and assisted dying  
With the former Bishop of St Albans, The Right Revd Christopher Herbert

Tuesday April 23rd, St Lawrence Church, Chobham at 8pm

FREE entry – donations in aid of Abbeyfield Pirbright and District Society

Website: [www.chobhamchurch.co.uk](http://www.chobhamchurch.co.uk)

## THE SURREY HEATH SHOW

The Surrey Heath Show is taking place on Saturday 4 May 2013, at Frimley Lodge Park. A great day out for all the family, 10am – 4pm **free parking and free entry**. There will be the Surrey Air Ambulance, Music, Gardening, Food and Drink, Stalls, Companion Dog Show, Surrey Fire and Rescue and lots to do for all the family. If you would like to have a stall promoting your local group or business, have a display in the main arena or volunteer and help out for a couple of hours, please click onto the web site for more information.

[www.surreyheathshow.org](http://www.surreyheathshow.org)

## SLR Digital Photography Course

This Free afternoon photography course is for anyone with a mental health problem, it will look at getting the most out of your SLR camera and some of the techniques and camera functions you can use to take better pictures.

**Date:** 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> of May 2013  
**Time** 2pm to 4pm Thursday afternoons.  
**Venue:** The Old Moat, Horton Lane, Epsom, Surrey, KT19 8PQ  
**Cost:** Free



To find out more or to book a place, please contact Nicholas Denny on 01372 731 971 or email: [Nicholas.denny@richmondfellowship.org.uk](mailto:Nicholas.denny@richmondfellowship.org.uk) Space is limited so please book early to avoid disappointment.

## “THE WOKING DEBATES”

Saturday 20th April 2013: Where will our children live? Woking?  
Speaker: Rev JOHN McCabe—and young person in need of housing

Christ Church, Jubilee square,  
Woking.

11.00 am—12.30 pm

Saturday 18th May 2013: Can we become a more equal society?  
Speaker: SEAN BAINE, Chair of The Equality Trust

For more information contact:  
Keith Scott, t: 01483 824980  
e: [keithsc\\_2000@yahoo.com](mailto:keithsc_2000@yahoo.com)



### Jubilee Conversation with Bishop Kieran in April & May

Come and explore with the Bishop the fruits of our recent reflections on worship and liturgy. You are invited to attend one of a number of open meetings with Bishop Kieran to discuss things that have emerged from reflections on the document. All are welcome.

#### Meeting dates:

9 May - St Philip Howard School, Barnham, 7.30pm

16 May - St Peter's School, Guildford, 7.30pm

For more information on the Diocesan Golden Jubilee then contact the Jubilee Office on email: [jubilee@dabnet.org](mailto:jubilee@dabnet.org) or tel: 01293 651195 or visit [www.dabnet.org/ab2015](http://www.dabnet.org/ab2015)

### You are warmly invited to an Islamic Cultural Open Day

**Date: Sunday 30th June 2013**

**Time: 11.00 am – 4.00 pm**

**Venue: Ian Goodchild Centre, Camberley**

Exhibition from Discover Islam: [www.discoverislam.co.uk](http://www.discoverislam.co.uk)  
Organised by Surrey Heath Muslim Association

### Have a Go at....Sign Language



Date: Saturday 4th May

Venue: Church of the Good Shepherd, Pyrford, GU22 8SP

Cost: £15

Details: A day-workshop with the 'Signs of God' team, is open to people with any level of sign language (or none). Come and learn about BSL in Christian settings, meet new people and have a lot of fun. Bring your own lunch - drinks are included. Booking is essential

Further Info: [tracey.wade@cofeguildford.org.uk](mailto:tracey.wade@cofeguildford.org.uk) (Wed/Thurs/Fri) tel: 01483 790 327

Booking Forms: [emma.beswick@cofeguildford.org.uk](mailto:emma.beswick@cofeguildford.org.uk) tel: 01483 790 324

### WHAT ROLE CAN RELIGION PLAY IN CONFLICT RESOLUTION?

A public meeting organised by Guildford and Godalming Interfaith Forum

Speaker: Simon Keyes, Director at St Ethelburgas, Centre of Reconciliation and Peace

Thursday 6th June 2013

7.30 pm

At the Methodist Church, Woodbridge Road, Guildford.

More information in the next newsletter!

## PEACE IN THE HEART OF THE CITY

### INNER PEACE AND OUTER CONNECTION ~ ONENESS IN DIVERSITY

Two days: 3rd July, 10.00 am-9.00 pm & 4th July, 10.00 am-4.30 pm  
THE BRADY CENTRE, Tower Hamlets 192 – 196 Hanbury Street, London E1 5HU

A free facilitated gathering for all interested in exploring and sharing new ways of working in interfaith, especially grassroots interfaith workers, clergy, religious or spiritual leaders and interfaith ministers.  
*Hosted by Interfaith Vision, a non-denominational, non-profit organisation.*

Contact Annie on 01342 825511 or [Annie@annieblampied.co.uk](mailto:Annie@annieblampied.co.uk)

### Upcoming Events organised by Woking People of Faith



Woking People of Faith  
*understanding differences in faith and culture*

**Inter-faith Cricket Tournament:** Saturday 18th May 2013, West Byfleet Cricket Ground. The reigning champions, The Shah Jahan team, are ready to defend their title! If you wish to enter a team or to come along and join a team, please contact Richard Cook [cookingwok@gmail.com](mailto:cookingwok@gmail.com) or Imam Hafiz Hashmi [shashmi51@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:shashmi51@hotmail.co.uk)

**Ladies' summer tea party:** Sunday 26th May, 3-5pm, The Rectory, 81 Rectory Lane, Byfleet, KT14 7LX. RSVP to Pippa [coordinator@wpof.org.uk](mailto:coordinator@wpof.org.uk) 07986342355. Children welcome – there will be a children's entertainer!

**Football Festival :** Saturday 29th June 2013, 10am – 4pm, Winston Churchill School. This year we are concentrating on gathering interested and talented players from faith and cultural groups into 6-a-side teams (with one substitute). If you are interested in participating or in entering a team, please contact Jitu Kakad [jit.kakad@ntlworld.com](mailto:jit.kakad@ntlworld.com) or Muhammad Ali [u97066@yahoo.com](mailto:u97066@yahoo.com) . No football clubs.

### Southern Tutors 5-A-Side Charity Football Tournament

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2013, 11AM – 4PM  
St Martins C of E Junior School, Field, Ashley Rd, Epsom



All proceeds in aid of Epsom Medical Equipment Fund and Riding for the Disabled!  
Side stalls for all the family  
FREE entry for spectators!  
The Grayling Shield presented by the Rt Hon. Chris Grayling MP and celebrity referee!

**Southern Tutors** E: [info@southerntutors.co.uk](mailto:info@southerntutors.co.uk) to find out more!



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