



**“Happy is he who performs a good deed: for he may tip the scales for himself and the world.”
(Talmud: Kiddushin 40a)**

Happy Passover and Happy Easter!

Plenty of information and upcoming events in this issue, thank you to everyone for passing on details, please keep sending in any events/reports for future issues.

Thank you
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Welcome Pope Francis



What does the election of the Pope mean for interfaith relations? Initial reactions in the media have been positive: Jewish leaders have welcomed the appointment, and there is hope among Muslims that it marks a new beginning for relations between the two faiths. Francis has called for respect for other religions, and has even reached out to the non-religious.



Archbishop enthroned

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, has formally been enthroned in a ceremony in Canterbury Cathedral, so a warm welcome to him too!

Main Faith Festivals in April 2013

- ◆ 7th - Yom Hashoah
- ◆ 11th - Ugadi
- ◆ 13th - Vaisakhi
- ◆ 14th - Birthday of Guru Nanak
- ◆ 19th - Swaminarayan Jayanti
- ◆ 21st - Ridvan (1st day)
- ◆ 23rd - St George's Day
- ◆ 25th - Theravada New Year
- ◆ 28th - Lag B'Omer

EHRC guidance on religion and belief in the workplace

In February the Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) published guidance on religion and belief in the workplace based on the judgements in January of the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR) on the four combined cases (Ladele, McFarlane, Eweida, and Chaplin) on religious freedom.

The judgements affect the responsibilities of employers to put in place policies to protect religion or belief rights in the workplace both for the rights of employees and the rights of customers. While the cases were brought exclusively by Christians the implications of the judgement apply to employees of any religion or belief, including those of non-religious beliefs.

The EHRC has produced two guidance documents in response to this. For further information and to download the documents, visit <http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/advice-and-guidance/guidance-for-employers/religion-or-belief-new-guidance-february-2013/>

'Together in Service'



On 14 February the Government launched a faith based social action initiative called 'Together in Service' (TiS), which follows on from the 'A Year of Service' programme held during 2012. Speaking at the launch of the Jubilee+ organisation's National Church and Social Action Survey, Baroness Warsi said: "Our faith groups make a huge contribution to society with an army of dedicated volunteers who commit their time and enthusiasm throughout the year. I'm thrilled to announce Together in Service today to build on this excellent work."

TiS is a 3 year programme, designed to motivate new social action work, especially multi-faith volunteering projects, and to celebrate all the social action that faith communities already undertake. It will be based around an on-going monthly calendar of faith-based volunteering, supported by a

'fellowship' of active volunteers and A Together in Service small-grants fund to encourage new multi faith social action projects in areas where there may be a lack of confidence or knowledge in undertaking volunteering work in a multi-faith way. The fund will be financed by contributions from faith communities with DCLG match-funding on a 1:1 basis, up to a maximum of £100,000 per annum.

In addition to the match-funding for grants DCLG will offer £50,000 per annum in total grant to the organisation or partnership of organisations at national level that is selected to develop the programme, in consultation with the faith communities, following a tendering process. It is expected that this will be opened shortly and that the programme will be operational by late Spring.

For more information, visit

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/baroness-warsi-launches-together-in-service-the-next-phase-of-support-for-multi-faith-volunteering>

Love your home for less

Give it an affordable home makeover with great quality reusable furniture

Cots from £20, beds from £30, sofas from £45, table and chairs from £50.



The Surrey Reuse Network is a group of local charities that supports your community. For more information call 0800 082 0180 or visit www.surreyreusenet.org.uk.

Old Moat Café Vacancy



The Old Moat Café has been going from strength to strength, with various groups using our café as a great place to meet in a friendly warm environment. The café has availability for anyone with a mental health problem looking to gain some work experience in a supported environment. There is the opportunity to gain a food safety qualification and customer service skills alongside learning everything you would expect from working in a commercial café.

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. <http://www.richmondfellowship.org.uk/>

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Is Woking becoming a Sustainable Town?

The third Woking Debate held on Saturday 16 March 2013

Over 60 people attended this debate including the Mayor and Jonathan Lord, MP and was ably chaired by Ruth Breddal.

Ray Morgan, the Woking Chief Executive, introduced the topic with a witty, informed and challenging talk, emphasising that these were his own views, not necessarily the Council's. As a country we consume so much that it would take four earths to sustain us if everyone in the planet was to live at our level of consumption. How do we then make a community sustainable? "You make them poorer". At present we are a self consuming, self centred society and we cannot continue like this.

He asked school children about their vision. They want a sustainable community where all people can live without fear. A more equal society where we spend more on the less fortunate.

"Our consumption level is absurd".

How do we become more sustainable? Wind turbines, thermal energy. How do we use our spaces and homes in a different way?

Jonathon Lord defended the Right to buy scheme as having created mixed communities and the Government's efforts to control immigration which will

lead to an easing of the housing shortage. He reminded people of the Government's Green Deal – which gives loans so people can reduce their energy bills – to be paid out of future energy savings. He believed that the Government was getting a better balance between central government and local government with its localism policy which Ray Morgan broadly agreed with.

Jonathon asked Ray how the Council runs with such a strong Chief Executive? Ray said he had been described as a megalomaniac and even been referred to as Hitler. As the Chief Executive he thought it was important to point out to the Council implications and possible shortcomings in their plans and present alternatives. He believed passionately in the need to create a sustainable environment and to work towards a fairer society but he would only be in post for as long as the Council supports him and at the end of the day he is bound to follow out their instructions.

Mohammed said how he had moved his business and his home from Guildford to Woking attracted by the dynamism that Woking is showing with many important companies setting up offices here.

The next Woking Debate will be on Saturday 20th April 2013 at Christ Church, when Rev John McCabe and a young person will introduce the topic *Where will our children live? Woking?*

Faithful Providers Report

Demos has published a report entitled Faithful Providers, in response to the Government's White Paper on Open Public Services. The report, which investigates 20 faith-motivated organisations across a variety of policy areas, argues that local authorities stand to benefit both financially and through improved community relations if religious groups are brought into service delivery. It also argues that, if religious groups in receipt of public money were to be required to work with organisations of other faiths when delivering services, the result could be improved integration, a greater sense of community and stronger local institutions. It suggests that local authorities should cease to view commissioning as purely an economic decision, and instead consider the added social value that charitable and faith providers bring.

The report is available to download free or can be purchased in hard copy for £10.00. For further information, visit <http://www.demos.co.uk/publications/faithfulproviders>.

NATRE's 'Art in Heaven' Competition 2013

The National Association of Teachers of Religious Education (NATRE) is holding its 10th Annual 'Art in Heaven' competition for pupils aged 4 to 19 years.

There are five themes to choose: 'Prayer: How and why?', 'Windows on the Soul', 'God: What is...?', 'Open mind!' and 'Jerusalem by William Blake'. Entries can be a drawing, painting, art, video, sculpture or other media. Entries should be no larger than A3 size but good digital photos of 3-D or larger entries are welcome and pupils should write briefly about their art work.

Submission of entries, to be considered for an award, must arrive at NATRE on or before 31 July. For further information, visit <http://www.natre.org.uk/spiritedarts/2013.php>.

CARE & REPAIR

Care & Repair is a Home Improvement Agency operating across the Guildford and Waverley districts. We aim to help older or vulnerable people and those with disabilities who are either home owners or who privately rent accommodation within Guildford and Waverley.

Whatever repairs or improvements your home needs to make it more comfortable or easier to live in, the friendly Care and Repair team will help you find the most suitable solution. If you would like, we can act on your behalf. We will visit your home and offer free advice on practical solutions.

Funded and supported by Guildford Borough Council, Waverley Borough, Surrey County Council and Central Government. For more information please contact on:

Tel: 01483 444302

Email: careandrepair@guildford.gov.uk

Website: www.guildford.gov.uk

TELEPHONE FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Community Network is running telephone friendship groups FREE to participants, which connect older people together on one telephone call.

Guildford and Waverley Care and Repair is working with Community Network.

All the participants have to do is:

1. Be over the age of 60
2. Live in Guildford or Waverley Borough
3. Have access to a telephone – mobile or landline

Telephone groups can be used for forums, feedback groups, social meetings, interest groups, debate clubs, and much more.

If you would like to find out more or join a telephone friendship group, contact Care and Repair on 01483 444 302 or email careandrepair@guildford.gov.uk

SPECIAL WEEKS/DAYS

Sewa Day

Sewa Day will be taking place on **6 October**. The Sanskrit word 'Sewa' means 'selfless service'. The aim of Sewa Day is to provide people a chance to give back to the local community through volunteering on a single day to make a difference. For more information and to get involved visit: www.sewaday.org

One World Week

One World Week will take place from **20-27 October**. One World Week provides 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. For more information, visit <http://www.oneworldweek.org>.

Mitzvah Day

Mitzvah Day will be taking place on **Sunday 17 November**. Mitzvah Day is a Jewish led day of social action – around the world thousands of people take part in hands on projects to support existing charities and to build stronger communities. The goal is to reduce hardship and poverty and to help the environment. People are encouraged to volunteer for projects in their communities and anyone can take part regardless of their background. See www.mitzvahday.org.uk

Inter Faith Week

Inter Faith Week 2013 in England, Northern Ireland and Wales will take place from **Sunday 17 to Saturday 23 November**.

The 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 neighbourhoods and to wider society; and increasing understanding between people of religious and non-religious beliefs.

Building good relationships and working partnerships between people of different faiths and beliefs is part of the year-round work of many people and organisations across the UK. Having a special Week provides a focal point, helping to open inter faith activity up to a wider audience so that more and more people are made aware of the importance of this vital work and are able to participate in it.

An online event registration form will be available at www.interfaithweek.org later in 2013



Some interesting articles from the Three Faiths Forum from last month

- [School children make Islamic prayer mats as part of Three Faiths Forum](#)
- [Pope Francis profile: who is Argentina's Jorge Mario Bergoglio?](#)
- [Justin Welby enthroned as new archbishop of Canterbury](#)
- [MPs call teaching of RE by classroom assistants 'unacceptable'](#)
- [6 Tips for Christians on Talking to Non-Christians](#)
- [The day Lord Ahmed reproached me for antisemitism](#)
- [Why the 'Interfaith Movement' Must Rebrand](#)
- [Can Atheists and Muslims Support Freedom of Conscience Together?](#)
- [Yes I'm Jewish, but don't define me by my faith](#)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Speak Up Film Fund 2013

Offered by the Community Film Unit

From the 4th of March, The Speak Up Film Fund will be accepting applications for funding towards film projects across England in 2012. Applications are welcomed from any organisations in the UK that meet the following criteria:

- Supporting young people and/or vulnerable people
- Preserving local history and educating residents about their area
- Providing and documenting opportunities for disabled people
- Providing information which improves the quality of life for residents in their local community

The Speak Up Film Fund is keen to support projects which promote existing good practice, and the inspiring work of the many organisations around the UK, helping them to celebrate their achievements with the widest possible audience.

Your Film

The application form below requires you to submit a short film proposal, and some supporting information about your organisation and it's work. Don't panic though - you don't have to have any prior experience in filmmaking or marketing!

For these applications we are solely interested in the story your organisation has to tell, and the quality of your initial film ideas. We will work with successful applicants to develop their ideas into film projects which are creative, practical and affordable whilst meeting all of their intended outcomes.

The Prizes

This year, the fund is slightly different. Successful applicants will receive a contribution of 50% of the cost of a film package from the Community Film Unit. This year, there are three different packages on offer to applicants - Amethyst, Emerald and Ruby. Details of each package are provided below.

This year we are able to offer FOUR discounted Amethyst packages, ONE discounted Emerald package and ONE discounted Ruby package. Please indicate one or more of the options on the form to let us know which package you would prefer for your application to be counted towards.

Deadline

The deadline for application submission is Friday 3rd May 2013. All applications received before 5pm on this day will be evaluated and short listed over the next month. Applicants will be contacted by the end of May to confirm whether they will be receiving funding.

Community Film Unit Ltd., Ashford Centre, Stanwell Road, Ashford TW15 3DU.

T 01784 558 003 speakupfund@communityfilmunit.co.uk www.communityfilmunit.co.uk

Bursaries to study PGCE Religious Education

Candidates can train to teach Religious Education (RE) through a PGCE course in 28 universities in England, 2 in Wales and 2 in Scotland. Although the government no longer provides a bursary for RE, there are other sources of support. For 2013-14, trainees in secondary RE could be eligible to apply to one of the Church College Trusts for a grant towards course expenses or living expenses. Candidates can check www.cstg.org.uk/acct for details of the trusts and foundations to which they can apply.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Elmbridge Multifaith Forum **Circle Dance Group**

Held on the fourth Tuesday of the month 7:30 – 9:00pm
Re-starting on 26th March 2013

Thames Ditton Village Centre, KT7 0BS (Opposite Thames Ditton Library)

Dance to lovely music from all parts of the world in a friendly group for relaxation, fun and exercise
Dances gently taught by an experienced teacher
No partner or experience necessary
No special clothes, displays or tests to worry about
Just enjoy the dancing and music

Contribution £2, Come and join us! Paddy & John Ford on 01932 245 410

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:

23 April - St Richard's School, Bexhill, 7.30pm

27 April - Christian Education Centre, Crawley, 10.30am

30 April - St Joseph's Church, Epsom, &.30pm

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 or tel: 01293 651195 or visit www.dabnet.org/ab2015

Free Maths and English Courses for Adults

- Brush up your English (C3734158) 12.30pm- 2.30pm. Starts Monday 15/4/13 (please note this is not an ESOL class)
- Brush Up your Maths-(C3734157) 9.30am- 11.30am Starts Monday 15/4/13
- Working Towards Functional Skills Level One- English- (C3734215) 12.30pm- 2.30pm Starts Tuesday 16/4/13 (to help you work towards a formal qualification)

Venue: The Rosebery Room, Ebbisham Centre, Derby Square, Epsom, KT19 8AG.

Freephone- 0800 3281060 or book online at www.southern.wea.org.uk.

For further info contact: Sam Johnson on 07825 112798

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 (Wed/Thurs/Fri) tel: 01483 790 327

Booking Forms: emma.beswick@cofeguildford.org.uk tel: 01483 790 324

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

Surrey County FA Community Festival

Following on from the Football v Homophobia campaign launched this February 2013 by the FA. We are looking for teams to get involved in our community festival taking place on the 7th April 2013 at Court Recreation ground, Pound Lane, Epsom, KT19 8SB.

We are looking to run a male and female 5v5 football competition open to players 16+ running from 12-3pm. This festival is open to all abilities and we are encouraging teams to enter from community groups, LGBT organisations and businesses. Or just get a group of mates together and get involved.

The aim of the festival is to further highlight the campaign, entry is free but there are limited spaces available so please send this registration form back in as soon as possible.

For more information please contact Laura Skinner, T: Tel: 01372 384191 E: laura.skinner@surreyfa.com

W: www.surreyfa.com

PARTY IN THE PARK

Back by popular demand is the free, family-friendly event Party in the Park, which will be held in Woking Park on Saturday 13 July 2013, 12pm to 7pm.

Once again, the park will come alive with an extravaganza of music, sport and culture. Visitors will be treated to an array of free performances, activities, demonstrations and workshops for all ages – an event not to be missed! Saturday 13 July 2013

GOLDSWORTH PARK BIG PULL TOGETHER

The Woking Safer Neighbourhood team are holding a community day full of fundraising events for the GPCA charity.

Come along, show your support and get involved...
Follow us on Facebook and Twitter for updates

#GWPkbigpull

SATURDAY 20TH

APRIL 2013

11am-4pm

GOLDSWORTH LAKE



For more details please contact PCSO Sarah Wentworth
Email: wokingsnt@surrey.pnn.police.uk
Phone: Telephone 101 Extension 39944
Children must be accompanied by an appropriate adult



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GPCA Waitrose

You are invited to...Young Chums!

(Young parents group, under 23 years & their children aged 0—5yrs)
St Martin's Sure Start Children's Centre, Worple Road, Epsom, Surrey, KT18 7AA
Wednesday 3rd April 2013, 12:30 — 2:30pm

MOBILE NAIL BAR—GET YOUR NAILS PROFESSIONALLY PAINTED FOR FREE!
THIS MONTH'S PRIZE...BABY MASSAGE KIT & 6 WEEK COURSE OF CHILDREN'S DANCE LESSONS
LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED

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FREE EASTER HALF TERM ACTIVITY



Bread Baking and Biscuit Decorating Workshop

Come along with your children to learn how to bake bread and decorate biscuits. This workshop is suitable for girls and boys aged 5-11 years.

Thursday April 11th 10.30am- 12.30pm.

Kings Church, Longmead Road, Epsom, Surrey, KT19 9BU. Places are very limited. To book contact Sam Johnson:

samanthajohnson@wea.org.uk or 07825112798.



Please note: Parents/carers need to stay for the duration of the workshop. Please bring an apron.

PEACE IN THE HEART OF THE CITY
INNER PEACE AND OUTER CONNECTION ~ ONENESS IN DIVERSITY

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.

Through deep listening and heart-felt sharing, we will discover what lives beneath our apparent divisions, experience community together and find the inner peace and resilience we need to support our work at a time of economic and social stress.

The two days will include: an inspirational talk by Rev. Ray Gaston (author of “A Heart Broken Open” and Interfaith Tutor at Queens Theological College, Birmingham); a pilgrimage walk touching sacred places from different religions in the east end of London and an evening, multi-faith service of worship, including singing with Rev. June Boyce-Tillman (Chaplain at the University of Winchester).

Refreshments are included. There will be also be a shared communal vegetarian Indian cold lunch on day 1 at a cost of £7.50. The evening meal and lunch on day 2 will be taken in a local restaurant or please bring your own!

Hosted by Interfaith Vision, a non-denominational, non-profit organisation.

Interfaith Vision: Rev. Alan Bayes (Chair of the Inter-faith Council for Wales), Rev. Annie Blampied (Interfaith Minister & spiritual counsellor), Rev. Razia Aziz (Interfaith Minister & Director of the Equality Academy) and Nigel Anthony (Co-Director of the Foundation for Holistic Spirituality).

Contact Annie on 01342 825511 or Annie@annieblampied.co.uk

This event is generously funded by a grant from Awards for All England

Southern Tutors 5-A-Side Charity Football Tournament

Sunday 9th 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 to find out more!



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