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With the tenth edition of the Surrey Faith Links Newsletter, I would like to inform you that I will be embarking on a new episode of my life, which involves moving abroad, hence I will be leaving work ...unless I can convince the department to shift offices a few notches around the globe!

The Surrey Faith Links Project began as a joint initiative of the Diocese of Guildford and Surrey County Council almost two years ago. This was a new venture that the Department for Social Responsibility was keen to pursue. Since the role began, a lot has taken place including the formation of this newsletter.

The position for Surrey Faith Links Adviser is now being advertised, please go to [page 5](#) for more details of the job, how to apply and interview dates. I have to say that I have enjoyed my time working with the Diocese of Guildford immensely and have loved working as the Surrey Faith Links Adviser. I hope that whoever takes over enjoys the job as much as I did and, now that the foundations have been laid for the Surrey Faith Links Project, that they take the Project to the next level, which it is definitely ready for!

Links with many faith communities, individuals and other organisations have been made, and it would be great if you keep in touch with the Diocese Partnership Development Officer, Line Manager for Surrey Faith Links Adviser, Canon David Tonkinson: sfl@cofeguildford.org.uk - please keep sending articles and information about upcoming events etc. through to the email address given above.

Wishing you all the best. H (Surrey Faith Links Adviser)

101 - Easy Contact number for Surrey Police

Just a note from Michelle Carroway (community Engagement Officer for Surrey Police) that from Thursday 1st September 2011 the Surrey Police Contact Number 0845 125 2222 number was replaced with **101**, offering the public one easy and memorable way to contact the Force and report non-emergencies. This compliments the postal address change that happened earlier this year to **PO Box 101** ♻️

Guildford & Godalming Inter-faith Forum Event Report “What is the Role of Faith in Your Life?”

By: Caroline Neogi

Five panel members addressed this topic at a well-attended event hosted by Guildford & Godalming Inter-Faith Forum on 9th June at St. Joseph's R.C. Church in Guildford. The event was very ably chaired by Rev. Jan Moore, retiring Interfaith Chaplain & Diversity Officer for Surrey Police. Around 60 participants were taken on a fascinating journey, both geographical and spiritual, as the panel described their paths of service to the community through their multi-faceted professional and religious lives as teachers, doctors & scientists, writers, broadcasters & humanitarians. There was much common ground, and animated audience inter-action afterwards ♻️



Pictures: Left Dr. Nabil Mustapha, Centre: panel and audience Right: Revd. Jan Moore

Fund Raising Initiative

By: Peter Gooch - Rural Towns Co-ordinator

It is the view of Surrey Community Action that the not for profit sector needs more money to spend on the wonderful work they are doing. All organisations are struggling to increase their income especially at a time when Local Authorities and indeed Government Departments are cutting the money available for grants.

It is against this background that we have come up with a ground breaking initiative that could potentially help all of us. We intend to start a monthly Lottery and all charities that commit and get people signed up will receive a cut of the income. This is the initiative and therefore we are inviting you and other organisations in the not for profit sector to a meeting being held on **17th November 2011** at Astolat, Coniers Way, Guildford GU4 7HL. Each meeting will last from 1 hour and organisations can have a maximum of 2 people at any of the meetings. You need only to attend one and they have been spread throughout the day in order to be flexible. The meetings will be held in Conference Room 1 (upstairs in Astolat) at the following times: 9.30am, 11.00am and in Conference room 2 (downstairs) at 1.30pm, 3.00pm and 5.00pm.

Should your organisation feel you would like to hear more details and attend one of these sessions please email me: peterg@surreyca.org.uk to make a booking. Needless to say there will be no charge and we will even find a coffee for you!! If you or other colleagues are interested but cannot make the meeting please let me know by email as I shall run another session in January 2012 ☺

Surrey Police Independent Advisory Group (IAG) - Volunteers Wanted

Surrey Police Authority and Surrey Police are looking for volunteers to join their Independent Advisory Group (IAG). The IAG, formed in 2001, has a key role in promoting community confidence and acting as a critical friend to the Force and Authority. The group meets six times a year and will be asked to comment on various policy and operational strategies. They could also be asked to advise the Force on critical and major incidents in Surrey.

IAG members are appointed for their specialist knowledge, experience and/or links with particular minority groups or other special interests. We try to ensure the IAG consists of a cross representation of Surrey's minority communities and include members who are able to advise on all strands of diversity.

The recruitment process consists of a short application form and an informal interview (to take place mid November). Applications will be sent out on request. Please contact the Diversity Directorate on: iag@surrey.pnn.police.uk or Surrey Police Authority on: spa@surrey.police.uk for more information ☺

IAG
Independent
Advisory Group



UPCOMING EVENTS

Carers Service at Guildford Cathedral Reception with speakers and tea, followed by a dedicated Evensong to give thanks for all carers throughout the Diocese will take place again this year. **Thursday 6th October 2011 at Guildford Cathedral.** To book a place please contact **Suzette Jones** suzette.jones@cofeguildford.org.uk / 01483 790 335

Circle Dancing The Elmbridge Multifaith Forum are happy to welcome you to our Monthly Circle Dancing Sessions to be held on the second Tuesday of each month starting at 7 pm: **11 October, 8 November and 13 December** at **Thames Ditton Centre, Mercer Close, KT7 0BS**. This gives us a lovely informal opportunity to meet and chat - all are welcome so do bring along your family and friends. A small contribution for hall hire will be asked. To book contact **Rushna: 01932 248751 / rushna@master11.wanadoo.co.uk**

Stop the Traffic On **Saturday 15th October 2011, 2pm-5pm, Epsom Methodist Church, Ashley Road, Epsom, Surrey. KT18 5AQ** (event venue), will be hosting a "Stop the Traffic" event. An opportunity to find out more about the campaigns they lead and other initiatives of community groups from different parts of the country. Tickets are available from **Epsom Methodist Church** or by contacting **Sandra Oborski 01372 720 521** *Go to pg.6 for further details*

Evening at Watts Gallery The Bishop of Guildford's Foundation invites you to a fund raising evening on **12th October 2011**. A private guided tour of the galleries, exhibitions of community projects supported by the foundation, an opportunity to talk to the Bishop of Guildford, performances, as well as canapés and refreshments (all included in the ticket price). Contact **Jane Schofield** for more info jane.schofield@cofeguildford.org.uk / 07771 591 457 *Go to pg.7 for further details*

Domestic Abuse Awareness Free training on domestic abuse awareness to take place at: **Cardinal Newman Catholic School, The Upper Drive Hove. BN3 6ND** on **19th October 2011, 7-9pm**. Refreshments will be provided. For more information please contact **Katherine** on: 01293 651 152 / katherine.bergin@dabnet.org or **Philip** on: 01273 241 203 / philp.wright@dabnet.org

Young People & Society Surrey Youth Focus is organising two lunchtime debates (open public events) on **Friday 21 October** at **St Saviour's Church in Guildford** and on **25 November** at **North East Surrey College of Technology Reigate Road, Ewell, Epsom. Surrey KT17 3DS**. Both will take place at 1pm-3.15pm. For more information contact **Mike Abbott: mike.abbott@surreyyouthfocus.org.uk**

Mole Valley Arts Alive Festival 2011 The Dorking U3A Singers present Songs You Love To Hear with Irish Temor Fergus O'Kelly on **Friday 21 October** at **7.30pm** in the **Christian Centre, Church Street, Dorking**. Free drinks and sandwiches, Admission (all proceeds go to the charity Money for Madagascar): Adults: £8, Children up to 16 £4. To book, please ring (tickets can be purchased at the door) **01737 843260** or email Carol: ccoslett@btinternet.com

Special Bible Sunday Service Come and join in on Bible Sunday **23 October 5pm** at **St Mary the Virgin, Reigate Road, Buckland. Surrey RH3 7BB** for a "Biblical Songs of Praise" A festival service to commemorate the 400th Anniversary of the King James Bible. For more information please contact Carol: ccoslett@btinternet.com

Living for One World Guildford & Godalming Interfaith Forum are hosting an event on **Monday 24th October 2011**, addressing this year's One World Week Theme. Dr. Richard Boeke will be the main speaker (Unitarian Minister and Vice President of the World Congress of faiths). Refreshments from **7pm, St. Nicholas Church, The Burys. Guildford. GU2 4AW**. For more details or to book a place please contact: **Carolyn Neogi 01483415773 interfaithfriend@aol.com / Bernard Jones 01484424257** *Go to pg.8 for further details*

"Morality Without Religion Has No Firm Foundation" This public debate, hosted by Farnham Humanists, is being led by Lord Harries of Pentregarth, Gresham (Professor of Divinity and former Bishop of Oxford. Free entry (with a voluntary collection for charity), **Tuesday 1 November 2011, 8pm** at **South Farnham School, Menin Way. Surrey. GU9 8DY**. For more information or to book a place please contact **David Savage** on: **01252 794021** *Go to pg.9 for further details*

Domestic Abuse Awareness Free training on domestic abuse awareness to take place at: **DABCEC, 4 Southgate Drive Crawley. RH10 6RP** on **2nd November 2011 7pm-9pm**. Refreshments will be provided. For more information please contact **Katherine** on: 01293 651 152 / katherine.bergin@dabnet.org or **Philip** on: 01273 241 203 / philp.wright@dabnet.org

Together For Peace An opportunity to gather together for reflection, organized by Elmbridge Multifaith Forum on **Wednesday 2 November 2011** at **7.15pm** at the **Holy Name Parish Rooms, 42 Arbrook Lane, Esher, Surrey KT10 9EE**. For more details or to book a place, contact **Rushna: 01932 248751 / rushna@master11.wanadoo.co.uk**

Exhibition at Surrey History Centre (SHC): Quran, Islam & A Message of Peace There will be a free exhibition at the SHC, hosted by the Ahmadiyya Muslim Association, which will include displays of the Holy Quran in various languages, books and free brochures and pamphlets on a range of issues such as: freedom of conscious, women's rights, tolerance etc. **15 November - 3 December 2011** at **SHC 130 Goldsworth Road, Woking GU21 6ND**. For more information contact either **Di Stiff (SHC) 01483 518737 / shs@surreycc.gov.uk** or **Ahsen Ahmedi 07888 669 338 / ahsanahmedi@aol.com**

Safety Seminar for staff that work at faith venues Woking Faithwatch in conjunction with National Churchwatch will be holding a personal safety seminar for staff that work in faith venues. The seminar will be held at **Christchurch Woking, GU21 6YG, 10.45 am - 1pm** on **Friday 18 November 2011**. The event is free to attend and members from faith venues across Surrey are welcome. Places are limited so please contact **Lee Sawkins** if you wish to attend on **07967986388** or email 12631@surrey.pnn.police.uk *Go to pg.11 for further details*

World Congress of Faiths Annual Younghusband Lecture Karen Armstrong will be talking on 'The Core of Religion'. **Wednesday 7th December 2011** at **6.30pm** at **The Liberal Jewish Synagogue, 28 St. John's Wood Road, London. NW8 7HA**. To book a place go to: www.worldfaiths.org/events.php

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Information for Migrant Workers -
Your Health, Your Safety;
A Guide for Workers
By: Amarjeet Ghale



We at the Health & Safety Executive (HSE) strongly believe that all migrant workers, irrespective of their residency status, are entitled to exactly the same health and safety protection at work as anyone else. HSE is a Government body and we aim to assist and provide information to migrant workers to reduce workplace vulnerability and risks. One way we do this is through provision of information on our website.

You should:

- Take care of your own health and safety and that of people who may be affected by what you do (or fail to do).

Co-operate with others on health and safety, and not interfere with, or misuse, anything provided for your health, safety or welfare.

Your employer should tell you:

- About risks to your health and safety from current or proposed working practices.
- About conditions or practices at work, or changes to them, that may harm or affect your health and safety.
- How to do your job safely.
- What action he has taken to protect your health and safety.

How to get first-aid treatment and what to do in an emergency;

And should:

Provide you with up-to-date Employers' Liability (Compulsory Insurance).

Your employer should provide, free of charge:

- Training to do your job safely.
- Personal protective equipment for you at work when necessary (such as clothing, shoes or boots, eye and ear protection, gloves, masks etc), and where risks can't be removed or adequately controlled by other means.
- Toilets, washing facilities, drinking water and first aid provision.
- Health checks, if there is a danger of ill health because of your work, for example from exposure to lead or substances in the paint used for spraying cars that may cause asthma.

Regular health checks if you work nights and a check before you start.

What to do if you are concerned about your health and safety:

- You can also obtain further information from our website:

www.hse.gov.uk/migrantworkers

- Email: amarjeetghale@hse.gsi.gov.uk

Mobile: **07826 943529**, and you can speak to me in Punjabi, Urdu or Hindi 🌿

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Job Vacancy Diocese of Guildford



The Diocese of Guildford seek to recruit

FAITH LINKS DEVELOPMENT ADVISER

Salary of £22,730 + Benefits Package
Full-time, based in Guildford

The post will build on the existing work of promoting the Faith Infrastructure and its engagement in developing, improving and extending services in communities across the County of Surrey.

The post holder will be pro-active and able to work with public services, local authorities and voluntary & community agencies as well as faith organisations at county, district and local levels.

The post will be subject to ongoing funding.

The closing date for applications will be: Wednesday 26th October 2011

Interviews will be held on: Tuesday 15th November 2011

For an application pack please contact Gerardine Brown

email: recruitment.diocese@cofeguildford.org.uk

tel: 01483 790302

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Stop The Traffik
Epsom Methodist Church



NINE TO FIVE?

**FOUR HUNDRED AND EIGHTY
PEOPLE WILL BE TRAFFICKED
TODAY WHILE YOU'RE AT WORK.**

Come and Find Out More

Place:- Epsom Methodist Church

Date:- 15th. October 2011 **Time:- 2.00p.m-5.00p.m**

Free Tickets from Sandra Oborski 01372 720521
or Epsom Church Office 01372 728535

WWW.STOPTHETRAFFIK.ORG

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Evening at Watts Gallery The Bishop of Guildford's Foundation



The Bishop of Guildford's Foundation Evening at Watts Gallery

We would like to invite you to a very special fund raising evening
on 12th October 2011

a **private guided tour** of the newly refurbished galleries,
with exhibitions of the community projects that the foundation has supported

performances from Lucy Burrows, a young soprano singer,
training at Glyndebourne

and the String Quartet from Farnborough 6th Form college

There will be the opportunity to chat with Bishop Christopher, Bishop of Guildford with canapés
and refreshments included in the ticket price.

If you have any further queries please contact

Please contact Jane Schofield on 07771591457 or jane.schofield@cofeguildford.org.uk

Ticket Request Form:

Name :

Address:

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Email:

Telephone:

If you have concerns about the accessibility of the venue please tick the box below, and we will contact you to discuss your needs to make sure your evening is enjoyable

Number of tickets to be purchased (£40 per ticket):

Please return this form along with your cheque payable to: The Bishop of Guildford's Foundation

And send to:

Bishop of Guildford's Foundation, Diocesan House, Quarry Street, Guildford, GU1 3XG

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Living For One World
Guildford & Godalming Interfaith Forum

Guildford and Godalming Interfaith Forum

invites you to a free talk given by

Rev. Dr Richard Boeke

exploring how people from different faiths can
work together to help create a better world.



Living For One World

Living for the planet ~ Living for its people ~ Living & acting for change

Date: 24th October 2011
(United Nations day)

7 pm - light refreshments

7.30pm - talk followed by questions

At

St Nicolas Church

Bury Street, Guildford GU2 4AW

Entrance via Bury Street and car parking nearby

About our Speaker: Richard Boeke grew up in Atlanta, Georgia and took part in the Martin Luther King Jr. March on Washington in 1963. He served 3 years as a Chaplain in the U.S. Air Force, and has ministered to Unitarian Universalist churches in the U.S and England. Dr Boeke studied World Religions at Harvard, has travelled around the world twice on interfaith visits and is the author of two books. He is Vice President of the 'World Congress of Faiths' www.worldfaiths.org He was founding President of the U.S Chapter of the 'International Association for Religious Freedom' www.iarf.net He is current Chairman of the British Chapter. The IARF seeks to promote the principles laid down in the UN's Declaration of Human Rights "... Freedom of thought, conscience, religion and belief..."



Guildford & Godalming Interfaith Forum is an informal group of people interested in interfaith. It exists to promote understanding and friendship among people of all Faiths and none. For more information contact : **Bernard Jones (Secretary)** Tel: **01483 424257** . Email: bernard.jones10@btinternet.com

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Morality Without Religion Has No Firm Foundation
Farnham Humanists

**“Morality
without
religion
has no firm
foundation”**

A Public Debate (admission free)

Tuesday 1st November at 8 pm

**South Farnham School, Menin Way,
Farnham GU9 8DY**

Learn more and air your views

Principal Speakers:

Lord Richard Harries,
Dr Nabil Mustapha,
Dr Stephen Law,
Mr David Pollock,
Chair:

Professor of Divinity
Baha'i / Interfaith
Provost, Centre For Enquiry
President, European Humanist Federation
Mrs Norma Corkish, CAB



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www.farnham-humanists.org.uk



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Farnham Humanists

National Churchwatch Safety Seminar

**National Churchwatch are conducting
a FREE safety seminar in Woking.**

The seminar is being held on the 18TH November 2011
between 10.45 am and 1pm at

**Christchurch, Town Square, Woking,
GU21 6YG**

Refreshments will be provided



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