

## As members of the previous *Interfaith Network UK* and working with the newly formed Interfaith Forum

we bring their aims to York



Building good relationships with people of different faiths and beliefs within our community.

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## York Interfaith Group Interfaith Week in York



8<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> November 2025 'Community: Together We Serve'

'serving others, sharing values, building belonging'

Our historic city hosts a number of events during National Interfaith Week, inviting you to discover more about our diverse and vibrant faith communities, beliefs, traditions, values and contributions to 21st Century York life

York Interfaith Group banners will be on display during the week

<u>Sat 8<sup>h</sup> Nov</u> 10.30am to 1.30 pm approx. York Interfaith 'Tree Loving Care' event near Clifton Bridge area. Members & friends will be weeding, planting, litter picking & clearing the Interfaith tree plots. All welcome. Let Penny know if you are attending by emailing: <u>yorkinterfaithgroup@gmail.com</u> If you wish to be included on the insurance of York City Council for this activity then please confirm your attendance by email <u>no later than Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November</u>. This event is not easily accessed.

<u>3pm to 4.30pm</u> Unity in the Community Craft Activity with York Bahai Group at York Explore Library and Archive. Open to all ages and fully accessible.

<u>Sun 9<sup>th</sup> Nov</u> Remembrance Day services where Representatives from Faith Groups within the city attend the York Remembrance Parade, Service and Laying of Wreaths at the War Memorial.

Mon 10<sup>th</sup> Nov 6 to 7pm 'Pagans in the Community'\_a talk by members of Kith of the Earthen Star, the Pagan group in York at the Black Swan Inn, Peasholme Green. Followed by their annual Pre-Yule Bazaar 7-10pm. The talk is in person on the ground floor. N.B. The Bazaar is in the Wolfe Room upstairs and is not easily accessible for those with mobility problems. Parking in the pub's car park or near Foss Islands. For further details contact Eve on E: Kithoftheearthenstar1@outlook.com.

Tues 11<sup>th</sup> Nov 6 to 9pm Family History Builds Community at the Family Search Centre at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, West Bank, Acomb, York YO24 4 ES. What do you know about your family history? Have you started? Are you stuck and need help? Do you have old photos you want to keep safe and share with your family community? Bring them along and we will show you how. All ages and abilities welcome, come along anytime. Building and car park (free) are both fully accessible. Contact Penny on psiddall2020@gmail.com for more information, map or any questions.

<u>Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Nov</u> **10am to 1pm Family History & Research** at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Acomb. Accessible to all. See Tues event listed above for full information and contact details.

**7- 8.30pm Stories that bring us together:- Shared values across 1400years.** A talk at York Mosque, Bull Lane. Refreshments provided. No booking is necessary. For any inquiry, please contact Dr Rasha Salah El-Din at <a href="mailto:rasha.salah.ibrahim@gmail.com">rasha.salah.ibrahim@gmail.com</a>

<u>Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> Nov</u> 11am to 12 An Interfaith Meditation at the Unitarian Chapel, St Saviourgate, York from 11am to Midday. Contact: Dee on: <u>deeboyle@gn.apc.org</u> for zoom details. You are also invited to bring your lunch and stay for chats afterwards. Cuppa soups available. Ground floor accessible.

**1pm\_to 2.30pm Creating Interfaith Tree Decorations** at the Unitarian Chapel in St Saviourgate, York. Once again, we are taking part in the Christmas Tree Festival at York Minster that takes place in December. During this session we will make a few more decorations using recycled and eco-friendly items. Contact <a href="mailto:deeboyle@gn.apc.org">deeboyle@gn.apc.org</a> or <a href="mailto:yorkinterfaith@gmail.com">yorkinterfaith@gmail.com</a> Ground floor is accessible.

**3.00pm Visit to York Minster Heritage Quad and Work and Technology Hub.** You are invited behind the scenes at York Minster's Centre of Excellence for Heritage Craft Skills & Estate Management at a Heritage Fair. The tour will explore the two new buildings which have established York Minster Precinct as a world-class facility for research, education and training in traditional craft skills and the

latest technology. Visitors will see the sustainable initiatives, including the latest photovoltaic technology and rainwater harvesting techniques. The tour will be led by Canon Maggie McClean and Alex McCallion, Director of Works & Precinct. Contact Sally-Ann Long on <a href="mailto:sally-annloyorkminster.org">sally-annloyorkminster.org</a> to book a place on the tour list. The tour starts at the Works & Technology hub, 4 Deangate, YO1 7JA.

<u>Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Nov</u> 6.30pm to 7.45pm Hindu / Sikh contemplation at York St John University, This will be: 'A reflection of Sikh and Hindu worship on the importance of calmness and well-being through readings, shabads and yoga exercises'. The event is in the Chapel at York St John University, Lord Mayor's Walk, York YO31 7EX. Contact details: <u>v.gulati@yorksj.ac.uk</u> or <u>s.matharu@yorksj.ac.uk</u>

<u>Sat 15<sup>th</sup> Nov</u> 9.30am – 12.30pm York Liberal Jewish Group Invite you to join them at the Friends Meeting House. Friargate, York. 9.30-10.30 Interfaith discussion entitled, "What is a Mitzvah?" 10.30 - 11.00 drinks and cake. 11-12.30. Interfaith service led by Rabbi Elisheva. Email: Chair@iewsinyork.org.uk

1pm - 2pm York Quakers invite you to have a soup lunch with them and this will be followed by;

**2pm to 4.30pm An Interfaith & Community workshop on peace and a sustainable future** at the Friargate Meeting House. The workshop gives opportunity to:- Reflect on our visions and response to current concerns. Identify ways in which participants can and do support one another. Consider possible new ways forward. This is a free event and site is fully accessible. Limited to 25 participants. RSVP by 1.11.25 to friargate@yorkquakers.co.uk

<u>Sun 16<sup>th</sup> Nov</u> <u>11am</u> – 'Community' An Interfaith Service at the Unitarian Chapel, St Saviourgate to include contributions from different faiths & communities. There will be a zoom option for the service. Please contact York Unitarians on <u>vorkunitarians@gmail.com</u> for the link. This is followed by a 'bring & share' vegetarian lunch at 12.15pm. If you are able to bring food items along, please do so before the service starts. Everyone most welcome. Ground floor fully accessible.

<u>3pm – 5pm: Closing Service</u> at English Martyrs Church Hall, Dalton Terrarce, YO24 4DA, 3-4pm. Faith groups will be offering poems, stories and songs in a service to celebrate how we are all connected by serving and caring for each other and the natural world around us. Followed by refreshments. The hall is fully accessible and there is parking behind. ALL WELCOME. More info blazinggrannies@gmail.com

N.B. The following event was originally on Tuesday 11th but a double booking meant they had to change the date. We want it to be a part of Interfaith Week and so include it here.

Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Nov 7.30pm to 9.30pm 'Reflections on power of community and unity". The York Bahai's invite you a 'Tranquillity Zone', their event at Derwentthorp Sustainability Centre, 'This will be a space to share inspiring quotes and passages from various Faiths and secular sources in an uplifting and reflective atmosphere, enhanced by music. It will be followed by an open discussion and light refreshments. The intention is to promote and inspire community togetherness, identifying common values and service activities in neighbourhoods, founded on the principle of unity and service to all. All are welcome. The venue is fully accessible.

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