



ALL FAITHS NETWORK CELEBRATES INTERFAITH WEEK 15 November 2019

The event today not only celebrates the richness and variety of different religions but also underlines the commonality of basic values that all religions hold: respect, tolerance and the striving towards a greater understanding of life and Creation. By applying these values we improve our own spirituality, the conditions of those around us and throughout the world.

Living in this world together and sharing our different cultures and religious meanings is a positive experience towards building a better world. We are in need of greater awareness and application of these values alongside ethical/moral standards, as expressed in all religions.

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

- 7.00 Welcome address**
Martin Weightman, Director of All Faiths Network
Esther Laveau, Fitzroy House Director
- 7.05 Children from the Sanskruti Centre - Music and Dance**
Ragasudha Vinjamuri will present the children who are performing an Indian classical dance on Goddess Durga, symbolising the power - the Shakti.
- 7.15 Reflection: Muzzam Sandhu**
Muzzam Sandu is a solicitor and will speak about the importance of interfaith dialogue and accepting and respecting each others faiths and beliefs.
- 7.20 Central Gurdwara London Kirtan Group**
Six children playing music, singing devotional songs and reciting poetry
- 7.30 Reflection - Pastor Milton Padilla from Casa de Pan Church**
Is faith working in the world?
- 7.35 Toby Ephram – Poetry on Peace**
National outreach coordinator Pan African Ahmadiyya Muslim Association UK
- 7.45 Reflection: Paul Jones Eganda**
Chairman of Ateker International Development Organisation (Aido) promoting culture for unity and social change.
- 7.50 Basil Jackson music and dance**
A Michel Jackson impersonation presents the singing and dancing of this famous artist with a message of world peace and love in context of interfaith.
- 7.55 Reflection: Alessandro Amicarelli**
Chairman and spokesman of European Federation of Freedom of Belief. A practicing solicitor specialising in International and Human Rights Law as well as Immigration and Refugee Law.



8.05 Elise and pianist - Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

The author of this hymn, Thomas Moore (1779-1852), was best known as an Irish poet and balladeer. In 1824, in his mid-forties, Moore surprised people by publishing his Sacred Song Duets, which included "Come, Ye Disconsolate." Thomas Hastings later revised the words to this hymn, especially verse three. In the early 1900's this hymn was put in our traditionally hymnal book for Latter - Day Saints and fellow Christians to enjoy. This hymn invites the disconsolate (those who are unhappy) to bring their miseries to the God's mercy seat, and assures them that "Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal" In 2005 Rob Gardner who is an American Latter-day Saint composer of primarily oratorios, revised this hymn into what will be performed. A new abridgement and one of his most widely performed works is his oratorio Lamb of God about the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It was recorded by the London Symphony Orchestra at Air Studios in London in June 2010.

8.15 Reflection: Sheik Rahman

Mr. Sheikh Rahman is an active member of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community UK. He has held senior positions in the National Executive Committee as General Secretary & External Affairs Secretary UK as well as holding senior executive positions for International events in particular during the Centenary celebrations in 1989 organising two major events at the QEII Center and the Grosvenor House. He was Secretary of the Committee that recommended the purchase of the largest Mosque in Western Europe in London. Currently President of the Wimbledon South Chapter he actively participates in defending human rights and is a member of various peace initiatives and inter-faith groups. Believes in dialogue between communities to promote peace initiatives working with all who wish everlasting Success- Happiness- Peace and Personal Growth.

8.20 Jafira Imam – Singing and poetry in Urdu

Jafira Imam is a Poet, a single-mother and a strong advocator for the arts and music. Her life is centered on bringing about balance and harmony to her selfless nature through love, compassion and devotion to the world around her through the Sufi faith. Coming from a poetic family she finds her solace in nature and bringing joy to every moment lived of her gorgeous life.

8.30 Reflection: Tracey Coleman Public Relations Officer Church of Scientology London

She has been working in the field of interfaith and community relations for over 15 years, and she recently received a Peace Award from the Search Peace Foundation at houses of Parliament. She is a humanitarian at heart, who likes bringing people together and helping others to improve their lives. External Affairs Director Church of Scientology London

8.35 Rev. Dr Precious Toe - Singing Amazing Grace

A mother of 4 of children. She is a woman of great responsibilities and on a mission to change and impact lives. She has dedicated her life to changing and helping others. She knows that three things are important in the life of all human beings: - Principles - Relationships -Actions. She has a charity called Albinism Foundation and a Women Worship Gospel Music. Issues close to her heart are: Domestic Violence, war, child abuse, homeless, mental health issues, human trafficking and women empowerment.

8.45 Reflection: Abdul Basit Syed – World Humanitarian Drive

Abdul Basit Syed is the current Mayor's appointed "International Ambassador of Croydon, U.K " to promote Trade, Culture, Peace and Harmony. He is the Founder of an International NGO "World Humanitarian Drive (WHD)" to promote values of Peace, Education, Harmony and Trade. He is in the senior Board of Management for various Businesses and NGO Worldwide.

8.50 Michelle Goldberg

Known to us as Michelle, her true and Hebrew name is Malka Leah bas Aaron & Silah Ha'Levi.. means daughter of Eric & Shirley, of the Tribe of Levi. Moshe Ribenau, Moses the Rabbi was a Levite and Malka is a direct descendent of Moses. Michelle is a multi-talented lady, she is a fashion designer & fashion archivist, also with a background in regenerative health and is a Reiki practitioner, a qualified Yoga teacher, practices TM transcendental meditation & is currently working with new neuroscience and 5th dimensional light technologies. She has been honoured & recognised by the UPF for her work in the community & awarded an AfP ie Ambassador for Peace. Michelle is going say the traditional Shabbat prayer & light the candles, to usher in the Sabbath & briefly explain the meaning of the candle lighting & role of the Jewish woman, in bringing the light of Hashem & spirituality into the world.

Round-up of event and group photo

