



Birmingham Council of Faiths

We promote and maintain harmonious relations
between different faiths in Birmingham

"Speak with pride, listen with respect"

National Interfaith Week

10th to 18th November 2018

Birmingham Programme

We are pleased to present, in chronological order, our Birmingham programme of events taking place during National Interfaith Week.

These are registered with IFN (Interfaith Network)

www.interfaith.org.uk, which is responsible for the overall programme across the UK and listed on the website of the Birmingham Council of Faiths at www.bhamfaiths.org.uk. We hope that you will find something of interest and attend one or more of these events.

Please note where it is necessary to register in advance to attend events.

Further details of specific events can be obtained from the person listed, or in difficulty please contact the coordinator of the programme Dr Peter Rookes at pjrookes@gmail.com, or phone 077033 36088.

Saturday 3rd November, 1:30 pm to 5:00 pm

Family Festival & Interfaith Peace Blessing

Christ Church Selly Park Community Hall,
953 Pershore Rd,
Birmingham B29 7PS

Accessibility: Adequate parking behind the church, and on the Pershore Road. Wheelchair access. Disabled toilet.

Description: Short talks on the value of the family. Cultural programme. Peace Blessing. Awards. Refreshments.

Organisation: Universal Peace Federation

Contact: Patricia Earle: 07540-998-724.

patricia.earle@virginmedia.com website: www.uk.upf.org

Friday 9th November, 2:45 pm to 4:45 pm

Birmingham National Interfaith Week Launch Event

Birmingham Council House,
Victoria Square,
Birmingham City Centre, B1 1BB

Accessibility: parking, wheelchair access, disabled toilet, loop system, All facilities available

Description: Birmingham Interfaith Week programme will be officially launched by the *Lord Mayor, Councillor Yvonne Mosquito*.

Organisation: Birmingham Council of Faiths/Birmingham City Council

Contact: via website www.bhamfaiths.org.uk.

Register attendance with: Dr Peter Rookes, Secretary, Birmingham Council of Faiths, pjrookes@gmail.com, or phone 077033 36088.

Saturday 10th November, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Women Faith and Dialogue

Christ Church,
Corner of Farm Rd and Samson Rd,
Sparkbrook,
Birmingham B11 1LS

Accessibility: including parking, wheelchair access, disabled toilet, loop system: all available

Description: The event is a celebration of 100 years of Columban Missionaries, a Roman Catholic group which promotes justice, peace, integrity of creation and dialogue. For more than 20 years Columbans have worked in Birmingham with a focus in promoting life-giving relationships among people of different faiths. They have also served asylum seekers and refugees through different projects and charities. At present they run Fatima House in Digbeth which has provided accommodation to 26 destitute asylum seeker women over the past 2 years. For more information see: www.columbans.co.uk.

Inspired also by the 100 years of women's vote this event will highlight the role of women of faith in the community. Four women of faith (Muslim, Christian and Sikh background) will share their personal inspiration to serve others and how dialogue with others of different faith contributes to tackle common challenges. They will also participate in a discussion about the challenges face by women within/without their faith communities. The event will include cultural entertainment and will end with a buffet lunch.

Organisation: Columban Missionaries in Britian in collaboration with partner organisations: Fatima House, Faith Encounter Programme, Communitas Project, Muslim Educational Consultative Committee (MECC) English Martyrs & St Anne's RC Church.

Contact: Mauricio Silva (Columban Missionaries) email: ird@columbans.co.uk, tel: 07847281190

Saturday 10th November, 10:30 am to 11:45 am
Scout & Guide Remembrance Commemoration

Scout War Memorial,
Cannon Hill Park, next to Nature Centre,
Pershore Road, B5 7RL

Accessibility: from Pershore Rd, Car Park, toilets in the MAC (Midlands Art Centre). This is an outdoor venue and suitable clothing for the weather and time of year should be worn. There is no seating provided and there is no "loop system" available at the Remembrance service. Members of uniformed organisations should wear uniform.

Please note that the car park is now pay and display.

Description: The event commemorates people of all races and faiths who have lost their lives or suffered injuries in 2 world wars and the many conflicts since. Includes readings, the Last Post and Laying of Wreaths

Booking not necessary

Organisation: Birmingham County Scouts

Contact: further information on the website at www.birminghamscouts.org.uk/

Saturday 10th November, 11:00 am to 12:30 pm
Celebration of the Anniversary of the birth of Baha'u'llah

Faiths Gallery, Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery,
Chamberlain Square,
Birmingham B3 3DH

Accessibility: full access including parking, wheelchair access, disabled toilet, and City Centre parking.

Description: Celebration with story-telling and music, reflecting on the impact of the life and teachings of Bahá'u'lláh, founder of the Baha'i Faith

Organisation: The Bahá'ís of Birmingham, in conjunction with the Community Engagement Team at Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery

Website:

<http://www.birminghammuseums.org.uk/bmag/whatson/celebrate-baha-u-llah>, email: Dr Semira Manaseki-Holland, S.ManasekiHolland@bham.ac.uk or Mrs Bindert: 07947166972

Saturday 10th November, two showings: 1:45 pm to 2:45, and 3 pm to 4 pm

Light to the World' film screening

AV Room at the back of The Gas Hall,
Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery,
Chamberlain Square,
Birmingham B3 3DH

Accessibility: Full access including wheelchair access, disabled toilet, loop system, and City Centre parking.

Description: Screening of film produced for the Bicentenary of the Birth of Bahá'u'lláh, including accounts of people from diverse nations whose lives have been transformed by the light that Bahá'u'lláh brought to the world.

Organisation: The Bahá'ís of Birmingham, in conjunction with the Community Engagement Team at Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery

Website: <http://www.birminghammuseums.org.uk/bmag/whatson/film-screening-light-to-the-world>, **Contact:** Dr Semira Manaseki-

Holland, S.ManasekiHolland@bham.ac.uk or Mrs Bindert:
07947166972

Monday 12th November, 11:45 to 1:00 pm **Celebration of the Anniversary of the birth of** **Baha'u'llah**

Faith & Community Centre (1st floor),
Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Mindelsohn Way,
Birmingham B15 2TH

Accessibility: Full access including hospital car park, wheelchair access, disabled toilet, loop system

Description of event: Programme with readings, prayers and music, recounting aspects of the life and teachings of Baha'u'llah, Founder of the Baha'i Faith, who was born in November 1817

Organisation holding the event: Birmingham Baha'i Community in conjunction with QE Chaplaincy

Contact name: Mrs Violet Owen, tel: 0121 449 1241 or Dr Semira Manaseki-Holland, S.ManasekiHolland@bham.ac.uk

Wednesday 14th November, 10:30 to 12:00 pm **Faith & Belief Panel**

Faith & Community Centre (1st floor),
Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Mindelsohn Way,
Birmingham B15 2TH

Accessibility Room is accessible for mobility impaired and wheelchair users. There is a lift from the ground floor. Paid Parking in the multi-storey carpark

Description: Facilitated 'Faith & Belief Panel' with chaplaincy representatives from different faith / belief communities. The theme will be *around*: Our experience of working together as part of a diverse team, the impact that experience has upon us, and what it means to be a 'community'

Organisation: Queen Elizabeth Hospital Multifaith Chaplaincy

Contact: Maureen Foxall phone 07795 223 917

Wednesday 14th November, 6 pm to 8 pm

'Speed Faithing' – Building Bridges, Challenging Perception

Balsall Heath Church Centre,
100 Mary Street,
Birmingham B12 9JU

Accessibility Room is accessible for mobility impaired and wheelchair users. Carpark and parking in adjacent streets.

Description: Bringing people together from all backgrounds. Our social gathering of diverse religious and non-religious identities, includes:- sharing belief journeys, 'speed faithing', social networking, refreshments, great company.

Organisation: Birmingham Humanists and Near Neighbours

Please register with: rabiyah@nearneighbours.com

Thursday 15th November, 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Battles to Brotherhood: commemorating peace one hundred years on through a variety of performance.

Solihull Methodist Church, Station Approach,
Solihull B91 1LG

Accessibility: Fully accessible with on-site parking

Description: Solihull's different faith communities contribute to an evening of finger food, words, music and dance to celebrate National Interfaith Week, to commemorate the centenary of the end of World War One and recognise the quest for mankind to live together in peace.

All welcome, **no booking** required .

Organisation: Solihull Faiths' Forum

Contact: Dave Pinwell, Tel: 0121 704 7860 email: davep@solihull-sustain.org.uk, Website: www.solihullfaithsforum.org

Thursday 15th November, Registratraction 09:00 am, start 9:30 am to 4 pm

Faiths, Health & Wellbeing Seminar

Queen Elizabeth Hospital Education Centre,
upstairs opposite Main Entrance,
Birmingham B15 2TH

Accessibility: wheelchair access, disabled toilet, loop system, etc: All facilities in the centre and/or the main hospital opposite. Transport by Bus or Train to University Station, paid parking in multi-storey carpark.

Description: The seminar will focus mainly on Complementary Therapies and Social Prescribing

Free of charge but bring your own lunch or purchase on site.

Organisation: Birmingham Council of Faiths supported by QE Hospital Chaplaincy

Please register with: Dr Peter Rookes, Secretary, Birmingham Council of Faiths, email: pjrookes@gmail.com, or phone 077033 36088.

Thursday 15th November, 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm

Three Faiths: One Question

Avon Room, University Centre,
University of Birmingham,
Edgbaston, Birmingham B15 2TT

Accessibility Room is accessible for mobility impaired and wheelchair users. Hearing assistance available: set hearing aid to 'T'

Parking is free on the University campus after 4.30pm.

Description: Three Faiths: One Question: Why do good people do bad things? You are warmly invited to the Veritas Forum at the University of Birmingham, where Christian, Muslim, and Sikh speakers will explore the concepts and assumptions that underlie each religion, and how these lead to differing worldviews. Inspired by the diversity of the city of Birmingham, we will engage in rigorous, respectful, and honest debate about how three of our major faith groups answer some of life's most challenging questions. Full details and booking at:

<http://bit.ly/2J6O3VA>

Organisation: Veritas Forum at the University of Birmingham

Email: veritas.birmingham@gmail.com, website:

<http://www.veritas.org/university-of-birmingham>

Saturday 17th November, 10 am to 5 pm

Understanding Islam & Christianity workshop by Dr Chris Hewer

(lunch provided by Al-Mahdi Institute)

Al-Mahdi Institute,
60 Weoley Park Road,
Selly Oak, Birmingham B29 6RB

Accessibility: ample parking available, wheelchair access, disabled toilet, lifts etc.

Organisation: Al-Mahdi Institute

Description of event – Study-day workshop with *Dr Chris Hewer* on understanding the core beliefs and principles in Islam & Christianity. Schedule for the day is as follows:

10am - 1pm: 'Understanding Islam' workshop with Q&A

1pm - 2pm: Lunch break (Lunch provided by AMI)

2pm - 5pm: 'Understanding Christianity' workshop with Q&A

Contact: Rukhsana Bhanji, 0121 446 5047 (ext 204), **email:** rukhsana.bhanji@almahdi.edu, **website:** www.almahdi.edu

Sunday 18th November, 2 pm to 5 pm

Tread Lightly on this Earth

Guru Nanak Gurdwara (Smethwick),
128-130 High Street,
Smethwick, B66 3AP

Accessibility: Street parking, lift and disabled toilet. For more specific accessibility guidance, contact the Gurdwara on 0121 558 2527

Description: We will be exploring the topic of 'Low Carbon Food' from different faith perspectives. As in previous years, we'll have speakers from faith and environmental groups sharing initiatives that have worked for them. Alongside the speakers, there will space to reflect and discuss with other people, considering ideas that you might take back to your own faith community.

Organisation: BCF Footsteps: Faiths for a Low Carbon Future

Contact: Chris Martin **on email:** footstepsbcf@gmail.com,

Tel: 0121 238 2869, **website:**

<https://footstepsbcf.org.uk/events/tread-lightly-on-this-earth-2018/>

Sunday 18th November, 6 pm to 7 pm

Interfaith Devotional

53 Viceroy Close,
Edgbaston,
Birmingham, B5 7US.

Accessibility: This is a private residence, 3rd floor flat with lift access. Road parking is available.

Description: The devotional programme will include readings and prayers, including from the Baha'i Faith on the theme of peace and unity, interspersed with music.

Organisation: Birmingham Bahá'i Community

Contact: It would be very much appreciated if you could inform Mrs Bindert in advance if planning to attend, to assist with planning.

Tel: 07947166972

