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Important information for faith communities about... The Olympic Cycling Road Race Test Event

World-class cyclists will be seen this summer racing from London to Surrey. The cyclists will be following the same route as the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympics Games Road Race.

The Olympic cycling road race test event will be taking place on **Sunday 14 August 2011** - the race will be the biggest single sporting event ever held in the UK, and has already attracted 19 national teams and 8 professional teams. For further details please refer to the Surrey Road Race Business Newsletter, which is being sent along with this newsletter. The newsletter includes: details of where to watch the race from, road closure locations and timings ...and much more!

Canon Chris Richs' Abseil!

By Jane Schofield

On Saturday 11th June 2011, Canon Chris Rich abseiled from the tower of Guildford Cathedral as part of the cathedral's bi-centennial celebrations.

Chris was raising funds for the Bishop of Guildford's Foundation, a small independent charity working alongside the Diocese of Guildford, to support projects and initiatives working to improve the lives of those in need in Surrey and North east Hampshire.

The Foundation raises funds from parishes, businesses and individuals, which is paid out in small grants to applicants who meet our criteria.

For more details of our work, the application process, and our news and upcoming events, please visit our website www.bgf.org.uk

(Pictures from top to bottom: Canon Chris Rich; Before, After, Getting Set)



Join in the CSV's "Make a Difference Day"

Make a Difference Day, the UK's biggest day of volunteering, takes place on:



Saturday 29 October 2011

This year the campaign will highlight how volunteers can reach out to lonely and isolated people in society.

Activities can be anything from creating safe play areas to renovating homeless shelters, helping a neighbour with their shopping or teaching IT skills.

Request the *free* Handbook today and start planning your activity! It contains ideas and advice for setting up your own event for the day.

To find out more, call 0800 284 533 / email: difference@csv.org.uk or visit www.csv.org.uk/difference

Youth Photography Competition

The Muslim Youth Helpline has launched an exciting photography competition for young people to show faith through their lens in any of the following categories:

- Faith in the political arena
- Faith and fashion
- Places and symbols of worship
- Faith and your identity



The competition is open to 16 - 24 year olds, resident in the UK, who are members of any faith. The winning entries will be exhibited at an exclusive London art gallery and one outstanding entrant will also receive a £50 Jessops voucher!

If you would like to apply, visit: <http://muslimyouth.net/campaigns?id=16&art=135>
Complete the entry form and send it back with your entry.

Competition deadline: 8th August 2011

Would you like to be featured in Surrey Matters?

By: Tony Oakden

Make a difference Day is held at the end of October (this year it is the 29th of October) and celebrates and encourages volunteering.

In Surrey we would like to have a feature going out in the Surrey publication "Surrey Matters" profiling some local volunteers. It would be really good if some volunteers came from different faiths or cultural backgrounds to celebrate the diversity of volunteers.

Volunteering is everything from helping within your own community or faith group, to just being a good neighbour.

We are looking for a few people, who would be prepared to be interviewed for this publication about the volunteering they do. The aim is to raise the profile of volunteering. If you are interested in being interviewed or would like some more information about the interviews, please contact Tony Oakden as soon as possible: tony.oakden@cofguildford.org.uk / 01483 790 325



UPCOMING EVENTS

Football Fun Day Come along and join in this free football fun day for 7-11 year olds! There will be various activities on the day for the kids to enjoy including: penalty shoot outs, fastest shot competition ...and much more! This event is open to all, not just those living in the Woking area. **10th August 2011, 10am - 2pm Goldsworth Park Recreation Ground, Wishbone Way, Woking.** Please contact **Lee Sawkins** for further information sawkins12631@surrey.pnn.police.uk *Go to pg.6 for further details*

Free Opportunity for Youth Groups & Clubs in Surrey Come to the Olympic Road Cycling Test Event at Box Hill on **Sunday 14 August 2011!** Young people will be given the chance to watch this event from the ultimate vantage point on the Zig Zag Road at Box Hill where the riders will undertake a steep climb twice as part of the course!!

Access to this area is restricted to those in possession of a wristband which are FREE to Surrey based youth groups and clubs on a first come first served basis. If you are interesting in bringing a group of children, please follow the link for more information and an online booking form: www.gosurrey.info/cycling/august-14-2011-cycle-race/ If you have any questions please contact **Paul Ainslie** (School Games Coordinator Surrey 2012 Team): paul.ainslie@surreycc.gov.uk

Youth Work - The Basics Surrey Youth Focus offer this free course 'Youth Work - The Basics' to those interested in working with young people. **24th September 2011 and 8th October 2011.** To book a place or for more information please contact Marie marie.silvester@surreyyouthfocus.org.uk

Getting Support Right for people with autistic spectrum disorders This conference is for parents / carers, people with autistic spectrum disorders (ASDs), professionals and others interested in autism and Asperger Syndrome. **Saturday 1st October 2011, 10am - 4.30pm, University of Surrey, Guildford.** For prices, more information and a booking form please contact **Sara Truman** nas@mugsy.org / 01483 822 630 *Go to pg.7 for further details*

One World Week This year, One World Week will be taking place from **23rd October to 30th October 2011.** The theme for One World Week 2011 is "Living for One World". If you have any events planned for One World Week 2011 we will be happy to hear about it!

National Interfaith Week You may want to keep in mind that National Interfaith Week will be taking place this year from **20th to 26th November 2011** - do let us know about any events you will be holding for this, so that we can advertise them for you in this newsletter!

World Congress of Faiths Annual Youngusband Lecture Karen Armstrong will be talking on 'The Core of Religion'. **Wednesday 7 December 2011 at 6.30pm at The Liberal Jewish Synagogue, 28 St. John's Wood Road, London. NW8 7HA.** Entry will be by ticket only, for more info/to book a place go to: www.worldfaiths.org/events.php *Go to pg.8 for further details*

Other events that may be of interest...

Guildford Book Festival An exciting line up of Britain's best writers and personalities. The Festival runs from **13th to 22nd October 2011** and embraces fiction, non fiction and poetry and a packed children's programme. For more info: www.guildfordbookfestival.co.uk

Visit the Largest Mosque in Western Europe



The Baitul Futuh Mosque in Morden, built in 2003 and voted one of the top 50 buildings in the world by Spectator magazine, is the largest mosque complex in Western Europe and runs tours throughout the year for schools, groups and organisations of all faiths and groups. The mosque is a centre for promoting peace and tolerance and welcomes visitors to this beautiful place of worship.



The Baitul Futuh Mosque complex, which includes multi-purpose halls, is frequently used by organisations such as Merton Council, Merton College, the police and other public service organisations.



The most frequent visitors to the mosque are primary and secondary schools, although all are welcome to come and visit. If your school/ organisation/ group, is interested in visiting the mosque we would be happy to assist you in arranging a guided tour, which will include visiting the mosque, book shop etc. Individuals are also most welcome.



For more information, or to book a tour, please email:
Mr. Ahsen Ahmedi: ahsanahmedi@aol.com or
Monevra Syed: wokingama@hotmail.co.uk

Friendly Advice & Help About: Mental Health and Emotional Issues

First Steps is an NHS-led service offering friendly advice and information on mental health and emotional issues to the public and employers. Our aim is to help people to find their way back to well-being.

Covering the Surrey-wide area, we run a free and confidential helpline and email service, staffed by trained mental health advisors. We also offer a range of self-help resources and educational sessions and signpost people to other relevant local services.

Our goal is to help people make the best choices in addressing their mental health needs. We also welcome calls and enquiries from relatives, friends, carers and employers. Call: 0808 801 0325 / Email: first.steps@nhs.net

For more information about First Steps, please go to:

<http://www.firststeps-surrey.nhs.uk/>



First Steps

Tel: 0808 801 0325

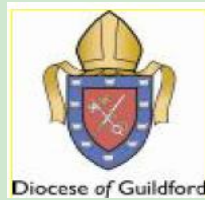
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Self help for a healthy mind



Job Vacancies



Diocese of Guildford

The Department for Social Responsibility is seeking to recruit three posts:

Faith Co-ordinator and Police Chaplain

In partnership with Surrey Police we are seeking someone to continue to link communities of faith and local police in practical ways and co-ordinate pastoral care within the Service including a multi faith volunteer chaplaincy. This full-time post is funded for 2 years with the possibility of being extended.

Salary £28,000 + 15% benefits package
Based Godalming and/or Guildford

The closing date for this position will be 2nd September
Interviews to be held on 13th September



Deaf & Inclusion Co-ordinator

This post aims to develop spiritual support, communication and training; sharing resources, knowledge and experience with the common goal of including Deaf, deafened, hard of hearing and other people with sensory deprivation in a more inclusive Church through the setting up of church 'hubs'.

Salary of £15,000 + 15% benefits package
3 days (21hrs) per week, covering the Diocese of Guildford

The closing date for applications will be: 16th September
Interviews to be held on: 28th September



Diocese of Guildford

Volunteer Support Partnership Co-ordinator

This part-time post works with a partnership of Surrey organisations focussed on young people and their families in their experience of and vulnerability to crime. The Co-ordinator will support the recruitment, selection, training and support of volunteers.

Salary £10,000 + 15% benefits package
2 days (14hrs) per week initially until March 2013

The closing date for this position will be 14th September
Interviews to be held on 29th September

Applications packs are available from Gerardine Brown:
Tel: 01483 790302 or email: recruitment.diocese@cofequildford.org.uk



Football Fun Day

Goldsworth Park Recreation Ground
Wishbone Way
Woking

10th August 2011
10am – 2pm

FREE

FOOTBALL

FUNDAY



**For ages
7-11 years**

- Coaching sessions
- Penalty shoot outs
- Skills competition
- Fastest shot competition



For details please contact Lee Sawkins
07967986388 or email
12631@surrey.pnn.police.uk

* Children must be accompanied by an appropriate person. Food is not provided.

www.surreyfaithlinks.org



Getting Support Right For People With Autistic Spectrum Disorders

The National Autistic Society



GETTING SUPPORT RIGHT for people with AUTISTIC SPECTRUM DISORDERS

How schools and adult services can meet individual needs. How parents can help.

Speakers:

Prof. RITA JORDAN
Dr WENDY LAWSON
SIMON LAKER
TOM MOORE

SATURDAY 1st October 2011

University of Surrey, Guildford.
10.00 a.m. – 4.30 p.m.

This conference is for parents/carers, people with autistic spectrum disorders (ASDs), professionals and others interested in autism and Asperger Syndrome. It will look at how parents and professionals can ensure that people with autistic spectrum disorders are given the right support to meet their individual needs:

- How to judge if a school or adult service is right for the person with ASD.
- How staff can adapt how they work to the different needs of individuals.
- How professionals and families can work together to help people with ASDs achieve their potential.

In the morning our speaker is **Prof Rita Jordan**, Emeritus Professor in Autism Studies. Her talk will include how parents can assess which schools can meet their child's needs, and how schools can cater for the individual needs of pupils within a mainstream or special school classroom.

In the afternoon **Dr Wendy Lawson** will talk about tailoring support to the needs of individual adults across the autism spectrum. Dr Lawson is a psychologist and writer who was diagnosed with Asperger Syndrome in her 40s, having previously been mis-diagnosed as schizophrenic and learning disabled.

Following this, two speakers from Surrey County Council will talk about the services that Surrey provides for adults with ASDs, how individual needs are taken into account and catered for, and how the Autism Partnership Board in Surrey will improve the lives of adults with ASDs. **Simon Laker** is Surrey's Senior Manager for Learning Disabilities Commissioning, and **Tom Moore** is Surrey's Autism Lead and Accommodation Project Manager.

To reserve your place, send back the completed booking form with a cheque, to the address given, by **9th September**. For further information contact Sara Truman, email: nas@mugsy.org. Tel: 01483-822630.

Cancellations refunded up to 9th Sept, less £5 administration charge. We reserve the right to change the speakers or content due to unforeseen circumstances.

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Getting Support Right
World Congress of Faiths
Annual Young Husbands Lecture



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The Core of Religion



KAREN ARMSTRONG

Karen Armstrong is the well known author of many books, including 'Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life' & 'The Case for God.'

Wednesday 7 December 2011 at 6.30pm
The Liberal Jewish Synagogue,
28 St John's Wood Road, London NW8 7HA

Entry will be by ticket only, available from
WCF at 125 Salisbury Road, London NW6 6RG

tel: 01935 864055

or online at www.worldfaiths.org

£5 for members of WCF or LJS, £10 for non-members.

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