## Interfaith Week 2026 programme – Final draft document

**Sat 7th Nov 10.30am to 1.30pm** 'York Interfaith 'Tree Loving Care' annual event near Clifton Bridge area. As well as the annual tree care maintenance, we are holding a special memorial service for Daryoush Mazloum, former founder of York Interfaith **at 10.30am. The usual tree care session will follow. All welcome.** More details from Penny by emailing psiddall2020@gmail.com To be included on the insurance of York City Council for this activity, please confirm attendance by email before Mon. 2nd Nov. Event is not easily accessed due to uneven ground.

**4pm – 8.30pm** – Diwali & Tihar Celebrations. Hindu & Sikh event at Temple Hall, York St John University, Lord Mayors Walk, York YO31 7EX. YSJ Chaplaincy team & YICA invite you to celebrate the 'Festival of Lights'. This is a ticketed event through YSJ University. Tickets on sale from 28th Sept through Eventbrite: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/diwali-tihar-celebrations-2026-tickets-199975789650 Contact persons: Dr Varsha Gulati v.gulati@yorksj.ac.uk and Suki Matharu s.matharu@yorksj.ac.uk

**Sun 8th Nov** Remembrance Sunday. YIG Faith Reps attend the York Civic event.

**Mon 9th Nov 5.30pm to 6.30pm** Talk by Kith of the Earthen Star Pagan Group at the Black Swan in Peasholme Green, YO1 followed by their annual 'Pre-Yule Bazaar' at 7.30. Talk is in a downstairs room. Bazaar is in an upstairs room (less accessible for those with mobility issues). Contact Eve: 07952 383681 for queries.

**7-9pm** Interfaith meet up at York Methodist Circuit Hub, Melbourne Terrace Methodist church, Cemetery Road, YO10 5AF. The University of York chaplaincy is hosting an evening of games, food and conversation. This is an opportunity to meet people of all faiths from campus along with representatives of faith organisations from the city. Please let Victoria know if attending & any dietary needs. victoria.etherington@york.ac.uk or 07473 065856

**Tues 10th Nov 7-8.15pm** 'The Life and Times of Joseph Rowntree' presented by Keith Barnes and organised by the Quakers in York. Venue - New Earswick Meeting Hall. White Rose Avenue. YO32 4AE (seating -50) Free parking nearby. 6.15 for soup and rolls. RSVP to: Liz Bryan ebthrap@gmail.com by 31st October.

**Wed 11th Nov 10.45am** - A Pilgrimage around the Minster with The Revd Canon Maggie McLean. There will be a short act of remembrance starting at 10.50am until just after 11am so please meet at the West End of the Minster to join this and then start. Contact Maggie to be booked in: missioner@yorkminster.org

**6.30pm – 8pm** York Mosque, Bull Lane. 'I wish I Knew...' Conversations about Faith, Muslims and one another. Doors open from 6:00pm for refreshments and informal conversation. No booking is necessary. For any inquiry, please contact: Dr. Rasha Salah El-Din: rasha.salah.ibrahim@gmail.com

**Thurs 12th Nov 11am - 12midday** Interfaith Meditation at the Unitarian Chapel, St Saviourgate. Doors open 10.30am. Venue accessible. Bring own lunch for chats and refreshments after the meditation ends. Contact: deeboyle@gn.apc.org

**7.30 to 9pm** Interfaith Youth Event, at The Church of Jesus Christ, Acomb, for 12 – 17 yrs, 'sharing the light of our faiths', some fun and food. For further information & registration please contact Penny on psiddall2020@gmail.com

**Fri 13th Nov – 6.30pm** Friday night Erev Shabbat Service at the chapel at York St John. With cake and refreshments after. Contact: vicechair@jewsinyork.org.uk

**Sat 14th Nov** Consultation Day on York Interfaith Group. Full details yet to be confirmed but hopefully it will be held in the afternoon.

**Sun 15th Nov 11am** Interfaith Service 'Lighting the Way for the Future' at York Unitarians, St Saviourgate. There is a zoom link available if required contact: contact@yorkunitarians.org.uk Followed by 'bring & share' vegetarian lunch at **12.15**. Shared Lunch -Food items before service please. All welcome to join us.

**Mon 16th Nov 7.30 - 9pm** Community Reflection Gathering at Derwenthorpe Super Sustainable Centre YO31 0RQ. 'Lighting the Way for a Shared Future - A new perspective'. Hosted by the York Bahá'ís the evening features music, readings discussions and refreshments to promote togetherness and unity. All welcome. Accessible venue. For further information please contact Helen on 07545 755188.

Any questions please email yorkinterfaithgrou@gmail.com

**As members of the previous *Interfaith Network UK* and working with the newly formed Interfaith Forum we bring their aims to the people of York**

**Building good relationships with people**

**of different faiths and beliefs**

**within our community.**

For more information see www.yorkinterfaith.org
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**York Interfaith Group banners will be on display during the week**

# York Interfaith Group

## Interfaith Week in York

## 7th - 16th November 2026

## 'Lighting the Way Forward for a Shared Future'

**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**