

# *Only Connect!*

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**Portsmouth Green Week** – Help to celebrate Portsmouth's first Green Week when local groups will be organising a range of activities to show how we can all cut our carbon footprints to protect our environment. A list of events can be found on [www.portsmouthgreenfair.co.uk](http://www.portsmouthgreenfair.co.uk). The highlight will be a **Green Fair** which will be held in Victoria Park and Guildhall Square and where there will be about 100 stalls, with two stages and 15 live bands powered by Electric Pedals' bicycle generators, a bicycle-powered cinema with the latest eco activist films, street entertainers, children's activities and rides, a Green Motor show, art displays and demonstrations of green crafts and technology. Also a programme of talks and films. Free fun for all the family. For more information, contact [sue@portsmouthcan.co.uk](mailto:sue@portsmouthcan.co.uk), 02392 250267.

**Saturday 17 July from 11am until 4pm**

**One Big Table** – Come along to this event in the Abbey Gardens, The Broadway, Winchester, where there will be food from Thailand, China, India, Nepal, the Philippines, the West Indies and Africa. Organised by Culturenet, Winchester's inter-cultural network, there will also be live music, dance and storytelling from around the world. All welcome. More information on 01962 848303 and [www.winchester.gov.uk/onebigtable](http://www.winchester.gov.uk/onebigtable)

**Sunday 18 July from 12noon until 3pm**

**Inclusive Church** – An evening of discussion and worship with the Chairman of Inclusive Church, Canon Giles Goddard, National Co-ordinator, Rev Clare Herbert, and General Secretary of the Modern Churchpeople's Union, Jonathan Clatworthy. Inclusive Church is a network of individuals and organisations whose make-up reflects the breadth and scope of the Church of England and who are working to break down the barriers to full inclusion at all levels of the Anglican Communion. At St John the Baptist Church, St John Street, Winchester, SO23 0HF. Further information from Rev John Scott on 07889 977593, [scottharrell@btinternet.com](mailto:scottharrell@btinternet.com) and [www.inclusivechurch2.net](http://www.inclusivechurch2.net).

**Wednesday 21 July from 4.30pm until 9pm**

**Boycott Veolia** – A demonstration against Veolia's support for Israel's illegal settlements will be held outside the Discovery Centre, Winchester, SO23 8SB. Veolia, which is sponsoring the Environment Wildlife Photographer Exhibition at the Discovery Centre, is a multinational company which has a contract to operate a tramway linking illegal Jewish settlements in East Jerusalem with Israel. Although the route goes through the West Bank, Palestinians are forbidden to travel along it. For more information, email [angus@geddes59.freeserve.co.uk](mailto:angus@geddes59.freeserve.co.uk) or go to [www.palestinecampaign.org](http://www.palestinecampaign.org)

**Saturday 24 July from 11am until 1pm**

**'Silence as Meeting Place'** – You are invited to the launch of Wanda Nash's book, which addresses the concept of people of all faiths sharing silent prayer together. The launch will take place at St Bartholomew's Church, King Alfred Place, Hyde, Winchester, SO23 7DX, and will be attended by speakers from some of the eight major world faiths. Light refreshments are available and attendance is free.

**Sunday 25 July at 3.30pm**

**Taizé Prayer in Winchester Cathedral** - Spend an hour of readings, silence and easy-to-learn songs. At the east end of the Cathedral. There is a lift for people with disabilities. Come to the main entrance and go up the right-hand side of the Cathedral where a virger will assist you.

**Sunday 25 July at 6pm**

**Taster sessions for Carbon Conversations** – The WinACC Faiths Project is offering free taster sessions for Carbon Conversations. This is an opportunity for a quick introduction to this inspiring, engaging and practical course on low-carbon living. Carbon Conversations is a unique carbon syllabus for those who want to know more about their personal carbon footprints and to find practical steps to start reducing them, in a friendly, supportive environment with other members of their faith community. Gather around seven or eight people either at one of your regular meetings (house group or similar) or at a time that suits you and we will take you through a short taster session to give you an idea of what Carbon Conversations is like. For more details, contact James Martin-Jones and Helen Fisher on [faith@winacc.org.uk](mailto:faith@winacc.org.uk) or call James on 07709 236250.

**Hiroshima Day Vigil** – The Quaker Peace and Justice Group will hold a vigil outside Winchester Cathedral. All are welcome.

**Friday 6 August from 12 noon until 1pm**

**Winchester Action on Climate Change** – At their next open meeting WinACC will discuss **low-carbon food** and will include a bring-and-buy stall of home-grown produce. Come along and share ideas on any aspect of low-carbon food: for instance, share allotment or garden surpluses and build links with other WinACC supporters. At St Lawrence Parish Rooms, Colebrook Street, Winchester. There will be a shared picnic lunch afterwards in Abbey Gardens (unless it rains).

**Saturday 7 August from 10.30am until 12 noon (Picnic at 12.15pm)**

**Interfaith Event Report** - On 12 June this year, about 20 people of various faith communities came together in Winchester to explore what climate change means in the context of faith, and to find common impetus and ideas for tackling the challenge of climate change. To read the report of the meeting, set up by the Winchester Churches Together and WinACC Faith Communities and Climate Change Project go to

<http://winacc.org.uk/news/2010/06/29/faith-and-climate-change-project-ideas-and-inspiration>

## **Looking further ahead**

**Finding Silence** – A weekend retreat, led by Fr Roderick Jones OSB and the monastic team of Worth Abbey for those who would like to experience something of monastic

silence. This retreat will provide an opportunity to reflect on our relationship with God and to explore in a peaceful and beautiful environment the gift of silence and stillness as the "gateway to the soul". It will be set around the daily pattern of monastic prayer. At Worth Abbey, Paddockhurst Road, Turners Hill, Crawley, West Sussex, RH10 4SB. For details of costs and to book, go to [www.worthabbey.net/cloister/programme](http://www.worthabbey.net/cloister/programme), telephone 01342 710318, or email [TOC@worthabbey.net](mailto:TOC@worthabbey.net).

**Friday evening 3 September until after lunch Sunday 5 September**

**Space in the City: Sanctuary** – The autumn series of Space in the City will explore the concept of sanctuary through the eyes of a variety of speakers; for instance, the sanctuary found for asylum seekers, refugees or the vulnerable, sanctuary in Scripture, or the sanctuary offered in a Holy Place. Speakers include Giles Charrington, Jane Chevous, Bishop John Inge and Dom Timothy Bavin OSB. The talks will be given on eight Wednesday lunchtimes at the United Church, Jewry Street, Winchester. Admission is free and sandwiches are available after the talks.

**Wednesday 29 September until Wednesday 24 November from 12.30pm until 1pm**

**Hants & Dorset Three Faiths Forum** – The Hants & Dorset Three Faiths Forum will hold an inter-faith event at St Paul's Church in Winchester at Harvest Festival time in which the congregation and their guests will be addressed by representatives from the three Abrahamic faiths. This will be the final event in a series launched last October. The first was held in two Southampton mosques and looked at religious hospitality, and the second, held at a Bournemouth synagogue this month, heard about festivals in the three faiths. For more information, contact Samir Dimachkie on [samir.dimachkie@furzey-gardens.org](mailto:samir.dimachkie@furzey-gardens.org)

**Sunday 3 October** (time and theme to be announced)

**Greening Fulflood** – The "Open Greenhouse" weekend held in February went so well that the Greening Fulflood group plans to repeat it. If there is anything in your house that cuts your greenhouse gas emissions and you would be happy to show it to interested people, please contact the group on 01962 864956. On this occasion it is intended to extend the event to other parts of Winchester, so everyone is welcome to take part.

**Sunday 10 October**

### **Henry Starkey RIP**

Many readers will already have heard with sadness of the death of Rev Henry Starkey on 14 June at the age of 87 after three months' illness faced with his typical fighting spirit. Henry's life had been dedicated to the service of others, and particularly to those in the developing world. He helped establish Oxfam in the 1940s and served as one of its directors for many years in the 1950s. Within Winchester he has been practically the public face of Christian Aid and a stalwart Fairtrader, running the United Church's Fairtrade shop with his late wife Christine and daughter Hilary. He will be greatly missed.

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