



EVENTS
Jan - Apr 2007

Faith is a source of conflict . . . and a resource for transforming conflict.

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Welcome to St Ethelburga's

St Ethelburga's is a unique meeting space in the heart of the City of London, devoted to promoting understanding of the complex relationship between faith and conflict.

One of the main ways we do this is through public events, and you will find more than 50 here this Spring. These range from talks and training workshops to meditation and world music.

A remarkable range of people, from many backgrounds, will help us explore together the nature of reconciliation and peace-making, particularly between faiths. A particularly important strand is taking a fresh look at Islam in the West, using, like many of our events, innovative forms of discussion that we hope will bring new light to bear on old problems.

Simon Keyes, Director

Want to know more?

The best way to keep in touch with what's happening here and get more information about specific events is to visit

www.stethelburgas.org

You can subscribe to our e-information service for regular updates on extra

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Visiting the Building: We are open to visitors every Friday 11.00am-3.00pm. Visits can be made at other times by prior arrangement.

Booking & pricing: Booking in advance is advisable. To reserve a place go to the bookings page at www.stethelburgas.org or visit the relevant webpage for e-details. Unless a price is stated, events are by donation. The suggested donation for discussions is £5, and for devotional events £3.

Support us: There are various ways to support the Centre's work. Please visit <http://www.stethelburgas.org/supportus.htm>. You can donate via this website or upon visiting the Centre.

Cover: The Thornflower, Charlotte Mayer. On display at St Ethelburga's - see page 4 for details.

Meditation

Every Tuesday 8.10am-8.45am

Early morning breath meditation

A simple meditation practice originating in the Buddhist tradition, but of benefit to all. *Shamatha* (calm-abiding) allows one to develop calmness, stability and attentiveness, and helps diffuse the stresses of everyday life. With **Donald Brown** from *Sakya Buddhism London*.

Every Thursday, 12.45-1.15pm

Lunchtime meditation

An invitation to share half an hour of silence and stillness with people from all faiths. With **Jenny Cox**.



Pause for Reflection

Every Wednesday 1.10-1.40pm

Pause for Reflection

A quiet half an hour for busy people. Led by members of the team reflecting on different aspects of our work with peace and reconciliation. With readings, images and meditation. Open to all.

Mon 5 Mar 7.00pm-12.00am

Letting Go - A Desert Vigil for Men

Join members of the men's group at St Ethelburga's for a specially extended event using reflection, silence, and ritual to go deeper into the divine mystery. The vigil will create a powerful liminal space in which to explore our real selves. It draws inspiration from Richard Rohr's writings about male initiation and masculine spirituality. (For men only)

Scriptural Reasoning



Mon 16 April 6.00pm

Open Day

Scriptural Reasoning is a powerful approach to inter-faith dialogue based on the reading and sharing of scriptures by Jews, Christians and Muslims. This is an opportunity for newcomers to learn about the practice and to experience it in action. For more info contact: william@stethelburgas.org

World music @ St Ethelburga's

£10 Admission. Refreshments available.
To book email music@stethelburgas.org



Fri Jan 12 Doors open 7.00pm

Mor Karbasi & Kadialy Kouyate & Kike Pederson

Exquisitely performed "ladino" songs - drawing on a 15th century Spanish fusion of the flamenco and Jewish traditions. Plus harps from two continents - Sengalese kora player *Kadialy* duets with the Paraguayan harp playing of *Kike*.

Fri 2 Feb Doors open 7.00pm

T S Ensemble

T S Ensemble explores encounters between cultures, with musical material from Brazil, Senegal, Gambia, India and others. Original compositions and arrangements by Tsive Sharett.

Fri 23 Feb Doors open 7.00pm

Irish night with Alan Burke and Sinead Hayes' Band

Alan Burke's voice is unique, full of power, sensitivity and clarity. His presence and delivery demands the attention of his audience, moving his listeners from laughter to tears. *Sinead Hayes & her band* perform a traditional set of songs and dance tunes.

Sat 3 Mar 10.00pm-1.00am

Late Night kirtan of Indian devotional ragas with Baluji Shrivastav

Special late night event with renowned master of sitar and Hindustani music, with tabla accompaniment and guest musicians. With African thumb harp session in The Tent.



Fri 9 Mar Doors open 7.00pm

Reem Kelani & Ensemble

Reem sings songs of her Palestinian homeland with stunning emotional power. She doesn't just sing her music, she lives it with her whole body and soul, switching from anger to laughter, from grief to celebration.

Fri 30 Mar Doors open 7.00pm

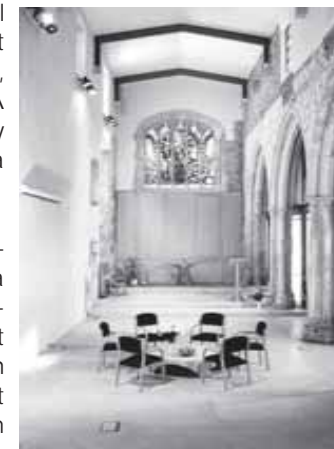
Fiesta Flamenca @ St Ethelburga's

Featuring *Ramon Ruiz*, *Anita La Maltesa* & *Felipe De Algeciras*. They offer a high quality repertoire of Andalucian pieces with great passion and outstanding technique. A dynamic Flamenco tour de force.

The Church

St Ethelburga's is one of the oldest medieval churches in the City. Having survived the Great Fire of London (1666) and the Blitz (1941-43), the church was devastated by a massive IRA bomb on April 24 1993. It was completely rebuilt and reopened in November 2002 as a unique Centre for Reconciliation and Peace.

The rebuilt church tells the story of its destruction whilst looking forward with hope - itself a powerful symbol of violence can be transformed. Interesting features include the east window depiction of St Ethelburga which incorporates fragments from the previous east window and the alter and lectern made from the ancient timbers.



St Ethelburga's is now devoted to promoting understanding of the relationship between faith and conflict through public and private workshops, cultural events, supporting conversations between people in conflict, and providing training in peacebuilding skills and bringing people of different faiths together.

The Tent



The Tent is a unique space created specially for the meeting of faiths.

Made using traditional Bedouin techniques, it is a 16-sided structure covered in woven goat hair, surrounded by a tranquil peace garden. Its design uses the universal languages of geometry, algebra, astronomy and harmony.

The Tent was opened in May 2006 and hosts a variety of dialogues, discussions, conversations, devotional events, meditation, arts events and storytelling, all of which aim to bring together people from different faith backgrounds.

Activities in the Tent are supported by a community of people who share our vision.

Understanding Reconciliation

This year we continue our exploration of reconciliation in two ways: by examining reconciliation processes in the real world using practical examples such as Northern Ireland and the Balkans; through asking how individuals understand and apply the process of reconciliation from a spiritual point of view in their own lives and communities. To reserve a place email events@stethelburgas.org.

Tues 16 Jan 7.00-9.00pm

Peace is possible

Ranin Boulou, a Christian Palestinian and **Noam Shuster**, a Jewish Israeli, share their experience and friendship having grown up in Israeli peace village - Neve Shalom - Wahat al-salam. Here, Israeli Jews and Arabs live together as a community proving that peace between Jewish and Arab citizens of Israel is possible. *In collaboration with **Oasis of Peace**.*

Mon 26 Feb 7.00-9.30pm

Film: Facing the Truth

Dir. Gail Pellett (2005) USA 120 mins

This compelling programme describes the efforts of the South African Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) to investigate human rights violations and to help South Africa in its process of reinvention. With prize-winning journalist Bill Moyers. Followed by discussion. **£5.**

Mon 19 March 6.00-8.00pm

Making peace with the past

An open seminar exploring proposals for truth recovery in Northern Ireland with **Kieran McEvoy**, Professor of Law and Transitional Justice at Queens University, Belfast and members of the Truth Recovery and Acknowledgement Group. Organised in partnership with **Healing through Remembering**. This seminar will be of interest to anyone working in the field of conflict transformation.

The Thornflower ~ a monument to peace and reconciliation

Sculpture by Charlotte Mayer

From January 15

The Thornflower unites elements of steel and bronze, weapon and flower, speaking of reconciliation, peace and oneness. Rooted in Charlotte's childhood and the death of her grandmother in Treblinka in 1942, the sculpture reflects on "man's inhumanity to man at other times".

Thurs 8 Feb 7.00-8.30pm

Contemplating the Thornflower

An evening of music, poetry, and reflection with **Charlotte Mayer**

Storytelling & poetry

Fri 26 Jan 7.00-9.00pm **£10**

Story of Palestine

An evening of music, poetry and narrative exploring the story of Palestine from ancient to modern times. Drawing on Arab literature, poetry, ancient folklore and modern tales of life in contemporary Palestine, this rich, generous and thought-provoking evening reflects themes of suffering and freedom. *With **Chris Smith**. Chris Smith is a professional storyteller and practicing Buddhist. He lived and worked in Palestine for 16 years and was the head of UNICEF's programme in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.*



Fri 2 Mar 6.30pm-9.30pm **£10**

Poetry & faith

Poetry can be a powerful and inspiring medium for the expression of spirituality and meaning, and offer the potential for a shared language across faith divides. This creative and contemplative evening workshop reflects on Jewish, Christian and Muslim poetry from different cultures, and offers simple doorways into self-expression for beginners and practiced poets alike. *With **Sarah Fordham**.*

Fri 23 Mar 7.00-9.00pm **£10**

Stories from the Silk Road

Come on a journey with us along the legendary Silk Road, sampling sights, sounds, stories and flavours from Japan to Europe. You will be greeted by itinerant sweet sellers, a magistrate with a taste for dressing up, and talking mice. As well as telling fantastical tales, they will each share with you their traditional form of hospitality. *With **the Golden Horde Storytellers**.*

Devotional Music

Fri 16 Feb 7.30-10.00pm **£7**

Tent Jam II

Back by popular demand! A lively, informal and experimental evening of music, songs and chants from different spiritual traditions and from around the world. A mix of performance and participation. Come to listen or join in, the choice is yours. Musicians or devotional singers wanting to contribute please contact justine@stethelburgas.org.

*Hosted by **Nadim Rohani**.*

Multi-faith Tent Dialogues

Thurs 25 Jan 7.00-9.15pm

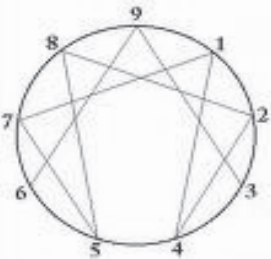
Faith & Psychology

Can psychology make sense of faith? Or do the increasing number of faith-based counselling methods show a need for faith to inform psychology? Where do psychological development and spiritual growth meet and where do they diverge? With **Sabnum Dharamsi** (Islamic counselling), **Laura Donington** (Buddhist psychotherapy) & **Rabbi Howard Cooper** (Jewish analytical psychotherapist).

Wed 7 Feb 7.00-9.15pm

Angels, devas & other beings

How are angels portrayed in different faith traditions? What is their purpose? What are devas and djinn? Are these kinds of supernatural beings real, or are they just myths or metaphors? With **Bhuta Bhavana Das** & **Elinor Predota**.



Wed 21 Feb 7.00-9.30pm

Enneagram: a tool for interfaith communication

The Enneagram is a system of personality types developed in Egypt by the Desert Fathers providing useful insights into individual differences and worldviews. A psychological and spiritual roadmap, it can help facilitate empathy between people of different faiths. Come and explore your own position on the enneagram in this introductory taster workshop. With **Josephine Seccombe**.

Wed 7 Mar 7.00-9.15pm

Jewish and Islamic mysticism

An exploration of the similarities and differences between Jewish and Islamic mysticism, and the role of mysticism in contemporary Western faith communities. A conversation between **Rabbi Jonathon Wittenberg**, New North London (Masorti) Synagogue, & **Dr Reza Shah Kazemi**, Institute of Ismaili Studies. In collaboration with the **Joseph Interfaith Foundation**.

Wed 21 Mar 7.00-9.15pm

Who was Jesus?

For many Christians he is the incarnation of God in human form. For others he was a human teacher and a model of how man can be in relationship with the Divine. A conversation between Trinitarian and Unitarian Christians, open to people of all faiths. With **Rev. Jane Barraclough**, Minister to the Bethnal Green Unitarian & **Father Alan Green**, Rector of St John on Bethnal Green.

Understanding Reconciliation

Peace Brokers

Four Monday evening workshops exploring in depth how concepts of reconciliation have been pursued in the Balkans. Led by the **Revd Donald Reeves**, Director of the Soul of Europe, drawing on 6 years experience in the region. **All meetings at 6.30-8.00pm.**



Mon 12 Feb

Process: Establishing appropriate processed, and exploring problems around intervention by a third party.

Mon 19 Feb

Memory: The place of memory and history in hindering or enabling to reconciliation.

Mon 5 March

Reconciliation as an art: Employing creativity in the reconciliation process.

Mon 12 March

The moral imagination: Lederach's concept of the Moral Imagination as the key towards creating trust between former adversaries.

Participants are invited to register for all 4 Seminars for **£50**. Limited places available and advance booking is essential. 'Peace -Brokers' will be particularly useful for those engaged in reconciliation or who wish to be.

Meeting and Embracing ~ a Lenten journey of reconciliation

"Mercy and truth are met together;

justice and peace have kissed each other" Psalm 85:10

Four ecumenical gatherings exploring the nature of reconciliation from different Christian perspectives. Each session will include a talk, time for personal reflection and prayer, and a short Taizé-inspired liturgy. **At 6.30pm**

Thurs 22 Feb **Liz Griffiths**, Associate Vicar, St Martin in the Fields

Thurs 8 March **Bishop Bernard Longley**, Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster (RC)

Thurs 22 March **Pressley Sutherland**, Metropolitan Community Church

Tues 3 April **Malcolm Duncan**, Director of FaithWorks

This course is a collaboration with St Martin in the Fields and Our Lady of the Assumption Church, Bethnal Green.

Islam in the West

This new series of events will take an experimental approach to deepening the dialogue between Muslims and non-Muslims in Britain. Moving away from traditional meeting formats, we invite maximum participation and seek to draw on our collective wisdom. We will make space for a wide spectrum of beliefs and opinions and offer an opportunity to listen deeply and speak honestly. Our aim is to delve beneath the surface issues and generate genuine and sustainable relationships that value our differences.

*We invite you to be willing to sit with the discomfort of emerging frictions and to explore the creative potential within the difficulties, which is so often left untapped. Whatever your views, you are welcome. Be prepared to listen and to be heard! **All meetings at 7.00-9.30pm.** To reserve a place email tent@stethelburgas.org.*

Tues 13 Feb

Public Forum I:

Islam & the West: Why do we have a problem with each other?

Should the West fear Islam? Why does the Muslim world resent the West? Why do we have such a problem with each other, and is the hostility escalating? What are the fundamental challenges to both Islamic and Western ways of thinking and being that lie beneath the outer conflicts?

*With **M Manwar Ali** (Abu Muntasir), Chief Executive, Jimas & **Ven. Dr. Michael Igrave**, Archdeacon of Southwark. In collaboration with *Dialogue with Islam*.*

Tues 27 Feb

Islamophobia & 'Westophobia': We are all involved!

A powerful experiential workshop exploring our experiences of mistrust or prejudice. As the media portrays escalating tensions between our communities, we ask if it is possible to talk honestly about our beliefs and feelings towards each other, and to understand the dynamics behind them. We also look at what we have in common and whether we have the courage to join forces in new ways. *Hosted by the **National Coalition Building Institute**, with **Royston John** & **Abida Hussain**.*

Tues 13 Mar

Public Forum II:

Islam & the West: What can we learn from each other?

How can the confrontation between the Islamic and Western worlds be used creatively? In what way can our cultures and faiths enrich each other? What positive changes can both worlds make, within our own communities or together, that will lead to a better future for all?

*With **Mohammad Ali**, CEO Islam Channel, & **Michael Binyon**, Foreign affairs specialist, *The Times*. In collaboration with *Dialogue with Islam*.*

Interfaith Earth Vigils

Shared silence, meditation and contemplative prayer can be powerful acts of healing and peace-making. Once a month we invite people of all religions or none, to join together in half an hour of silence dedicated to different issues of global concern. Leaders and meditators from three different spiritual traditions will offer simple seed thoughts and readings. Participants can also voice concerns, make dedications and contribute their own prayers and hopes.

The silence will be followed by a group discussion focusing on spiritual practice. We will explore what faith and prayer might have to contribute to the world, and how we can engage with these global issues from our own particular spiritual perspective or religious tradition.

*Our hope is to build up a strong, committed community of spiritual leaders and people from all walks of life who want to respond prayerfully and with faith to the urgent needs of our time. **All meetings at 7.00-9.15pm.***

Wed 31 Jan

Earth in crisis

Focusing on: the environment, climate change, species diversity, global collaboration, the sacredness of all life, the beauty and wonder of the planet, respecting the earth, interconnectedness, working together.

*With **Rabbi James Baaden**, **Father Britto** & *the International Sufi School*.*

Thurs 1 Mar

Religion: Source of violence, source of peace

Focusing on: Inter-religious tensions in the UK, Middle East and world-wide, religious prejudice, fundamentalism, understanding and respecting diverse religious views, moving beyond entrenched positions, unity, tolerance, coming together, the power of faith.

*With **Citi-Sakti Deva Dasi**, **Ingrid Stellmacher** & **Canon Lucy Winkett**.*

Thurs 29 Mar

Enough for all

Focusing on: Distribution of world resources, poverty and wealth, hunger and obesity, energy, sharing as members of one global family, generosity, trust. *With **Donald Brown**, **Sarah Perceval** & **Sri Rahda Ramana**.*

Thurs 19 Apr

Transcending consumerism

Focusing on: Materialism, the damage caused by greed, understanding the difference between wants and needs, returning to simplicity, alternative understandings of wealth. *Speakers TBC.*



One Earth



One Earth events are for people of all faiths to explore, reflect and act on issues of global concern together. In 2007 One Earth takes up themes that arose from our autumn discussions on the Earth Charter and invites people, through focused dialogue and workshops, to consider the place these issues have within their own faith and life.

Tues 30 Jan 6.30 for 6.45-8.30pm

Averting climate change: what does your faith say?

A multi-faith gathering on the theme of climate change to mark the anniversary of Gandhi's assassination. With live music, refreshments and readings from Gandhi. Guest speakers include **Imam Abdal-Hakim Murad** (lecturer in Islamic Studies at the University of Cambridge), **Aubrey Meyer** (Director of the Global Commons Institute) and **Claire Foster** (Policy advisor to the Church of England on environmental issues). *In collaboration with the Gandhi Foundation.*

Mon 5 Feb 7.00-9.15pm

Spiritual awakening - self, community and planet

What's the relationship between consciousness and sustainability? What kind of spiritual awakening might be necessary for humanity to transform our global crisis? How does awareness of our mutual interdependence affect our engagement with issues of sustainability and social change? *With Laurie Michaelis, Justine Huxley & Hilde Rapp.*

Sat 3 March 10.30am - 4.30pm

Earth, action, communities

The Earth Charter calls us to work for ecological sustainability, economic justice, non-violence and peace. In this day workshop we will ask what our faith communities are doing to support these goals, what is distinctive in our approaches, and what we share in common. How can we support each other in working for a sustainable world? *In collaboration with Earth Charter UK, Quaker Peace and Social Witness & Living Witness. £15 (includes lunch). Advance booking essential.*

Mon 2 April 7.00-9.15pm

Consumerism vs. wellbeing

An evening workshop exploring our understanding of needs and wants. How do our conceptions of 'the good life' impact on the world? What connection do consumerism and materialism have on our sense of self? What do different faiths teach us about how to deal with these phenomena? *With contributions from the Live Simply project & Jamyang Buddhist Centre.*

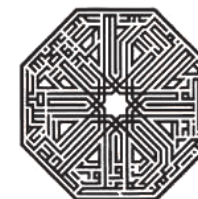
Islam in the West

Thurs 8 Mar 7.00pm

Understanding Violence in the Torah & the Qur'an

How do people of faith interpret and work with scripture which refers to violence? What processes and secondary sources do scholars use to make sense of difficult texts? This discussion-based event will involve looking at specific passages from the Qur'an and the Torah.

With Dr. Mohammad Bahmanpour, Islamic College for Advanced Studies, & Jonathan Gorsky, Heythrop College. In collaboration with Dialogue with Islam



Sat 10 Mar 2.00-5.00pm

Muslim & non-Muslim women in dialogue

What can women in particular contribute to building trust between our communities? How can women work together, from our different faith perspectives, to uphold civil liberties? The third of a series of popular and engaging dialogues between Muslim and non-Muslim women. Come and join the conversation!

In collaboration with CitySisters & Sakinah Forum.

Islam across the World: Films

Tues 23 Jan 7.00pm £5

Ten Days

Dir. Nadeem Kazmi (2005) UK 55 mins



The festival of Ashura is of great significance to Shia Muslims, commemorating the martyrdom of Imam Hussein. This electrifying devotional event retells the story of Karbala through public passion plays and for some involves ritual self-flagellation in identification with Hussein's suffering. Followed by an interfaith discussion on redemptive suffering with film director, **Sayyed Nadeem Kazmi.**

Thurs 15 Feb 7.00pm £5

Muslims

Dir. Graham Judd (2002) USA 120 mins

Filmed in Egypt, Malaysia, Iran, Turkey, Nigeria, and the United States, *Muslims* explores Islam's kinship with Christianity and Judaism in the sharing of prophets and principles, and seeks to illustrate the huge diversity of religious practices and interpretations of law that exist among Muslims themselves.

Understanding Islam

Authoritative and accessible training seminars by Dr Chris Hewer, St Ethelburga's Fellow in Christian Muslim Relations. To book a place email islam@stethelburgas.org. All at 11.00am-5.00pm.

Sat 13 Jan

Islam: the basics

A basic introduction to Islam for beginners. Sessions cover: Setting the framework to understand Islam, the basic belief system, integrating the vertical and the horizontal, and "themes of your choice".

£15 (including lunch)

Sat 3 Feb

Muslims in Britain and Western Europe

The day traces the history of Muslims in Britain from the 8th century to 1945 and then in detail from 1945 to the present day. There will be a brief survey of the situation in other European countries. A thematic approach is followed in looking at the current concerns of Muslim in Britain and how these may play out in the future.

£15 (including lunch)

Sat 24 March

Be careful with Muhammad!

A study day to help people understand the biography and importance of the Prophet Muhammad for Muslims.

£15 (including lunch)

Tues 6 Mar 7.00pm £5

Film: The Imam & the Pastor

Dir. Alan Channer (2006) UK 42 mins

Pastor James Wuye and Imam Muhammad Ashafa led opposing armed militias as violence broke out in Nigeria. Now they run a Muslim-Christian Mediation Centre. A deeply moving story of forgiveness and a case-study of a highly successful grass-roots peace initiative. Followed by discussion with the film's co-producer, *Imad Karam*.

Interfaith dialogues & mediation

If you or your community have an interest in meeting with people from a specific faith group (or from a different section of your own faith community) to address a particular issue, we may be able to help you. We are experienced in supporting conversations and may be able to help facilitate your discussions. Contact: tent@stethelburgas.org

Nonviolence workshops

Education for nonviolence

This nonviolence course continues with a focus on conflict resolution. Over three sessions we will explore conflict resolution from an experiential point of view. This course is for anyone interested in exploring nonviolent conflict resolution and for those who have completed part one of Education for nonviolence. *Developed and led by London Centre of Cultures*

All at 6.30 - 8.30pm

£15 for all three sessions.

Wed 14 March

A brief history of nonviolence; levels of conflict; a scheme for conflict resolution. Past, present and future of the conflict.

Wed 21 March

Mobility of images in changing the view of "the other". Guided experiences: Resentment and The Journey.

Wed 28 March

Communication; the role of the mediators and rituals, proposals and solutions.

Thurs 15 March 10.30am - 4.30pm

From Violence to Wholeness - a 'taster' day

£15 (including lunch)

This workshop invites Christians to engage with a 'spirituality and practice of nonviolence' in the context their lives with a view to sampling what a more detailed, ten-session course might involve. Themes explored include: where we begin our journey; experience and dynamics of violence; the faithful nonviolence of Jesus; and nonviolence and social change. This session is particularly relevant for prison chaplains, police officers and probation officers. Led by **Pax Christi**.

Holocaust Memorial Day ~ the dignity of difference

Mon 29 Jan 7.00-9.30pm

Film: Good Evening Mr Wallenberg

Kjell Grede (Dir) (1990) Sweden 115 mins

The story of Swedish businessman Raoul Wallenberg who helped Jews in Budapest, Hungary in 1944 obtain Swedish passports to get them out of Adolph Eichmann's deadly path. He saved over 60,000 people in Budapest's Jewish ghetto. Followed by discussion and refreshments. **£5. In association with the Hungarian Cultural Centre.**

Nonviolence

Understanding the nature and limits of nonviolence is central to peacebuilding. We look to deepen our understanding of nonviolence by examining it as an option in the context of contemporary conflicts and encouraging people to reflect on violence and nonviolence in their own lives. To reserve a place email events@stethelburgas.org.



Wed 14 Feb 7.00-9.00pm

The 'Beloved Community' of Dr King

A study evening introducing Martin Luther King's philosophy for nonviolent conflict reconciliation as a historical example. This session explores how nonviolent strategies aware at the heart of Dr King's vision of social justice. With **Yehoeshahfaht Israel** (Institute for a New Humanity).

Thurs 15 March 7.00-9.00pm

What can Rumi and Rilke teach us about violence?

Two modern poets search the writings of two great spiritual poets for their wisdom about understanding difference and conflict. An evening of readings from Jallaluddin Rumi and Rainer Maria Rilke, with responses from our living poets. With **Philip Wells** (the Fire Poet) & **Raficq Abdullah** (who has published translations of Rumi). **£10**

Mon 26 March 6.30-8.30pm

Towards a theology of nonviolence

An evening workshop exploring the resources within different faiths for a theology of nonviolence. Tonight we focus on Hinduism, Islam and Sikhism. With invited guests **Imam AbdulJalil Sajid**, **Jay Lakhani** & **Mohinder Singh**.

The limits of nonviolence

Is it feasible to use non-violence in every situation or is the greater good sometimes furthered with limited use of force?

Wed 28 Feb 7.00-9.00pm

The moral use of force

Bishop **David Smith**, former Anglican Bishop to the British Armed Forces in conversation with **Jonathan Bartley** (Ekklesia) on the limitations and advantages of military force and the conditions in which it may be justified.

Wed 28 March 2.00-5.00pm

The Price of Peace

A roundtable discussion examining the question of where the use of force is permissible and the applicability of Christian Just War Theory in the 21st Century. With **Charles Reed**, **David Ryall** and contributors to a new book of the same name. Limited places available. Booking essential.

Training Workshops

Intensive training workshops designed to develop practical skills for peacebuilding. Advance booking is essential for these workshops. Email: training@stethelburgas.org. All at 10.00am-5.00pm.

Sat 10 Feb

Listening

For anyone who wants to develop their ability to be present for, and a supportive listener to, other people. A process-oriented and participative day, drawing out the inherent experience of participants in a structured and supportive way. This will include giving and receiving feedback as a listener, exploring stories of great listeners, listening to Beethoven as a model for all listening, and sharing practical techniques for enhancing your listening skills. With **Simon Keyes**. **£45** (including lunch).

Tues 6 Mar

Meditation & Ethics at Work

For busy professionals meditation offers a way of becoming increasingly aware of our behaviour and the underlying motivations that drive us. Through the cultivation of awareness and kindness we become more sensitive to the effects of our actions on all levels, personal to global, and become a force for positive change. Led by the **London Meditation Project**. **£90** (including lunch). The London Meditation Project is rooted in the Buddhist Tradition, but teaches practices and philosophy that resonate harmoniously with many faith traditions.

Sat 17 Mar

Islamic & Western approaches to conflict transformation & dialogue

Focused around cultural differences in approaches to working with conflict, this workshop will explore attitudes towards conflict and the impact of differing styles of communication and understandings of 'justice'. We will look at how real dialogue unfolds, how conversations get stuck, and the relevance of archetype and myth in the positions we adopt. As well as looking at differences, we will reflect on where Islamic and Western approaches meet. With **Ingrid Stellmacher**, Director, International Commission of Peace. **£45** (including lunch).

Sat 31 Mar & Sat 21 April

An Introduction to Appreciative Inquiry

Focusing on problems can lead to a sense of powerlessness whereas exploring what works can generate creativity, inspiration and shared vision. The St Ethelburga's team is exploring this innovative approach in relation to interfaith dialogue, but it can also be used in a variety of contexts including the business world. Day 1 will offer an experience of appreciative inquiry in action. Day 2 will look at the design and application of interventions. With **Chris Parkin**. **£90** for both Saturdays (including lunch).

Calendar of events at St Ethelburga's - Spring 2007

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