



# Kingston Faith and Belief Forum

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- Simply add your notices to an empty box below by the 25th of each month
- Please keep information short and relevant to the forum members.  
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<b>Title of article or notice:</b>	<b>A statement on Israel and Palestine</b>
<b>Author</b>	Chair & Vice Chairs - Kingston Faith & Belief Forum
<b>Short summary</b>	<p>Dear friends,</p> <p>We have all been distressed by the devastating news unfolding in Israel and Palestine over the past 2 weeks. We are aware that the trauma of the violence in the Middle East will be affecting many of our friends, of all faiths and none, across the borough. We hold that the root of all faith / no faith must consist of the safeguarding of all life through the exercise of kindness, compassion and love.</p> <p>We are deeply committed to the safety and welfare of those of all faiths and none in Kingston. There is no</p>

	<p>excuse for antisemitism, Islamophobia, or any other hate crime. Exacerbating communal tensions will not be tolerated. If you need to report any incidents of Hate Crime, please contact the Police on 101 or in an emergency dial 999. More details on reporting Hate Crime and accessing support can be found on the Kingston Council website:  <a href="https://www.kingston.gov.uk/policing-community-safety/hate-crime">https://www.kingston.gov.uk/policing-community-safety/hate-crime</a></p> <p>Our Forum represents many communities in the Royal Borough of Kingston that are diverse, coming from multiple backgrounds and faiths. We live together in peace and respect each other, and stand side by side, in these difficult times, praying for peace and to see the end of this violence and destruction.</p> <p>Kingston Faith and Belief Forum</p>
<b>Request of the Kingston Faith and Belief Forum</b>	This statement will be published on Friday on the <a href="#">website</a> . Please <a href="#">email</a> if you have any objections.

<b>Title of article or notice:</b>	<b>Remembrance Sunday</b>
<b>Author</b>	Joe Moffatt
<b>Short summary</b>	<p>Running order for Remembrance Sunday, 12 November, is as follows:</p> <p>10.30am Act of Remembrance in Memorial Square  11.30am Service of Remembrance in All Saints Church</p>
<b>Request of the Kingston Faith and Belief Forum</b>	<p>All faith leaders are invited to offer a prayer from their own tradition at this service.</p> <p>If you can participate, please email <a href="mailto:joe@allsaintskingston.co.uk">joe@allsaintskingston.co.uk</a> by 22 October.</p>

<b>Title of article or notice:</b>	<b>Bereavement Cafe</b>
<b>Author</b>	Joe Moffatt
<b>Short summary</b>	The Bereavement Café is a space to talk about the pain of bereavement and to find mutual support and encouragement from others who understand the experience of loss.

	<p>No booking necessary. Every other Wednesday 2.00 - 3.30 pm at All Saints Church, Market Place, KT1 1JP.</p> <p>8th and 22nd November 6th and 20th December 3rd, 17th and 31st January 14th and 28th February</p>
<b>Request of the Kingston Faith and Belief Forum</b>	Please share with your networks. If any members would like flyers or posters, please contact <a href="mailto:info@allsaintskingston.co.uk">info@allsaintskingston.co.uk</a>

<b>Title of article or notice:</b>	<b>Tea with the Mayor</b>
<b>Author</b>	Marina Payen
<b>Short summary</b>	<p>The Mayor of the Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames, Councillor Diane White, would like to invite all members of the Forum to a special event on Wednesday 06 December in the Queen Anne Suite, Guildhall.</p> <p>Refreshments provided. Address: The Guildhall, Kingston upon Thames, KT1 1EU Room: Queen Anne Suite</p> <p>This special event is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Celebrate the Forum and the work that is taking place across the borough</li> <li>• Welcome new members</li> <li>• Wish all communities a very festive season in acknowledgment that between 1st November and 15 January there are approximately 29 holidays observed by 7 of the world's major religions.</li> </ul>
<b>Request of the Kingston Faith and Belief Forum</b>	Please can you confirm if you will be able to attend by accepting or declining the calendar invitation (sent separately).

<b>Title of article or notice:</b>	<b>Hate Crime Workshops</b>
<b>Author</b>	Tahsin Choudhury and Lieneke Eleveld
<b>Short summary</b>	<p>Community Safety Officer's at Kingston Council are committed to delivering workshops to community groups and places of worship about hate crime.</p> <p>The workshops include the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is hate crime and its impact</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Stereotyping / unconscious bias</li> <li>● How to report a hate crime</li> <li>● How to get support</li> <li>● How to support each other</li> </ul> <p>After the workshop you will know what to do if you witness a hate crime or become a victim of a hate crime and how you can support yourself and each other to keep safe.</p>
<b>Request of the Kingston Faith and Belief Forum</b>	If you are interested in hosting a workshop please contact Lieneke Eleveld at <a href="mailto:lieneke.eleveld@kingston.gov.uk">lieneke.eleveld@kingston.gov.uk</a> .

<b>Title of article or notice:</b>	<b>Kingston Community Lottery</b>
<b>Author</b>	Erin Owen
<b>Short summary</b>	<p>The Kingston Community Lottery is an exciting weekly lottery aimed at supporting good causes in the Royal Borough of Kingston!</p> <p>Local charities, community groups, voluntary organisations, sports clubs, Guides and Brownies are already raising funds with the lottery and their supporters can win up to £25,000.</p> <p>For every £1 ticket bought, 60p goes straight to good causes in Kingston, such as: Kingston Carers Network, Kingston Centre for Independent Living, The Community Brain and many more. Over 80 local good causes are using Kingston's Community Lottery as part of their fundraising approach, raising over £23,700.</p> <p>Thanks to support from the lottery, Kingston Carers Network, have achieved 96% of their fundraising target. Kingston Carers Network say:</p> <p><i>“Go for it! It’s so simple and straightforward and takes very little time to maintain and grow. So far we have raised nearly £2000 and we are currently on track to raise a further £1326 over the next twelve months. It was so straightforward to join Kingston Community Lottery and we were able to hit the ground running without spending lots of time researching and developing marketing materials.”</i></p>
<b>Request of the Kingston Faith and Belief Forum</b>	To find out more about how your good cause can get involved in the Kingston Community Lottery, visit the <a href="#">Kingston Community Lottery website</a>

<b>Title of article or notice:</b>	<b>Faith and VAWG (Violence Against Women and Girls)</b>
<b>Author</b>	Keath Gaitskell
<b>Short summary</b>	<p>We are currently planning for the 16 days of activism that starts on 25/11/23  <a href="http://www.unwomen.org/en/what-we-do/ending-violence-against-women/unite/16-days-of-activism">www.unwomen.org/en/what-we-do/ending-violence-against-women/unite/16-days-of-activism</a>)</p> <p>We are looking at putting on a number of profiled training courses during this time. Some will be aimed at professionals and others at community members (such as faith leaders and those working with vulnerable people). They will include among other things discussion times and talks from survivors. Training will cover economic abuse, Harmful practices (e.g. FGM, forced marriages) as well as a number of other areas.</p>
<b>Request of the Kingston Faith and Belief Forum</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please let me know if there is any particular training that you would like to see added to our schedule.</li> <li>• Please remember that I would love to catch-up for a coffee to discuss this work!</li> <li>• I will distribute exact details of all the training once we have everything finalised</li> </ul> <p>My contact details are <a href="mailto:keath@kingsgatechurch.org.uk">keath@kingsgatechurch.org.uk</a></p>

<b>Title of article or notice:</b>	<b>Cost of living crisis - short survey</b>
<b>Author</b>	Emma Crowe
<b>Short summary</b>	<p>The cost of living crisis is squeezing households across the borough. Please share this <a href="#">short survey</a> with your networks so we find out which areas people are finding the most difficult so we can try and improve the support available.</p> <p>We will then work with community organisations to make sure we are providing the best support we can and raise awareness of where help is available.</p> <p>If anyone needs help now they can <a href="#">visit the council's website</a> or call our contact centre on 020 8547 5000. The survey will be open until <b>30 November 2023</b>. All responses are anonymous.</p>
<b>Request of the Kingston Faith and Belief Forum</b>	<p>Please share the link and details of this important survey. If you would like a poster or image with the information on it for a newsletter/social media let me know</p> <p><a href="mailto:emma.crowe@kingston.gov.uk">emma.crowe@kingston.gov.uk</a></p>

# Bereavement Café



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