



Kingston Faith and Belief Forum

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How to add your notices to the bulletin next month

- 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.
(There is no need to edit the table of contents, this will automatically update when the bulletin is completed.)

Title of article or notice:	Inter Faith Week events and activities
Author	Faith & Belief Forum - Inter Faith Working Group
Short summary	<p>Each year, Inter Faith Week begins on Remembrance Sunday and finishes on Mitzvah Day. The week provides a focal point, together with the wider community, to open up inter faith activity and increase understanding between people of religious and non-religious beliefs. This year, the Forum Inter Faith Working Group have organised a number of activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- A Service of Remembrance- An Inter Faith Walk to 5 places of worship- 'Noah's Pudding' Activity and Discussion- Mitzvah Day <p>Events are free and all welcome. Full information has been sent by email to all Forum members as well as calendar invitations.</p>

Request of the Kingston Faith and Belief Forum	Please accept/reject calendar invitations so we can plan attendance and share the events with your communities
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Title of article or notice:	Position of Trust - Safeguarding in Sport and Faith
Author	Tracey Welding, Kingston and Richmond Safeguarding Children Partnership
Short summary	<p>The NWG is hosting this special event focussing on the Position of Trust during Inter Faith Week on the 16 November from 10:00 - 13:00 online.</p> <p>Attendees will benefit from hearing about research and examples of cases involving abuse of position of trust and learn how others have overcome challenges and barriers.</p> <p>It is important to remember that Religion and Sport are, more often than not, positive experiences for communities and can provide a sense of belonging, hope and sometimes much-needed and valuable diversionary activities for societies. These should be celebrated and promoted as they can provide a positive influence on people's lives. Unfortunately, there are some individuals in society who will use these settings and opportunities to abuse and exploit children and adults.</p>
Request of the Kingston Faith and Belief Forum	Register here to the event: Eventbrite and share with your communities

Title of article or notice:	The safety and security of our faith communities
Author	Inter Faith Network UK, Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities; the Home Office; the Crown Prosecution Service; the National Police Chiefs' Council and the National Fire Chiefs' Council.
Short summary	Guidance on responding jointly to attacks on places of worship; which contains material about how and where to report hate incidents, cyber-attacks, and actual or suspected terrorist activity; where to find information on strengthening the security of buildings; and where to find information about working to build – and strengthen – good interfaith relations locally.
Request of the Kingston Faith and Belief Forum	Review and share guidance published on Inter Faith Network UK website

Title of article or notice:	Increasing support for churches in the UK
Author	National Churches Trust
Short summary	<p>Grants are available to any Christian place of worship in the UK open for regular public worship.</p> <p>Whether you are looking to repair your roof, install a kitchen or accessible toilets, clear your down pipes or simply need help undertaking regular essential maintenance to your building, we offer a range of grants to suit the size and needs of your project.</p>
Request of the Kingston Faith and Belief Forum	Deadlines for grants are approaching so please review in case any are of interest. Sign up to the National Churches Trust newsletter if you wish to receive regular updates.

Title of article or notice:	Changes to polling stations
Author	Kingston Council's Electoral Services Team, RBK
Short summary	<p>We are reviewing the polling stations to be used at all elections in Kingston. As part of the review, some changes to the polling stations for all elections and referendums held within the borough have been proposed. Read more: https://ow.ly/9JAt50Q08I9</p> <p>To read the full proposals and have your say, visit: https://bit.ly/PollingPlacesReview2023</p>
Request of the Kingston Faith and Belief Forum	To share the above information with your communities and have your say if you have any comment to make on the proposals.

Title of article or notice:	Cost of Living Residents' Survey
Author	Communications and Engagement Team, RBK
Short summary	Please encourage your communities to take this Cost of Living Residents' Survey . It only takes 5 minutes and can make a difference to how we can improve the support and advice available in Kingston. Closing date 30 November.
Request of the Kingston Faith and Belief Forum	Please share this important survey with your communities before 30 November. Cost of Living Residents' Survey

Title of article or notice:	Energy Advice
Author	Climate Action Team, RBK
Short summary	<p>Energy Advice London is a free service for anyone that lives in London. It provides impartial advice and is run by the Energy Saving Trust. It has lots of easy to understand and helpful information about ways to reduce energy bills, while staying warm and cosy at home.</p> <p>People can visit their website energyadvice.london or call their freephone number on: 0808 196 8260.</p> <p>Their free phone lines are open to all, Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm (excluding bank holidays).</p> <p>If you would like any information in specific languages, please contact climate@kingston.gov.uk and we can ask Energy Advice London if they have translated materials available.</p>
Request of the Kingston Faith and Belief Forum	Please share with your communities

Title of article or notice:	Kingston 2025 celebrating our past, present and future
Author	Communications and Engagement Team, RBK
Short summary	<p>We are holding community meetings this Autumn across the borough to get your ideas on how we should celebrate contemporary Kingston's past, present and future in 2025. Please come along and share your ideas. For more information on Kingston 2025 and ways to get involved please click here.</p>
Request of the Kingston Faith and Belief Forum	You are invited to community meetings to share your ideas to shape how we celebrate Kingston 2025