

THE ONLY THREE FAITHS RESIDENTIAL WEEK IN THE UK!

If you are interested in finding out more about the three Abrahamic faiths in a deep but informal way, then our Ammerdown Three Faiths Summer School is an event not to be missed.

It offers a unique opportunity to mix and relax with people of other faiths (Christians, Muslims and Jews), to share and discuss, to learn and grow, and to worship together.

Beware, you might find it 'life-transforming'!

From the 2006 Summer School:

It is a cliché to say so, but this has been a life-changing experience. (Adam, Christian)

A lovely, rewarding experience which will continue to affect me and those around me throughout my future. (Samuel, Jew)

I have learnt that if you can respect the person, you can then respect what they believe. (Sarah, Muslim)

The opportunity to get to know each other was the most valuable and lasting aspect. The friendships which were formed make it impossible to continue to hold the misconceptions and narrow blanket views of other faiths which contribute to the animosity between the religions. (Magdalen, Christian)

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Planning Team

Jewish:

Rabbi Dr Michael Hilton

(of Kol Chai Hatch End Jewish Community - Reform); author of *The Christian effect on Jewish Life*.

Christian:

Revd Dr Liz Carmichael

Chaplain and Tutor in Theology, St. John's College, Oxford;
Author of *Friendship – Interpreting Christian Love*.

Muslim:

Sheikh Bashir Ahmad Dultz

President of the German Muslim League, Bonn e.v., and Spiritual Leader of the Sufi Order 'Tariqah As-Sufinah'.

Guest Speaker

Dr Neil Douglas-Klotz

Scholar of Comparative Religions, Sufi Murshid, co-author of *The Tent of Abraham* and author of *The Genesis Meditations*.

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FESTIVALS AND FEASTS

DISCOVERING THE RICHNESS OF OUR
THREE FAITH TRADITIONS
THROUGH THEIR FESTIVALS



Monday 11 August -
Sunday 17 August
at The Ammerdown
Centre (near Bath)

In association with:

The German Muslim League
and

Kol Chai Hatch End Jewish
Community



KEY FESTIVALS IN THE THREE FAITHS

Conference Fees and Booking Information

BOOKING FORM THREE FAITHS SUMMER SCHOOL 11. – 17. AUGUST 2008

All three Abrahamic religions mark the passing of the year with a series of festivals which guide and enrich our journeys as God's people. Discovering the meaning of these festivals is a wonderful way of gaining better understanding of, and respect for, the other faiths.

During the week, the major festivals in the three faiths will be briefly introduced, and one or two explored in more depth to help capture the richness of our three traditions.

The theme will be explored through a series of plenary sessions and group discussions. And for those who would like to do so, there will be opportunities to participate in acts of Muslim, Christian and Jewish worship.

In addition, the week will offer some afternoon workshops (e.g. calligraphy, chanting, dancing) and a trip out, in order to help us get to know each other in a more informal and creative way. And there will of course also be time to relax and enjoy each other's company in the beautiful surroundings of Ammerdown!

Dr Neil Douglas-Klotz, author of the famous *Genesis Meditations – a shared practice of peace for Christians, Jews and Muslims*, will lead one of the plenary sessions as well as some workshops. He will share his passionate belief that Christianity, Judaism and Islam have a common beginning, and that spiritual practices that focus on that meeting point help create understanding and peace.

Please note that, to respect the group process, the organisers would ask that participants stay at the Centre for the duration of the conference.

Costs, including all activities, all meals and en-suite accommodation, are as follows:

Residential: £355

Bursaries for people on low income (please enquire): £237

We are able to offer young people and students a limited number of special Three Faiths Bursaries that will bring the cost of the week down to **£120. Please contact the Ammerdown Centre for further details.**

In order to satisfy the requirements of the three faiths, the food provided will be fish or vegetarian only throughout the week.

If notified in advance, we can cater for vegans, diabetics and those who require a dairy-free or gluten-free diet (please note that a surcharge may apply). Unfortunately, we cannot cater for severe food allergies such as nuts or seafood.

To book your place, please fill in the booking form included in this leaflet and send it with your deposit.

If you require any further information please contact:

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SURNAME.....

TITLE (Mr/Mrs/Ms/Sr/Rev etc.)

FIRST NAME

ADDRESS

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Post Code

Day Telephone

Email

Price applied for: £355 £237

Special requests (diets etc)

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Applications should be accompanied by a deposit of £75 per person. This is non-returnable and non-transferable once your booking has been accepted. Cheques should be made payable to: **THE AMMERDOWN CENTRE**

ENCLOSED £ DATE

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Please return to the Ammerdown Centre, Ammerdown Park, Radstock, Somerset BA3 5SW