



# The Brighton & Hove Interfaith Contact Group



## Summer Sounds, Events, Peace and a Pilgrimage

Suddenly the South has been hit by the real warmth of summer. It's a time of choice – to holiday – sit in the garden - rest on the balcony - walk in the park or sit by the sea. Such moments are perfect for meditation. While meditating it's good to simply listen, and one may be surprised. The sounds of the summer are very different. Sound moves much faster in warm air, while people and animals tend to move slower.

And while you sit back and relax... let me remind you... we have some very special events due in the months to come, they include two truly fascinating Friendship meetings scheduled for September and October. On September

17<sup>th</sup> a real eye-opener fact and friendship meeting will take place at the One Church (more information below); on October 8<sup>th</sup> at Hove Methodist Church two inspired and much-needed Chaplains will talk about their work. Also look out for the Pilgrimage across our City scheduled for September 21<sup>st</sup>; *the Restore Nature Now Interfaith Pilgrimage* is organised by Brighton Christian Climate Action, with the support of The IFCG and promises to be something very special indeed.

Also... this month an Exhibition of the photographic work of Tony Tree showing pictures of faith groups in our City, which will take place at the Unitarian Church.

The issue of peace, even if we are taking the opportunity to relax, is never far from our minds. Please take note of the latest initiative by Sussex Interfaith for Palestine.

Enjoy the sunshine, relax and don't forget to put some of these dates in your diary,

Very best wishes,

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# Friendship at One Church



One Church engages many people in our City, runs a farmers' market, market garden, coffee business and much more. Its achievements embrace many aspects of our City's life. Discover its astonishing story at 7pm on September 17 at One Church, Florence Road, BN1 6DL. All welcome.  
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The Interfaith Contact Group invite you to a Friendship Meeting on September 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at One Church in Florence Road, Brighton BN1 6DL. This evening is all about One Church itself, a jewel in the crown of Brighton and Hove. Hear about unprecedented innovation, creativity and compassion in our City and beyond.



# Discovering the Dynamics of One Church in our City

One Church has two locations in Brighton - Gloucester Place in the heart of the City and Florence Road in the leafy suburbs. Both buildings are available to hire for many purposes, and many of us have attended gigs in one or another of these two churches.

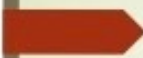
But there is so much more to be discovered about this astonishing organisation, which feeds thousands of people every year, and trains baristas, runs an acclaimed farmers' market, as well as managing a market garden of its own.

The projects and achievements of One Church are astonishing, and we look forward to discovering them at a unique Friendship Meeting at 7pm on Wednesday September 17th at One Church, Florence Road BN1 6DL. Please join us for a very special evening of discovery, with refreshments.



# **Restore Nature Now - Pilgrimage Across Brighton and Hove**

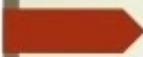
A year ago a massive demonstration in London gathered in support of Action for Nature. It was a message to the Government - to say that the time had come to restore the seriously depleted nature in our country. A year later Brighton Christian Climate Action, with the support of the IFCG is staging a Restore Nature Interfaith Pilgrimage on September 17th. Details appear below... and remember, you can join the pilgrimage at any point.



# **PILGRIMAGE RESTORE NATURE NOW**

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September**

St John's, Knoyle Rd 12.30 pm  
One Church, Florence Rd 1.15 pm  
St Peter's, York Pl 1.45 pm  
Buddhist Centre, Tichbourne St 2.00 pm  
Unitarian Church, New Rd 2.20 pm  
Seafront Groyne by Palace Pier 2.45 pm  
Friends Meeting House, Ship St, 3.10 pm



All are welcome to come together to walk in witness to the suffering of our earth and her people with hope for healing, as a reminder about the climate and ecological crisis and people affected by war.

We remember that those who have done least to cause this emergency are suffering its worst effects.

We offer a safe and reflective activity with space to hold our frustration, fear and grief and to model a new way of being in relationship with each other and the earth.

We don't expect that everyone will want to do the whole walk. Please feel free to join at any point

## **Sussex Interfaith for Palestine: an October Meeting**

# Sussex Interfaith for Palestine

# Sounds of Hope

Food | Music | Poetry



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DATE!

**18 Oct 2025, 7-10pm**

**One Church Brighton, Florence Road, BN1 6DL**

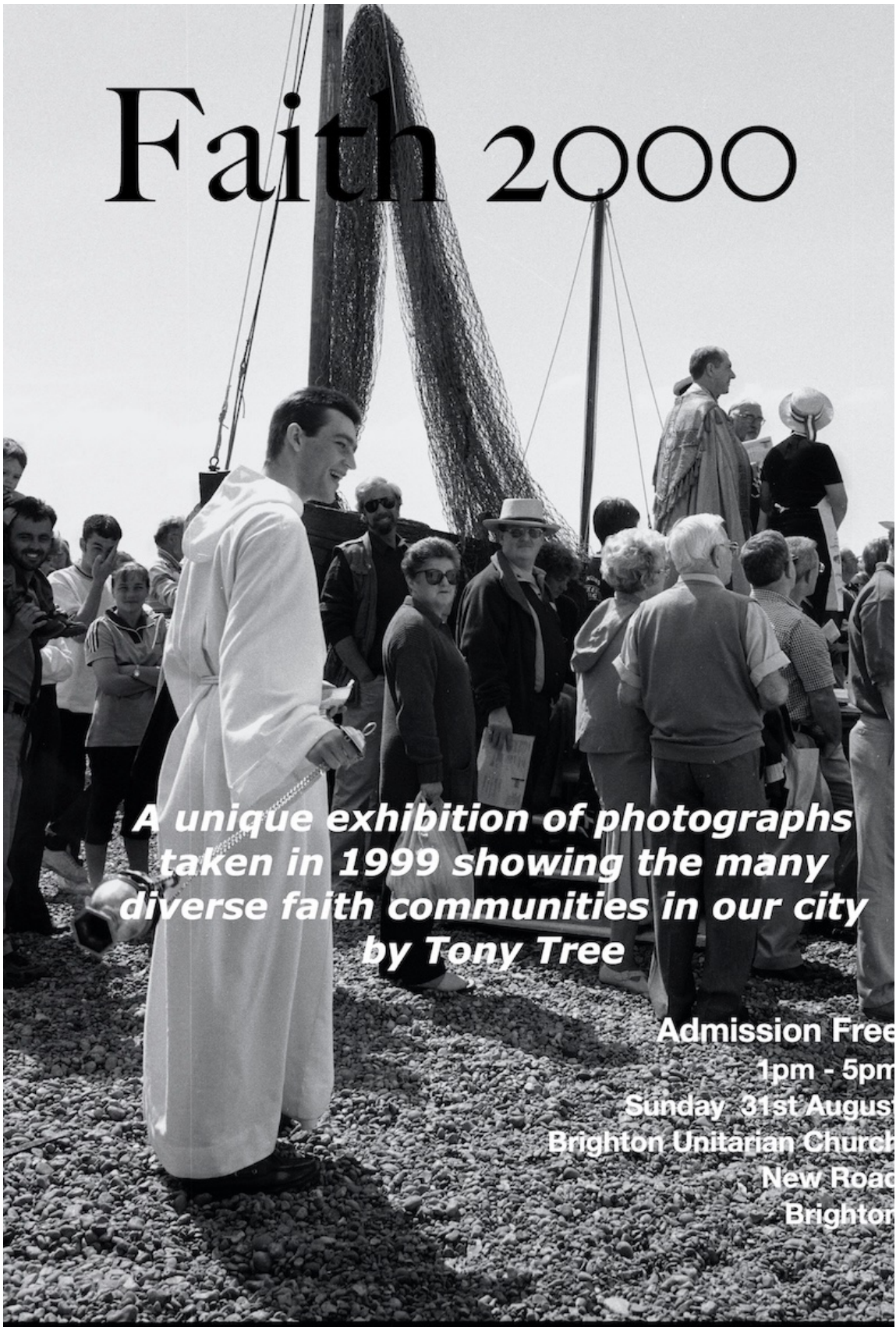
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Sussex Interfaith for Palestine will be staging another Sounds of Hope event on Saturday October 18<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 PM - 10:00pm. This time the event will be held at One Church Florence Road, BN1 6DL. The evening will include food, music and poetry. We will enjoy a light supper from [Taarof](#) and a programme of music and poetry readings from a range of local talent.

### [Buy tickets](#)

All money raised from tickets and on the evening will be donated to [Amos Trust](#)'s work in Gaza and the West Bank.

# Faith 2000



***A unique exhibition of photographs  
taken in 1999 showing the many  
diverse faith communities in our city  
by Tony Tree***

**Admission Free**

**1pm - 5pm**

**Sunday 31st August**

**Brighton Unitarian Church**

**New Road**

**Brighton**

## Faith Images: Photographic Exhibition at the Unitarian Church

Tony Tree's photographic collection spanning 25 years will be on show at the Unitarian Church in New Road, Brighton; in tandem with his photographs will be a special service on Sunday 31 August at 11.00 am. This will be followed by a pop up display of working prints that formed part of the original exhibition, to be held from 1 - 5.00pm.

Those attending will have a chance to chat with Tony Tree. He says 'My work has taken me into all areas of the community. I am fascinated by the way so many different cultures continue to thrive and maintain their identities. I am delighted that the photographs are to be exhibited again, and – I will now be giving the complete archive to QueenSpark Books – to be used as a resource for the future generations.'



## A Date for the Diary... in October

On Wednesday October 8th at 7pm the IFCG is holding a Friendship Meeting at Hove Methodist Church, Portland Road. Sussex Aids Chaplain Heather Leake-Date will be talking about her work in the community. We have also invited a

Pagan Chaplain to join us that evening, who will be describing their work in hospitals and prisons. Do join us, meet the chaplains and have some refreshments in what promises to be a fascinating evening.



## Lean Back and Rest Against the World...

Lean back and rest against the world  
Put your head on a pillow of blue sky  
Brush a wispy cloud aside  
And before you go to sleep, don't forget...  
To breathe in the heady fragrance  
of fresh green leaves

Your mind wanders carefree  
Through flowery fields  
Meandering meadows  
where bees buzz, and birds sing sweetly

Dozing, dreaming  
Happiness belongs to you  
You have come to know  
The yearning of the trees  
The kindness of tall grasses  
The harmony of loving spirits

It is the love song of this world  
Our mysterious universe  
That makes the sacred  
Connection of the soul  
Meet in friendship  
With eternal peace

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