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**PROMOTING PEACE: BRADFORD CATHEDRAL
FOCUSES ON THE PERSPECTIVES OF PEACE IN
NEW EXHIBITION**



During mid-September Bradford Cathedral will be hosting an exhibition called Faith and Peace. This inspiring exhibition presents perspectives on peace from three Abrahamic religions – Judaism, Christianity and Islam. The exhibition is also accompanied by artworks by groups of women in the Bradford area over the past 3 years. The Peace Museum have created the exhibition and led workshops with women who explored what the themes of faith and peace mean to them in their everyday lives and created artworks which capture some of their reflections.

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HOSPITALITY. FAITHFULNESS. WHOLENESS.

This exhibition looks at the way in which the three faiths promote peace – in their teaching, and in the lives of their people. It tells stories of their peace-makers. It shows how each stresses hospitality and welcome for the stranger, including the stranger of other faiths.

Faith and Peace was a 3-year project sponsored by the Anglican Pacifist Fellowship and the exhibition panels are illustrated with images of artefacts in the collection of the Peace Museum in Bradford.

Clive Barrett, Chair of the Peace Museum, commented: “We are delighted that Bradford Cathedral is hosting this exhibition. It seems an appropriate place to recognise and honour the peacemakers within the Anglican Communion, alongside our neighbours in other faith traditions. If we all act on the imperative for peace-making in our own faith, perhaps others will see that religion is not the problem but part of the solution for the peace of our world.”

Liz Firth, who has led the Faith and Peace Textile Project on behalf of the Peace Museum, added: “Just producing the exhibition has been a work of peace-making! Several of the original artworks have been produced through by mixed-faith groups of women in Bradford, through the Peace Museum. Making these has helped to build relationships between women of very different backgrounds.”

The Very Revd Jerry Lepine, Dean of Bradford, says of ‘Faith and Peace’: “Hospitality and reconciliation are key values for Bradford Cathedral, and so we welcome this exhibition with open arms, so that together we can reflect on three faiths and their teaching on peace-making.

“I hope that many people will access this and use it as an opportunity to engage with a much needed theme for our nation and the world.”



Faith and Peace: Perspectives from Three Religions.

An exhibition sponsored by the Anglican Pacifist Fellowship.

Bradford Cathedral. Sept 7th – 19th.

There will be a talk and open workshop on Thursday 12th September 1-3pm and repeated at 6:45-8:15pm. Workshops are open to all and free of charge. The talk and workshop will be led by Liz Firth and Shaeron Caton-Rose and will include a simple creative activity – no previous experience is necessary. All materials will be provided. Free places can be reserved at faith-peace.eventbrite.co.uk.

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Notes for Editors

About Bradford Cathedral

Bradford Cathedral has been a place of worship in Bradford since the first millennium. It is the oldest building in the city and, alongside being a place of worship, hosts events, arts projects and much more. Bradford Cathedral celebrates its centenary in 2019.

About the Peace Museum



Bradford Peace Museum: explores the history and the often untold stories of peace, peacemakers, social reform and peace movements. The Museum highlights through its collection and its education work, the stories of countless people who have tried to bring an end to extremism, conflict, violence, war and inequality; to create social justice,

peace and cohesion. It has strong roots in the local community, while exploring hidden histories and untold stories of national and global importance. Its activities are based on providing experiences that encourage dialogue and interaction between different people. For more information please visit <http://peacemuseum.org.uk/>

About the Anglican Pacifist Fellowship:



The Fellowship was founded in 1937 to provide fellowship for Conscientious Objectors and pacifists within the Anglican Communion. It provides support to a body of people within the Anglican Communion who reject war as a means of solving international disputes, and believe that peace and justice should be sought through non-violent means. For more information please visit <http://www.anglicanpeacemaker.org.uk/>

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