



PEACE MALA

INTERNATIONAL INTER-FAITH LITURGY FOR WORLD PEACE

Thursday 20th July 2017 | Llandaff Cathedral, Wales UK

The ceremony will start promptly at 1pm

Uniting All Faiths and Communities in Peace





Peace Mala is grateful to so many people who have helped make today possible

We wish to thank The Dean of Llandaff Cathedral and his staff for their support and encouragement, clergy of The Church in Wales, The Greek Orthodox Church, The Roman Catholic Church, The Liberal Catholic Church and Order of Saint James, the United Reformed Church, the Jewish community, the Muslim communities of Cardiff, Newport and Swansea, and representatives of many faith traditions here in Wales as well as those who have travelled from other parts of the UK and abroad to be with us today.

Central to the work of Peace Mala are the children and young people of our Peace Mala schools. We are delighted to have so many of you with us today.

Peace Mala's contribution to Inter-faith Dialogue for peace

When Peace Mala reached its 10th year in 2012 we celebrated our work with a five day walking pilgrimage for world peace across the sacred landscape of the Gower peninsular in South Wales. Dr Rowan Williams, a patron of Peace Mala and who was Archbishop of Canterbury at the time, wrote a letter of encouragement for the pilgrims. At the end of the letter he said this: *"The challenge of making and keeping peace is a task far too great for any one faith community to tackle on its own, and the deeply impressive work of the Peace Mala network over the last ten years has consistently reminded us of this. It has been a privilege to be involved with this vision, and I pray every blessing on all it continues to do."*

In the spring of 2015 Peace Mala introduced a new initiative with 14 Symbolic Doves of Peace. It has been a wonder and a joy to see how far these doves have already travelled with our message of hope, friendship, respect and peace for all who live on this planet we call our home. Dove 13 is the Symbolic Interfaith Dove of Peace and has a very important job to help promote greater understanding between people of all faiths and none.

It has already made the most amazing journeys between the various faith communities across the United Kingdom and abroad, visiting Jerusalem with members of the Orthodox Jewish community of Swansea and the Holy Ka'aba in Makkah with pilgrims from the Muslim brothers and sisters of CYLCH (Cynghrair Y Llwybr Canol a Heddwch - Alliance for Peace and the Middle Path), was formed by seven Muslim organisations in Wales on 21st September 2013 (International Day of Peace) to promote the balanced, moderate, middle path of Islam.



SOME OF THE MANY JOURNEYS WITH DOVE 13 SINCE THE LAUNCH

This little symbolic dove of peace is with us today and will be carried in the opening procession of the faiths by young Amelia Akinleye of the Muslim faith.

Inter-faith dialogue for peace is vital as is the education of our children. This is where the Peace Mala project has so much to offer as it introduces children and young people to the Golden Rule which exists in all religions, spiritual paths and cultures.

As we move into the future we are experiencing a new dimension of exciting possibilities. There has always been darkness in this world but at this present time we are also living in a period of great spiritual awakening and remarkable planetary interconnectedness. Within this century, more than ever before, we have become exposed to the

diverse and wonderful spiritual traditions of our planet. This in turn has made us aware of the rich cultural and spiritual heritage of the human family. By embracing the universal truths that all religions and spiritual paths share, we can help build bridges of peace and dissolve the boundaries that normally divide people from each other. At the same time, we can still honour and celebrate each person's own unique ethnic, cultural and spiritual heritage.

The Peace Mala story is one of continuing growth as it reaches out to all people in our global village. Our message is simple:

"Treat the next person as you wish to be treated yourself."



Message from **SHEIKH AHMAD DEDE**



AsalamuAlaikum
WarahmatullahiWaBarakatuhu,
Alhamdulillah, it is so important
to come together in Soul, shoulder
to shoulder with One Love. We
may be Hindu, Christian, Jew or
Muslim. We must respect each
other and stand together because
we are one family.

It is the highest honour for us to
be with you and all brothers and
sisters here in Wales; to show the
world that we are All One.

By God's blessings, today will
give Lights to all of us. This will
awaken the presence of Love
for each other. God's Heavenly
presence lives in the heart,
therefore His Divine Kingdom on
earth is in each of our hearts.

Today will open His Lights and
the Cathedral will be the Centre of
His Holy Heavenly Opening. It will
become a garden of Paradise on
earth. We are one in heart.

AsalamuAlaikum
WarahmatullahiWaBarakatuhu
Ahmad Dede

PROGRAMME FOR TODAY

Ambient sound as guests arrive played by:

**Ayanna Bright Eagle Florian, Fr. Tim Ardouin
and Faith Challinor-Wheatley**



"Music is the language of the soul. The music played and sung in today's event is from diverse spiritual paths and cuts through all boundaries. The power, beauty and vision of this music is a celebration of life. It expresses the unity of the human spirit and our potential for peace and compassion."



**Procession of the faiths lead by Eleri Davies and
Tyler John of Rhayader Church in Wales Primary
School and Christian clergy**

*Music – Benedictus from Karl Jenkins 'The Armed Man' - "Blessed is
he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Honsanna in the Highest"*

**Welcome speech from
The Very Reverend Gerwyn Capon,
The Dean of Llandaff**

**Some words from Pam Evans,
Founder of Peace Mala**



Messages of the Peace Mala bracelet presented by pupils of *Newall Green Primary School Manchester, Worth Valley Primary School Yorkshire and St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Clydach Swansea.*

Peace Mala Prayer for World Peace read by Pam Evans as the central white candle is lit by The Dean of Llandaff

Peace Mala Prayer for World Peace

We share the lighting of these candles of peace as symbols of love, hope and healing for our world.

We pray for greater understanding between all people,

Forgiveness for the mistakes that we have made and,

Compassion for all beings of earth sky and sea.

May these candles of peace shine as symbols of all that is good.

May our friendship grow.

May peace be found within each one of us.



Lighting of the Peace Mala candles by faith representatives

Music – 'Healing Light': A Celtic Prayer from Karl Jenkins 'The Peacemakers'

Deep peace of the running wave to you,

Deep peace of the flowing air to you,

Deep peace of the quiet earth to you,

Deep peace of the shining stars to you,

Deep peace of the gentle night to you,

Moon and stars pour their healing light on you,

Deep peace of Christ, the light of the world to you,

Deep peace of Christ to you.





Peace Mala Anthem - One Light

Sung by pupils from our Peace Mala schools. Lead vocals by Lola Jenkins of Hafod Primary School Swansea. Cathedral piano played by Michael Lee Walton. Saxophone played by Darren Stephens.

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Music and Lyrics by Michael Lee Walton

*Stars are lighting up our path
And souls are woken
The deepest ocean
Sings the song within our hearts
As we join together
We share with each other
The key to peace throughout the world
One light to guide us
One love to hold us
See the beauty here on earth
From sunrise to sunset
Take my hand and
Dance to the light that guides us home*

*No words can express the beauty of the
Love, which sings throughout the lands
We share together; we care and live in peace
With each neighbour as a friend
For we behold the truth which is
One Light to guide us on our way
As we journey onwards
Love is all around to show a brighter day
Take my hand and Love will show the Way
One Heart
One Love
One Light*



Flight of the Peace Mala Dove of

Peace Creative animation by the pupils of
Hafod Primary School Swansea Wales



Peace Prayer of St Francis of Assisi

Uzo Iwobi OBE (CEO of Race Council Cymru)

*Lord make me and instrument of Your peace,
Where there is hatred, let me sow love,
Where there is injury, pardon
Where there is doubt, faith,
Where there is darkness light,
And where there I sadness joy.
O Divine Master, grant that I may
Not so much seek to be consoled,
As to console;
To be understood, as to understand
To be loved, as to love. For
it is in giving that we receive,
It is pardoning that we are pardoned,
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.*



Sheikh Ahmad Dede with his Haqqani-Mevlevi Dervishes and musicians
'Oceans of Love'

Votives for world peace lit by selected pupils and their teachers

Music - 'Sing' performed by the pupils of Penllergaer Primary School Swansea

Collect for peace and final blessing

*The Right Reverend John D.E. Davies,
The Bishop of Swansea and Brecon*

Recessional of The Dean of Llandaff, Bishop of Swansea and Brecon and Bishop of Menevia



'Blessed are the peacemakers'
from Karl Jenkins 'The Peacemakers'
"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called the children of God."



We are sure today's event has touched you.

Please consider becoming a Friend of Peace Mala and join and share our vision for the children and people of our world,

helping support our important and much needed work with schools, youth groups and community groups.

Peace Mala is a registered British Charity and while we charge for our educational resources and workshops, our project does not make a profit and we simply aim to cover our costs.

Currently we do not receive any official funding and our organisation is run by volunteers.

We rely entirely on the generous support of voluntary donations from wonderful people like you and we are grateful for regular or single donations as every penny matters. We invite you to give by means of Gift Aid if you pay tax. This will allow Peace Mala to claim back tax and increase the value of your donation by 25%. We are enormously grateful to all who do this.

Thank you for your support.

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Pam Evans

Founder and CEO of Peace Mala
On behalf of the Board of Trustees

Programme and ceremony written
and directed by Pam Evans

*Thank you all for being with us today.
With my prayers for a more
compassionate world*



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