Meditation: Buddhist and Christian perspectives

led by Jacquetta Gomes and Hannah Cleugh

The Norman Chapel, Durham Castle

Tuesday 3rd February 5.30p.m.

Durham University is the third oldest in England and was based on the collegiate model of Oxford and Cambridge Universities. University College [known as Castle] is the Foundation College founded in 1832. University College Durham is based in Durham Castle. Durham Castle and Cathedral are part of the Durham UNESCO World Heritage Site. Construction of Durham Castle started in 1072; it is the oldest building in use in any University in Europe.

<https://www.durhamworldheritagesite.com/architecture/castle>

The mission statement of University College is “To sustain and enhance a lively residential and non-residential academic community in and associated with Durham Castle within which students can enrich their experience of university life and develop valuable life skills through a wide range of academic, sporting, social, cultural, and religious activities”.

<https://www.dur.ac.uk/university.college/>

For information on the College Chapel see <http://www.castlechapel.co.uk/>

Rev Dr Hannah Cleugh is the College Chaplain. Jacquetta Gomes is a member of the SCR Senior Common Room. They led an event *Meditation: Buddhist and Christian Perspectives* on Tuesday 3rd February for World Interfaith Harmony week. This was held in the Norman Chapel. The Norman Chapel was constructed around 1080, and is the city’s oldest building.

<https://www.durhamworldheritagesite.com/architecture/castle/intro/north-range/norman-chapel>

The event was open to the public and a member of the local Fire and Rescue Service attended. A student who attended commented that they were glad that adults from outside the university were present. It is important that young people who are our future, have the opportunity to mix with and learn from as many people as possible.

It is hoped to hold further events including in World Interfaith Harmony Week every year. Events are open to everyone of any faith or no faith.

As this is a new venture we would be very grateful for any support World Interfaith Harmony Week can offer us.