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February 2011 Newsletter

Welcome to Purley Chase Centre Newsletter in which we will be keeping you up to date with what is happening here at the centre.

Events coming up over the next few months:



*Colours of Creation –
Spiritual Growth
4th to 6th March*



*Connecting with Nature
11th to 13th March*



*Preparing for the Light
18th to 20th March*

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Hi Everyone,

I hope 2011 has started off as a good year for you as it has for Purley. We have already had many diverse groups using the building and the year ahead promises to be another exciting time for all who come and for those who work here. Please check out our web-site to see what events might appeal to you www.purleychasecentre.org.uk.

Best wishes to you all love Anne

The Use of Prayer

Greetings! Prayer, meditation and chanting are used in religion to deepen our relationship with God, our fellow men and women and for our own integration, peace and growth. One of the advantages of prayer for me is that it helps me - with the Lord's inspiration - to work out my motives for doing things, as the Lord knows the very depths of them, but I don't. Jesus said, "... But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. ..." (Matthew 6:5-8).

Personally, my prayers are framed and informed by what I know from reading the Bible which contains not only a moral framework for life, but also a more sublime and intangible spiritual one. Prayers help us to formulate a 'path' in life and stay on the 'straight and narrow' (See, Mtt. ch. 7) It is the same in all religions; for Muslims: "Prayers restrain one from shameful and unjust deeds; the remembrance of God is the greatest thing in life without doubt. ..." (Qur'an 29.45)

Prayers for ourselves without concern for how our actions affect the spiritual and physical well-being of our neighbours, can be egocentric as is implied in this quotation from the Jewish Talmud, "He who prays for his fellow man while he himself has the same need, will be answered first." (Baba Kamma 92a). No-one is an island, our problems are usually inextricably linked with the problems of other people.

I wish you constructive thoughts and action on the subject.
Rev. David Gaffney