

## Peace Vigil in Welwyn Garden City

In times when there is so much global suffering, when so many people are injured, lost, misplaced and when it might seem that war becomes 'the norm', it has never been more important to recognise, cherish and protect peace.

As one response, members of the Focolare local community in Welwyn Garden City have been instrumental in staging a vigil for peace in the town centre.

Local residents, faith groups and community organisations in Welwyn and Hatfield will have an opportunity to come together, in a simple and symbolic way, in Welwyn Garden City Town Centre on Sunday, 25 February at 3pm.

The event will provide a space to pray and reflect on the importance of peace, globally and across communities.

Valerie Skottowe, the Chair of Welwyn Hatfield Inter-Faith said:

"It is particularly appropriate at this time that people of faith come together in friendship to pray for World Peace."

Cllr Michal Siewniak added:

"Our get together will provide a witness to our community that we are called to build and create peace, wherever people are and that the peace process can't be neglected and taken for granted. We hope that many of our residents will join us. We ask all attendees NOT to bring any flags or placards."

The Peace Vigil will be held at the statue of Ebenezer Howard on Howardsgate, Welwyn Garden City.