

Thursday 30th April 2009 at 7.30pm
Methodist Church, Oakham

Rev Dr Guli Francis-Dehqani



will speak on

Women in Christianity and Islam

The lives and experiences of Muslim women can seem utterly different and alien. But there are surprising parallels with the Christian experience which underlie many similarities between the role of women in these two faiths. This talk will explore some ways in which Muslim and Christian theology has shaped the lives of women and has often limited the acceptable role of women in society. The talk will consider the relationship between cultural norms, moral frameworks & theological views. The talk will move beyond restrictions and limits and will consider some of the ways in which women have stretched the boundaries of acceptability without upsetting the status quo too much, thus creating new opportunities for themselves. The talk will raise questions about the future for women in these two faiths. What part can we play in shaping our religious traditions?

Rev Dr Guli Francis-Dehqani is a priest in the Church of England and Commissary to the Bishop in Iran. Guli has served on the Anglican Network for Interfaith Concerns (NIFCON).

All are welcome to attend. Meetings conclude with tea and coffee. We aim to finish by 9.00pm.

£3 per attendance

£15 annually

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