

## **Shantimayi - PeaceMother and a Healing Tree planted on Glastonbury Tor**

In the heat of the summer 12 years ago, Glastonbury had a visit from Shantimayi.

In Rishikesh, India, Shantimayi was the first westerner and only woman to become the successor to the Shri Sacha Dham Ashram. She carries the transformational energy of this eminent line of Sacha Masters that is said to date as far back as our present universal cycle. Twelve years ago Shantimayi was invited by the Isle of Avalon Foundation to be part of an 'Interfaith Bridging Initiative' and she arrived with a pair of Shiva Lingams; these are egg crystals containing a hundred thousand prayers collected from different faiths, including those of His Holiness the Dalai Llama. This pair of crystals was a gift to Glastonbury for the Healing within the town..

Glastonbury is renowned as a pilgrimage centre with transformative energies. People travel from far and wide to give and to receive healing within this sacred landscape. With generous support from the National Trust, a small tree was planted on the slopes of the Tor. This oak sapling, a descendant of the indigenous local forest, was planted ceremoniously. For 2 days the ancient Sanskrit Gayatri Mantra was chanted by Shantimayi and her devotees in various locations around the town. Then the tree was planted with 50 participants, and also watched over by a curious herd of dairy cows.

In the roots of this young tree was laid one of the crystal lingams, along with :- Sand from the Katcha Mandala; Ash from the ancient fires of Reishikesh; Ash from the lineage of Sacha Saints Cotton from the grave of Katcha Baba; Flowers from the Terra de Sacha community; Flowers from the Anandu Mayimas Maha Samadhi; Flowers from the Krishna and Radha Murtis farm in Brindavan sacred Ash from Vopi; blessed Seeds from Nechung Kuten; Blue Corn; Ash from the burning Ghat in Varanassi and the red and white Waters from Glastonbury's two sacred springs.

Certainly a well blessed tree.

The Isle of Avalon Foundation has been the caretaker for the second Lingam these past 12 years, it has been cared for and protected, held within the IoA Foundation continual program of courses, meditation and healing groups. Because these two Lingams act as a pair, any healing around one feeds the other, and together they work alongside the healing energies within Glastonbury for the benefit of all. Now 12 years on the oak sapling has grown mightily, with all the blessings and offerings nestled deep within her roots.

On each full moon at 9.30am there is a tree ceremony around her.

In October this year Shantimayi is returning in Pilgrimage, again to Glastonbury, to sing her Sanskrit Gayatri Mantra chant to the tree, and also to hold Satsangs and chanting sessions in the Shekinashram in town. The second Lingam has also become a focus and is energised by the new Healing Circle run by the Isle of Avalon Foundation.

And a few of those many passing pilgrims have tentatively begun to tie their prayers and wishes into her spreading, dancing branches.

A full 12 year Jupiter cycle is completed.