



## Waheguru Ji Ka Khalsa Waheguru Ji Ki Fateh



Cambridge Gurdwara is marking two key dates in the Sikh Calendar over this holiday period.

***Sunday 28th December 2014 - Commemorating*** the anniversary of the unique sacrifice by the younger sons of our tenth Guru, Siri Guru Gobind Singh Ji. Sahibzade Fateh Singh (age 6) and Sahibzade Zorowar Singh (age 9) who were captured by the tyrannical Mogul regime of the time following ongoing military battles after the siege of Anandpur Sahib, where the Khalsa vastly outnumbered, did not surrender but fought in bands of five warrior-saints against a reported million strong army, and where their elder brothers Baba Ajit Singh and Baba Jujar Singh, the elder sons of the Guru, attained martyrdom a few days earlier.

Following their capture, the young Sahbzade's were offered freedom if they embrace Islam but would be bricked alive if they did not. Belying their age, the young boys showed great courage and devotion to their faith, unparalleled in history, by their resolute stand and choosing the path of martyrdom. Their grandmother, Mata Gujri on hearing of their martyrdom also breathed her last. In this fateful December week in 1705, five immediate members of the Gurus' family, and hundreds more of the Khalsa had embraced martyrdom. We salute the valour of these great Sikh warriors, who sacrificed their lives to safeguard their religion and fight injustice, and religious fanaticism of the tyrannical Mughals. We are marking this event this coming **Sunday 28th December 2014** with Siri Sukhmani Sahib Paath and keertan programme with invited Jatha Bhai Satwinder Singh (Peterborough). Langar Seva - Satnam Singh & family.

***Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> - Sun 4th Jan 2015 - Birth Anniversary celebration of Siri Guru Gobind Singh Ji*** Second, we will be celebrating the auspicious birth anniversary of Siri Guru Gobind Singh Ji from **Friday 2nd January 2015 to Sunday 4th January 2015** with Siri Akhand Paath and keertan with invited Jatha Bhai Arjan Singh Hazoori Ragi Bangla Sahib (Delhi). Programme flyer attached. This major event in the Sikh calendar, this year falling on 28th December and 5th January dates depending on the various calendar's in circulation, also coincides with our inauguration of the Cambridge Gurdwara in early January 2013, and we will be marking our second anniversary also on this day. Guru ka Langar will be served throughout.

Finally, please note that those wishing to mark the new year by visiting the Cambridge Gurdwara on the evening of 31st December (through to midnight) and throughout the day on 1st January, the Gurdwara Sahib will be open on these extended times. No formal programmes are planned but if you are visiting please receive Guru's blessings (Guru di Dheg Prashad), sweets and tea.

Programme updates as usual will be on our website [www.cambridgegurdwara.org](http://www.cambridgegurdwara.org)