

The Community in Action

There are over 100 branches of the Ahmadiyya Muslim community throughout the UK and they actively work to spread the peaceful message of Islam. Islam encourages religious harmony and interaction and it is the community's belief that tolerance and respect are the foundations of a peaceful society. The community is committed to working with people of all faiths to enable everyone to practise their religion without hindrance. It is dedicated to serving society, whether it is through raising funds for charitable causes or by giving our time to make our neighbourhoods cleaner. It believes all Muslims are duty bound to serve the country in which they reside.



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Peace Conferences and the International Peace Prize'

These functions are hosted by the community throughout the year and help to foster greater understanding, tolerance and respect for all faiths. Guests and speakers include MPs, diplomats, faith and civic leaders and members of the public.

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Peace Prize is awarded in recognition of an individual's or an organisation's contribution to the advancement of the cause of peace.



Publications

The Ahmadiyya Muslim community actively translates and publishes literature that provides a better understanding of Islam and promotes positive and peaceful and inter-faith dialogue including a monthly magazine *The Review of Religions* which was initiated by the founder of the community in 1902.

The community has also translated the Holy Qur'an in more than 65 languages including Chinese, Russian, Japanese, German and Italian.



MTA (Muslim Television Ahmadiyya)

Muslim Television Ahmadiyya emerged in 1992 with the aim of providing a positive alternative in the broadcasting world. It was the brainchild of the fourth Khalifa of the Ahmadiyya community, Hadhrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad^(ru) and ever since its inception, MTA International has been a unique channel in many respects. Its focus lies in producing programmes enjoyed by people of all ages 24 hours a day.



MTA is not dependent upon commercial sponsorships or licence fees, thus allowing it to concentrate on the quality and nature of its programmes. These include programmes on international news, sports, science, medicine, alternative therapies, learning languages, children's shows, documentaries, travel and religion. MTA can be viewed on Sky Channel 787.



Mosques: symbols of peace

The Ahmadiyya Muslim community has built over 15,000 mosques worldwide, including the first mosque in Spain for 700 years and one of the largest mosque in Sydney, Australia. In Calgary, Canada it has also built the largest mosque in the North American continent.

The first overseas mission of the Ahmadiyya Muslim community was established in London in 1913. It built the first mosque in London, the Fazl Mosque (pictured right) in 1924. It is the only mosque known as 'The London Mosque'.

The Baitul Futuh Mosque (cover and right), based in south London is one of the biggest in Western Europe. The total complex can accommodate more than 13,000 worshippers. The mosque was voted as one of the top 50 modern buildings to visit in the world by *The Information* – a supplement magazine of *The Independent* national newspaper.



"I Will Cause Thy Message to Reach the Corners of the Earth"

Revelation received by Hadhrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad^(as)
(The Promised Messiah and Mahdi)

Nationwide Peace Campaign

Since the start of the campaign in 2010 more than 2.7 million homes have been visited in person and handed a leaflet on peace and a parallel awareness raising programme of events has been taking place. This includes an advertising campaign that has been featured on more than 850 buses across the UK from London to Glasgow that has received wide media coverage.



Cambridge



Yorkshire



Houses of Parliament



Peace leaflet

Muslims for **Loyalty, Freedom & Peace** www.LoveForAllHatredForNone.org
Ahmadiyya Muslim Community UK

The message of peace advertisement featured in the national bus campaign

The London Mosque

16 Gressenhall Road, London, SW18 5QL

Tel: 020 8877 5503 Fax: 020 8874 4779

The Baitul Futuh Mosque

181 London Road, Morden, SM4 5PT

Tel: 020 8687 7800 Fax: 020 8687 7899

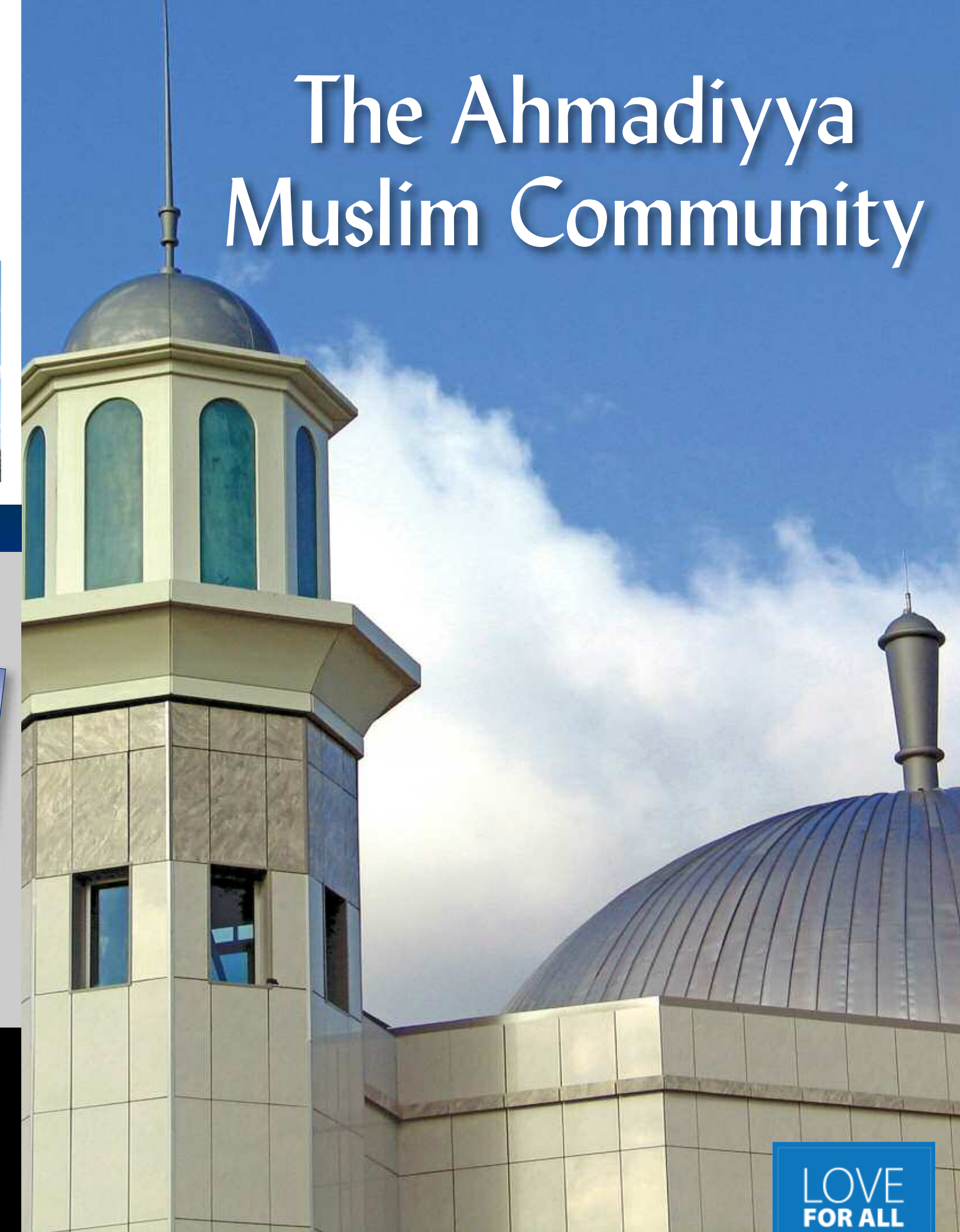
www.alislam.org • www.mta.tv (Sky channel 787)

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* For the information of non-Muslim readers, '(saw)' after the words, 'Holy Prophet', or the name 'Muhammad', are used. They stand for 'Salallahu alaihi wassalam' meaning 'Peace and Blessings of Allah be upon him'. Likewise, the letters '(as)' or '(as)' after the name of all other prophets is an abbreviation meaning 'Peace be upon him' derived from 'Alaihis Salam' for the respect a Muslim reader utters. The abbreviation 'ra' or (ra) stands for 'RadhiAllahu Ta'ala anhu and is used for Companions of a Prophet, meaning Allah be pleased with him or her (when followed by the relevant Arabic pronoun). Also ru or (ru) for Rahemahullahu Ta'ala means the Mercy of Allah the Exalted be upon him.

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community



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AHMADIYYAT The Renaissance of Islam

Islam, the Holy Prophet^(saw) and the Holy Qur'an

Islam means 'Peace and submission to the Will of Allah'. It was a message brought by the Prophet Muhammad^(saw)* nearly 1400 years ago in Arabia. Muhammad^(saw) received a revelation from Allah in which he was told that Allah alone was worthy of worship and nothing else was equal to Him and that Islam was the final and complete religion for mankind. Muhammad^(saw) helped the poor, liberated slaves and established equal rights for women. He told his followers to be patient during hardship and to pray to Allah. His mission was to eradicate evil and iniquity, implant goodness and piety and draw mankind nearer to its Creator. Muhammad^(saw) led a simple, pious and peaceful life.

The Holy Qur'an is the holy book of Islam. It is the word of Allah and was revealed to Prophet Muhammad^(saw) over 23 years. It has 30 parts and is divided into 114 chapters. It contains a vast array of teachings and is a comprehensive code of conduct for mankind. It also contains numerous prophecies many of which have been fulfilled and many that remain to be fulfilled.

ISLAM and OTHER RELIGIONS

Islam believes in all the prophets and religious teachers appointed by God, including Muhammad, Abraham, Moses, Jesus, Krishna, Buddha, Confucius, and Zarathustra (*peace be upon them all*). Islam regards them all as heavenly teachers sent to reform humanity and establish communion with God – the Creator. Islam testifies that the original teachings of various faiths come from the One same God.

ISLAM and EQUAL RIGHTS

Islam also emphasises that men and women and people of all races are equal before Allah and only righteous deeds elevate one person above another. It permits no exploitation, be it social, political, economic or religious.

ISLAM and MANKIND

Islam reinforces the concept of humanity and respect for individual liberty. It also reminds man of his fundamental human right of being free to choose his own religion. The Qur'an states that there is no compulsion in religion.

THE AHMADIYYA MUSLIM COMMUNITY

The followers of all great religions awaited the advent of a Promised One in the Latter Days as predicted in their Holy scriptures. The Hindus awaited Krishna, the Jews and Christians the Messiah, the Buddhists the Buddha and the Muslims the Imam al-Mahdi, as well as the Messiah.

Under Divine guidance, Hadhrat Ahmad^(as)* declared that in fact only one person representing all the

qualities of the one promised in different religions was to appear and humanity would ultimately be brought into the fold of one universal religion. Hadhrat Ahmad^(as), the founder of the Ahmadiyya Muslim community, claimed to be that Promised One awaited throughout the world in various faiths.

The Ahmadiyya Muslim community teaches the true Islam, in all its purity. Islam is a religion of peace. It is a religion that meets the demands and challenges of the changing world.

Islam believes in absolute morality and enjoins justice and fairness to friends and foes alike, in every sphere of human interest. It is the firm belief of the Ahmadiyya Muslim community that Islam is the cure for all maladies and ailments or suffering in humanity today.

Islam teaches us that unless man learns to live at peace with himself and his fellow human beings, he cannot live at peace with God. In Islam, you shall find peace and tranquillity of the heart which is the fruit of submitting to the Will of God. With this conviction the Ahmadiyya Muslim community has grown rapidly and is truly international in scope, with communities established in more than 200 countries spanning all the continents.

The membership of the worldwide Ahmadiyya community is in the millions and is increasing everyday.

The community represents the peaceful revival of Islam that engenders unity, love, respect for all religions and compassion for mankind.

Spiritual leadership under Divine guidance

The Promised Messiah^(as) and Mahdi

The Ahmadiyya Muslim community was established in India in 1889 by Hadhrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad of Qadian, India – the Promised Messiah and Imam Mahdi. One of the greatest bounties of the Ahmadiyya Muslim community is that it has been blessed with the institution of Khilafat – a system of spiritual leadership in Islam as set out in the Holy Qur'an. It is the means of uniting Muslims into one cohesive body under one spiritual leader. It was the system of leadership that was established in the early period of Islam after the demise of the Holy Prophet Muhammad^(saw) and was reinstated in 1908 after the demise of the holy founder of the Ahmadiyya Muslim community.



Hadhrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad
The Promised Messiah and Mahdi

The first successor or Khalifa (spiritual leader) of the Promised Messiah^(as) was Hadhrat Maulvi Nur-ud-Din^(ra), a renowned scholar of the Holy Qur'an and an eminent physician. In 1914, he was succeeded by Hadhrat Mirza Bashir-ud-Din Mahmud Ahmad^(ra) – a renowned scholar of Islamic studies who also enjoyed a vast knowledge of other religions. He led the community for 51 years and firmly laid

the administrative structure of Ahmadiyyat as an international community. The third successor was Hadhrat Hafiz Mirza Nasir Ahmad^(ru), a distinguished educationalist, who placed great emphasis on service to Africa. In 1982, Hadhrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad^(ru) was elected as the fourth successor. His leadership projected the wonderful teachings of Islam into the 21st century on a truly global scale through numerous community projects and the creation of a unique satellite television channel.

The Fifth Khalifa – A Man of Peace

The Ahmadiyya community is now passing through another golden era of the fifth Khalifa, Hadhrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, who holds the worldwide Ahmadiyya community together as one. He ensures that every step taken is in the right direction, fulfilling the mission of the Promised Messiah^(as). The Khalifa is particularly dedicated to ensure that Islam is properly understood as a religion of peace throughout the world. He has repeatedly emphasised the fact that Islam rejects violence in any form and for any reason as it is completely at odds with Islam – a word which itself means 'peace.'



Hadhrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad
Head of the worldwide Ahmadiyya Muslim community



Address on 'The True Embodiment of Islam' by his Holiness at the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre – 10th June 2008

"After this brief description, I revert to the fundamental purpose of the establishment of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community ... it is engaged in creating peace in the world and leaving no stone unturned in helping the suffering humanity...

...We are using all means and resources available to us to bring man nearer to God, because if human beings can really recognise their Creator today, they will be able to fulfil their responsibilities towards their fellow beings."



Address on 'The Islamic Perspective on the Global Crisis' by his Holiness delivered at the House of Commons – 22nd October 2008

"A major issue today is the economic crisis of what has been termed as the credit crunch. Strange as it may sound, the evidence points towards one fact. The Holy Qur'an guided us by saying avoid interest because interest is such a curse that it is a danger for domestic, national and international peace... So we Muslims have been warned in order to avoid such a situation, stop dealing in interest because the money that you get for interest does not enhance your wealth,... Inevitably, a time comes when its true effects emerge."

JALSA SALANA: The Annual Convention



On December 27, 1891, the first annual convention (Jalsa) of the Ahmadiyya Muslim community was held in Qadian, India, in which 75 people participated. The Founder of the Ahmadiyya Muslim community, Hadhrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad^(as), announced that such a gathering of the community for three days should be held every year. The event is now one of the main highlights of the community's calendar and it is held at different times in a number of countries.

The purpose of these gatherings is to review the work done in the previous year and benefit from talks and speeches presented by learned scholars and the Khalifa on topics covering God, Islam, Ahmadiyyat, comparative religions, and economic, social and political problems and their remedies. Ahmadi Muslims participating in these gatherings come from all parts of the world. They not only increase their religious knowledge and spiritual energy but also revive old friendships. More than 25,000 people attend the UK Jalsa each year. They also listen to speeches by VIPs and other distinguished guests from different faiths.



"One of the first things they saw was the hoisting of the Union Flag as a mark of respect for the country in which the convention is held. This was seen as a reminder to Muslims everywhere that loyalty to the country in which they reside is a requirement of faith."
(Petersfield Post – July 2009)

"A Swedish politician said that what he witnessed for three days at Jalsa was matchless. People rose and sat down at the call of one voice. All this was due to the love for one individual. He said this was a unique experience in his 74 years."
(Ahmadiyya Bulletin – Aug. 2009)

SERVING HUMANITY

Islam states that service to humanity is a part of faith. In this spirit the community has established schools – open to all – in many countries. Many of the schools have become some of the most sought after institutions in their respective countries.

The Ahmadiyya Muslim community is also noted for its active engagement in social welfare and in meeting the medical and educational needs, not only of its own members but also of the communities in which they reside. The community has also opened up many medical clinics and hospitals that offer free medical assistance. In Africa these efforts have served the local people for decades.

The community has launched several social projects to help developing countries in Africa and Asia, and assist the victims of wars and natural disasters in India, Japan, Turkey, Bosnia, Kosovo, Sri Lanka, Indonesia and Kashmir. The Ahmadiyya Muslim community supports **Humanity**



First – a UK based international NGO, that is devoted to promoting and safeguarding the preservation of human life and dignity. It is a non-political, non-sectarian international relief and development agency that works with communities around the globe to improve the quality of life for some of the world's poorest and most vulnerable people. Members of the community serve humanity through selfless sacrifices, devotion and love and have organised marathon walks to assist other charities such as Save the Children, Cancer Research UK, the British Heart Foundation, Great Ormond Street Hospital etc. in the UK.

Love for All Hatred for None

Motto of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community