

ST MARY'S CHURCH HALL



NEW ADDINGTON

REGIONAL CHARITY RECEPTION

THURSDAY, 9TH
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**SOUTH
REGION**



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The Charity Walk for Peace - South Region held a Charity Reception at St Mary's Church Hall, New Addington, on Thursday 9th June 2022.

Charity Walk for Peace is an initiative of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Elders Association UK (AMEA).

The region was honoured and delighted that the Chairman of Charity Walk for Peace, Mr Zaheer Ahmed was able to join and chair the event.

The event was held to bring communities and friends together to learn about the work of Charity Walk for Peace and to mark the historic Platinum Jubilee.



Guests started to arrive from 6pm, with the formal session starting at 7pm with the Recitation and Translation of the Holy Quran by Sajjad Akbar.

Holy Quran, Chapter 2, Verse 178

لَيْسَ الْبِرَّ أَنْ تُوَلُّوا وُجُوهَكُمْ قِبَلَ الْمَشْرِقِ وَالْمَغْرِبِ وَلَكِنَّ الْبِرَّ مَنْ آمَنَ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ وَالْمَلَائِكَةِ وَالْكِتَابِ وَالنَّبِيِّينَ وَآتَى الْمَالَ عَلَى حُبِّهِ ذَوِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَالْيَتَامَىٰ وَالْمَسْكِينِ وَابْنَ السَّبِيلِ وَالسَّائِلِينَ وَفِي الرِّقَابِ وَأَقَامَ الصَّلَاةَ وَآتَى الزَّكَاةَ وَالْمُوفُونَ بِعَهْدِهِمْ إِذَا عَاهَدُوا وَالصَّابِرِينَ فِي الْبَأْسَاءِ وَالضَّرَّاءِ وَحِينَ الْبَأْسِ أُولَئِكَ الَّذِينَ صَدَقُوا وَأُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْمُتَّقُونَ ﴿١٧٨﴾

The verse recited from the Holy Quran is from Chapter 2, verse 178

I seek refuge from Satan, the accursed.
In the name of Allah, the Gracious, the Merciful.

It is not righteousness that you turn your faces to the East or the West, but *truly* righteous is he who believes in Allah and the Last Day and the angels and the Book and the Prophets, and spends his money for love of Him, on the kindred and the orphans and the needy and the wayfarer and those who ask *for charity*, and for *ransoming* the captives; and who observes Prayer and pays the Zakat; and those who fulfil their promise when they have made one, and the patient in poverty and afflictions and *the steadfast* in time of war; it is these who have proved truthful and it is these who are the God-fearing.



A welcome address was delivered by Mr Tassawar Malik who thanked the attendees for sparing their valuable time and looked forward to their addresses.



ALISA FLEMMING - CIVIC MAYOR

The chief guest was the Civic Mayor- Alisa Flemming. She has just been elected as the civic Mayor after the local elections in May and has been working very hard ever since trying to attend as many functions as possible. She has been a councillor for the Norbury Park Ward since 2010. Her passion is Equal Rights and Justice for All.

Her motto is " In unity all things are possible "



Alisa explained her role, and explained how impressed she was with the community and how amazing was the community's flagship mosque (Baitul Futuh) in Morden and brought a sense of peace as the house of God Almighty.

NIRMAL SINGH KALSI



Nirmal Singh Kalsi - a very good friend of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, is a famous marathon runner from the local Gurdwara, he has been raising funds for a charity called SENCE for the past 20 Years. The charity deals with blind children and offers all sorts of sensory help so that the children feel included in society. Nirmal, at 68 years of age, has run many marathons and has raised many thousands of pounds for this charity.

SPECIAL GUESTS

The event attracted a number of guests including three former Mayors, namely:

Toni Letts OBE

Maddie Henson

Manju Shahul Hameed

We thank them sincerely for their continuous support and friendship they share with the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in all our humanitarian efforts.



SARAH JONES - MP



Sarah spoke about the importance of the Charity work of the Community and how it was helping everyone.

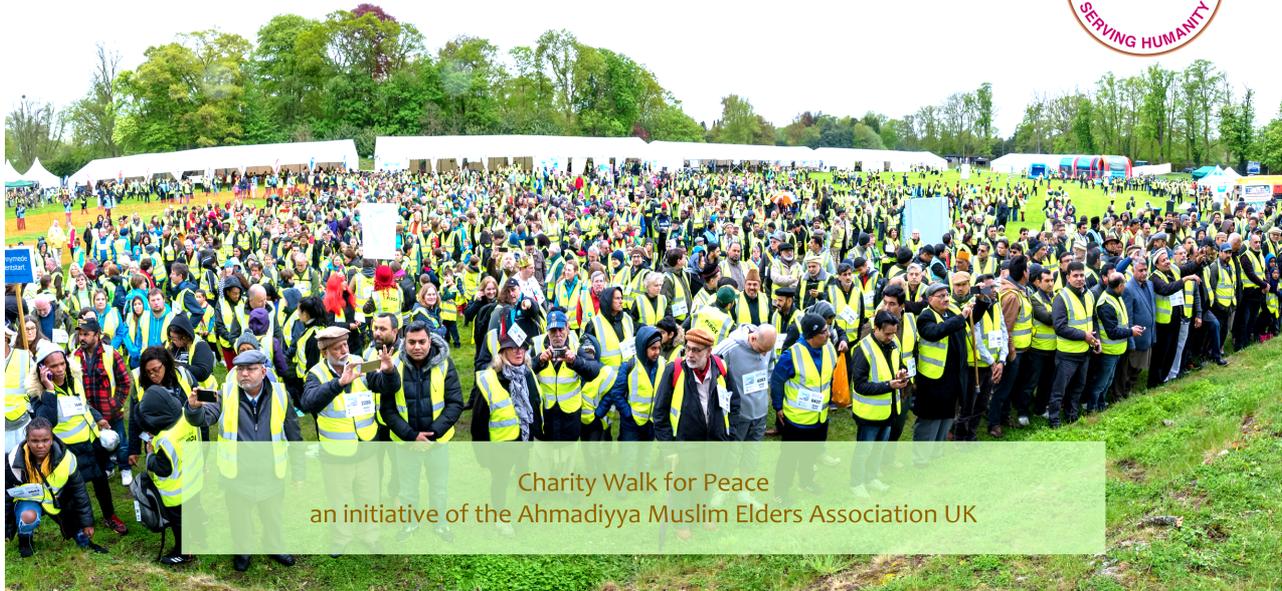
She spoke about the need to connect with the next generation in order to to create leaders of the future.

Sarah Jones - Member of Parliament for Croydon Central - is a true daughter of Croydon, having been born here. She has shown herself to be passionate about a lot of things not least Knife Crime in Croydon so she started an APPG for knife crime 2020. Her close friend and fellow MP the late Tessa Jewell passed away through brain Cancer and she heads a special campaign group to bring awareness about brain cancer.

Before she became an MP she was part of the team delivering the 2012 London Olympics. Sarah has been an MP for Croydon Central since 2017. She became a member of the Shadow Cabinet and has served as the Minister for Housing, and is now serving as Minister of state for Police and Fire Services.

We are thankful that she continues to be a force for good in Croydon.

VIDEO PRESENTATION



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An introduction to Charity Walk for Peace and its activities for the service to humanity was presented.

Charity Walk for Peace aims to relieve suffering and serve mankind regardless of colour, creed or race. Our mission is to help society; to support charitable endeavours, to work to secure the common good, to demonstrate loyalty to country and nation, and to defend the dignity of mankind.

By bringing people together to help others it works to promote peace, engender greater understanding and promote goodwill amongst people from all walks of life.

OUR FRIENDS



FORMER MAYOR, TONI LETTS OBE

Toni spoke with with love and compassion for the wonderful work the Ahmadiyya Community and herself have done together.

Toni is a longstanding friend of the Community and has spoken at many of our events including her address at the International Convention in Tilford, Surrey.

CARA COOPER MIND - CROYDON

Cara and her team have worked very hard to deal with the ever-increasing mental health problems due to Covid.

Their Motto is
JOIN THE FIGHT FOR MENTAL
HEALTH



OUR FRIENDS



MATT JONES COMMANDER - FIRE RESCUE CROYDON

It was wonderful to host our special guest Matt Jones.

Matt shared many of the community activities the Fire Services are engaged with other than the routine incidents.





RAZA AHMAD IMAM OF THE BAITUS SUBHAN MOSQUE IN CROYDON



Raza Ahmad provided a very interesting account of the foundations of the Ahmadiyya Community and its love and loyalty for Country and Nation.

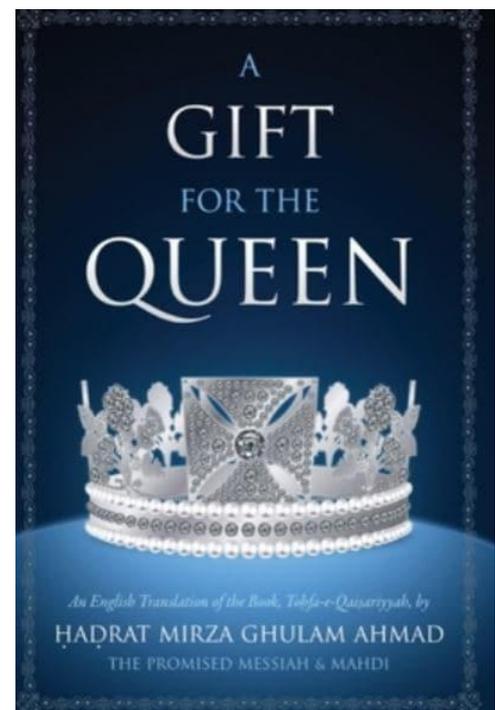
He shared the immense respect the Community has for Her Majesty and the monarchy as a whole.



ZAHEER AHMED CHAIRMAN - CHARITY WALK FOR PEACE

"we are not only here today to share our common work for the good of society but more importantly at this time is to come together and share the love and respect for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II."

Mr Zaheer Ahmed explained that exactly 125 years ago, the founder of the Community, Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, a prophet to unite mankind in the latter days, wrote a book 'A Gift for the Queen' in which he praises Queen Victoria on her Diamond Jubilee in 1897.





Mr Kaleem Shah, the Regional President for Charity Walk for Peace - South Region, with Sarah Jones - MP.

Mr Nasir Malik, the Regional Coordinator for Charity Walk for Peace - South Region.





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