



Three Faiths Forum Discussion on Religious Symbols in Faith

An Evening of Intellectual Discussions

The Lewisham Borough Three Faith Forum Event continues to be one of the most popular religious events attended by people of faith and no faith, and this time was no different with our friends again at the Catford and Bromley Synagogue playing host to an animated audience discussing Religious Symbols in Faith on 5th July 2017.

Chaired by Joe Burchell, chair of the Synagogue, there was indeed no shortage of ecumenical regalia on show from the esteemed speakers, Rabbi Stewart Myers of the South London Synagogue, Reverend Bridget Shepherd of The Church of the Good Shepherd, and Sister Insof Libon of The Lewisham Islamic Centre. Additional welcome contributions were provided, as ever, by Reverend David Rome, Imam Shakeel Begg, Father Charles Pickstone and Father Alan Race, and a goodly and engaging audience never shy to voice an opinion.

Since its inception in early 2000, founded by Father Charles Pickstone of St Laurence Church in Catford, the erstwhile Chief Rabbi of Catford and Bromley Synagogue, Rabbi Zev Emmit, and Imam Shakeel Begg of The Lewisham Islamic Centre, **The Three Faiths Forum** has grown in popularity over the years and has seen tentative budding relationships between Christian, Jewish and Muslim faith leaders of the London Borough of Lewisham blossom into a deeply harmonious, truly respectful and wonderfully tolerant friendship that permeates through to these communities.



Imam Begg later commented, "I am yet to see or experience in another UK Borough the degree of mutual respect and sincere goodwill that these three faith communities in Lewisham in particular hold for one another. I sincerely wish that the Lewisham model can be replicated all across this country as an effective antidote against hate, division and bigotry."

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A heart-felt thank you to Joe Burchell and the Bromley and Catford Synagogue, to all of the visiting speakers, and our excellent audience for their edifying contributions.

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