Lewisham Faith Leaders' Joint Statement about Terrorist Incident in Westminster 22 March 2017

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Lewisham Faith Leaders stand together in condemning the terrorism incident that took place on Wednesday 22 March 2017 at Westminster which claimed innocent lives and caused serious injuries to dozens more. Our thoughts and prayers are with the victims and their families.

Heinous acts such as this, perpetrated with such callous brutality, can never be justified, and the Lewisham community stands in absolute solidarity with the people of London in this difficult time.

We would like to thank the Police and Emergency services for their swift actions and bravery in the face of life-threatening danger. We also pay tribute to the ordinary persons at the scene displaying courage and selflessness in tending to the wounded.

While we await further news on Wednesday's tragedy, we invite everyone in Lewisham and beyond to join our Annual Walk for Peace on 21 May 2017 that celebrates our strength in diversity while promoting peace, justice, mutual respect and tolerance.

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Father Charles Pickstone - *St Laurence Church, Lewisham*
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