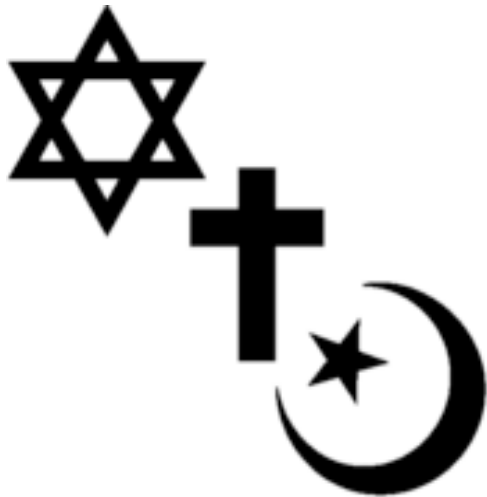


Understanding Islam



A 10 week course

Led by Dr Chris Hewer, St Ethelburga Fellow in
Christian-Muslim Relations

Starts Wednesday 22 September 2010

8.00-10.00pm

St Giles' Church Hall, High Road, Ickenham



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Judaism, Christianity and Islam have been in a relationship ever since the 7th century CE. Down through the centuries, there have been good times and bad. Muslims trace their ancestry back through Abraham, just like Jews and Christians. All three of these "Abrahamic faiths" have much in common but also see things differently.

Over the last forty years, a large number of Muslims have moved to Britain so that now they number by far the biggest religious group after Christians. It is helpful that we get to know Islam and Muslims better and to explore ways of building bridges of mutual respect and understanding.

There is a great deal of misunderstanding of Muslims in the West. This course has been designed to give an appreciation of the inner dimensions of Islam and the way that it shapes the lives of Muslims, as well as the outer manifestations of Islam as a religion.

The course consists of ten two-hour sessions, including a visit to a mosque. It is given by Dr Chris Hewer, the St Ethelburga Fellow in Christian-Muslim Relations, a Christian who has been involved in the study of Islam and practically in Christian-Muslim relations since 1986.

The outline of the course is as follows:

1. 22 September A Muslim-eye view of creation
 2. 29 September The Prophet Muhammad
 3. 6 October The Qur'an
 4. 13 October An overview of Muslim history
 5. 20 October Principal beliefs of Islam
- Half Term: 27th October – No Meeting**
6. 3 November The ritual practice of Islam
 7. 10 November Visit to a mosque
 8. 17 November Living constantly remembering God
 9. 24 November Islam and other faiths
 10. 1 December Muslims in Europe and especially in Britain

Where: St Giles' Church Hall, High Road, Ickenham UB10 8LE

When: 10 Wednesday evenings, 8-10pm, starting 22 September

How do I join? Sign-up on the lists available in St Giles' or Ickenham URC, or ring/email Stephanie White in the St Giles' Church Office on 01895 622971/office@stgileschurch.co.uk

Cost: The course is free of charge. The accompanying course book will be available to buy during the course if you would like it.