

JALSA SALANA UK 2018

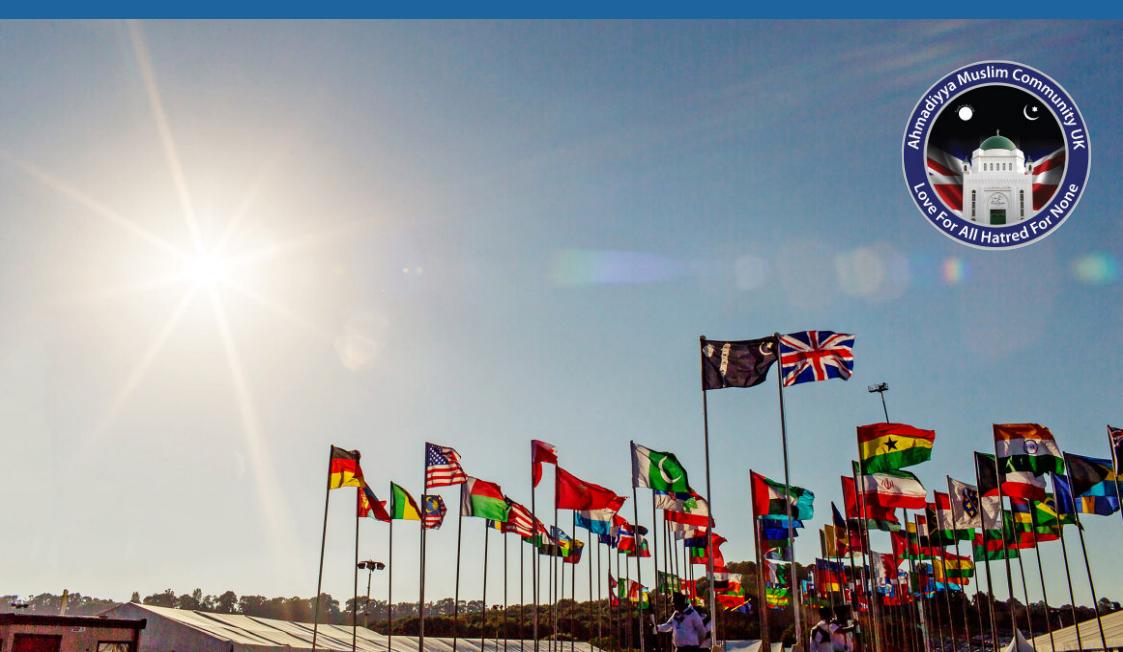
THE ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE AHMADIYYA MUSLIM COMMUNITY UK



*An international gathering promoting
Islam's message of peace*

Friday 3rd • Saturday 4th • Sunday 5th August 2018

at Hadeeqatul Mahdi (Oakland Farm)
Green Street, East Worldham,
Hampshire, GU34 3AU



THE JALSA SALANA (ANNUAL CONVENTION)

The Jalsa Salana of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community UK is a unique event that brings more than 35,000 participants from more than 90 countries to increase religious knowledge and promote a sense of peace and brotherhood.



Eminent speakers discuss a range of religious topics and their relevance to contemporary society. Additionally, a number of parliamentarians, civic leaders and diplomats from different countries also address the gathering and underline the convention's objective of enhancing unity, understanding and mutual respect.

A special feature of this convention is that it is blessed by the presence of the Caliph, His Holiness Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, the Head of the worldwide Ahmadiyya Muslim Community. He addresses the convention over each of the three days providing an invaluable insight into religious teachings and how they are a source of guidance for the world today.

Jalsa Salana UK
Welcome

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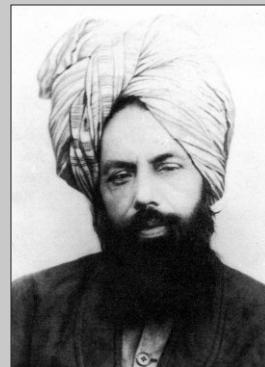
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THE FOUNDER OF THE AHMADIYYA MUSLIM COMMUNITY

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community was founded in 1889 by Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (peace be upon him) of Qadian, India. He claimed under Divine guidance to be the Promised Messiah and Imam Mahdi, whose advent was awaited by the major religions of the world. He championed the peaceful teachings of Islam, the faith with a sense of purpose and inspired his followers to build a strong bond with God and to serve humanity with a spirit of compassion and humility.

The community is now established in more than 207 countries and it spearheads an international effort to promote the true message of Islam, service to humanity as well as a global peace campaign to champion respect and human rights for all. The UK chapter of the community was established in 1913 and now has 130 branches, making it one of the oldest established Muslim communities in the UK.



**Hazrat Mirza
Ghulam Ahmad**
The Promised Messiah
(*peace be upon him*)

“The primary purpose of this Convention is to enable every sincere individual to personally experience religious benefits. They may enhance their knowledge and –due to their being blessed and enabled by Allah, The Exalted – their perception [of Allah] may progress. Among its secondary benefits is that this congregational meeting together will promote mutual introduction among all brothers, and it will strengthen the fraternal ties within this Community.”

(The Promised Messiah - peace be upon him)



KEYNOTE SPEAKER: The Khalifa of Islam – A Man of Peace

His Holiness, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, Khalifatul Masih V, is the fifth successor to the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him). His benevolent leadership provides the community with unity, guidance and direction, ensuring that it remains devoted to God and to the service of mankind.

His Holiness frequently meets with parliamentarians and heads of state and has delivered keynote addresses at the United States Congress, the European Parliament, the UK Parliament, the Dutch Parliament and the Conference of World Religions in London.



**Hazrat Mirza
Masroor Ahmad**
Head of the worldwide
Ahmadiyya Muslim
Community

"Our faith demands for us to try and urge people, in all parts of the world, whether rich or poor, whether powerful or oppressed, whether religious or irreligious, towards peace and justice. Hence, we will continue to play our role in making mankind realise its duty towards respecting and honouring basic human values. The core teachings of Islam are to fulfil the rights of our Creator and to fulfil the rights of our fellow human beings." (*National Peace Symposium - March 2018*)

Some of the venues where His Holiness has been the keynote speaker:



Capitol Hill, Washington, USA



Conference of World Religions, Guildhall



"Many people in the developed world consider religion to be the primary cause of world disorder, however this is due to a misunderstanding of religion itself. The disorder and injustice we see around the world is not as a result of religion, rather it is being perpetrated by self-interest and greed. It is a result of people misusing the name of God to fulfil their vested interests, and it is also a result of the denial of the very existence of God." (*Jalsa Salana 2015*)



Rt Hon Justin Trudeau MP
Prime Minister of Canada



Rt Hon Theresa May MP
Prime Minister of the United Kingdom



Martin Schulz – Former President
of the European Parliament



HRH Prince Edward



Rt Hon Boris Johnson MP - former
Mayor of London now serving as
the UK's Foreign Secretary



European Parliament, Brussels

EXHIBITIONS AND EVENTS

The Jalsa hosts a number of informative exhibitions over the three days.

The Review of Religions in collaboration with Razwan Baig will be presenting a unique exhibition, 'Islam in the East – Journeys along the Silk Road.' Discover how 1400 years of interaction along the Silk Road created unique and stunning forms of Islamic art, calligraphy and identity – from Persia, China and beyond.

This year the renowned Chinese calligrapher, Haji Noor Deen will be showcasing his incredible work in a series of live workshops throughout the exhibition. Also, Peter Sanders, a renowned photographer of the Muslim world, will display his fascinating collection of photographs, providing a unique glimpse into the daily lives of ordinary Chinese Muslims throughout the country. For more information, please visit: www.rorexhibition.org



BE PART OF A UNIQUE PROJECT

The Al-Qalam project – an exclusive international project founded by Razwan Baig in collaboration with *The Review of Religions*. It was officially launched by the worldwide Head of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, His Holiness Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad in 2016. The historic project aims to produce a unique copy of the Holy Qur'an. Every single verse of the Holy Qur'an is being penned by a different person regardless of their faith. They also receive

a certificate marking their participation in this historical project. This unique initiative promotes respect and is the first project of its kind in the world.



Calligraphy is a fundamental element and one of the most highly regarded forms of Islamic art.

"One of the inspirations behind this project is to bring back the art of writing. Under the supervision of an expert calligrapher anyone wishing to participate in the historic Al-Qalam project can do so without any experience of calligraphy."



THE TURIN SHROUD EXHIBITION - hosted by *The Review of Religions* magazine

The Turin Shroud exhibition, hosted by *The Review of Religions* magazine, has become an international forum for academics and experts on the Shroud. Expert attendees have included Bruno Barberis (former President of the Scientific Committee of the International Centre of Sindonology of Turin and former Director of the Shroud of Turin Museum of Turin). The exhibition is the biggest Shroud event outside of Turin.



Attending once again will be the official documenting photographer of the Shroud, Barrie Schwortz with a life-size replica of the Shroud and Pam Moon – a Shroud expert who uses the replica to tell the story of the crucifixion. At the Jalsa 2015, Barrie described himself as:

“... a Jewish man discussing a Christian relic at a Muslim event.”

HUMANITARIAN PROJECTS – Serving Mankind

The charity Humanity First have been working on projects in 51 countries across 6 continents and at the Jalsa, various exhibitions will be on show to demonstrate the diversity, scale and scope of their projects in operation. The various schemes in place include: Gift of Sight – Disaster Relief – Orphan Care – Water For Life – Knowledge For Life – Food Security – Global Health.

The International Association of Ahmadi Architects and Engineers (IAAAE) provide humanitarian aid and development to the poorest parts of the world. In their dedicated marquee at Jalsa, they will be displaying some of their projects such as a solar energy and water wells that are helping to give life chances to communities in some of the poorest countries.



THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE



BROADCAST LIVE GLOBALLY

The Jalsa is broadcast live globally via the community's satellite TV channels on Muslim Television Ahmadiyya (MTA) International with simultaneous broadcast in up to 12 languages. Onsite, live language translations in up to 20 languages are provided via headsets.

In addition, the community's own digital (DAB) 24/7 radio station, **Voice of Islam** will be broadcasting a series of programmes including live interviews. Through this the Jalsa reaches millions more worldwide.





A key highlight of the Jalsa is the Pledge of Allegiance at the hand of the Khalifa.

- The Khalifa places his hand on top of the hands of those sitting immediately in front of him and others put their hands on the shoulders of these persons, thereby making a continuous link with the Khalifa.
- As this chain extends out the entire gathering is connected with the Khalifa.
- Members pledge allegiance to the peaceful teachings of Islam and to the Khalifa's leadership of the community, thereby reaffirming their commitment to the remembrance of God and the service of humanity.



HADEEQATUL MAHDI - OAKLANDS FARM

Home of the Jalsa Salana site in the rural countryside of Alton, Hampshire. The area is transformed into an event village during the convention period with over 240 marquees and other advanced infrastructure. It is then returned to its natural beauty within days after the event. All this is achieved through the services of over 7,000 volunteers.

GUEST SPEAKERS

The Jalsa attracts a range of national and international guest speakers from all walks of life, including faith and civic leaders, Secretaries of State and royalty. Below is just a small selection of those who have spoken at previous UK Jalsas.



Otumfuo Osei Tutu II
King of Asante, Ghana



Rt Hon Jeremy Hunt MP
Secretary of State for Health
& Social Care



Rt Hon Sir Edward Davey MP
Secretary of State for Energy &
Climate Change



Ward Kennes – Member of Flemish Parliament, Belgium



Judy A Sgro
MP for York West Ontario, Canada



Parakash Ramadhar – Minister of Legal Affairs, Trinidad



Sir Bernard Hogan-Howe
Metropolitan Police Commissioner



Jane Ellison MP
Minister for Public Health



Sukdev Singh Bedi – Owner of the holy cloak of the founder of Sikhism, Guru Baba Nanak

JALSA IN THE MEDIA

the guardian independent newspaper

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'It's a beautiful thing': Ahmadi Muslims find strength at UK gathering

Driven from Pakistan and now meeting from minister of Asad Shah in Glasgow, Ahmadiyya seek 'spiritual uplift' at Jalsa Salana

'Loyal' city Muslims set to speak out against terrorism

SATURDAY AUGUST 22, 2015 [nottinghampost.com](#)

Nottingham students are to speak out against terrorism this weekend. The Ahmadiyya Muslim community will host a rally on Saturday to tell new voices in the city that they are 'loyal' to the UK. About 400 people are expected to attend the rally, which will be held in the city centre. Organiser, Mr. Ishaq, said: "The Ahmadiyya Muslim community has been here since 1922. We have never caused any trouble or been involved in any incidents. We are here to live in peace and harmony with everyone else. We are not here to cause any trouble. We are here to spread the message of love and peace. We are here to spread the message of God's love for all and hatred for terrorism. This is our first rally to tell the world that we are here to stay."



One of the packed marches in Nottingham.

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ALDERSHOT NEWS & MAIL

Islamic conference spreads words of peace



The Herald 18th September 2012

Muslims' farm becomes a spiritual city

By Mairi Howat

LOCAL Muslim leaders have joined forces with the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community to turn a former farm in Oakland, near Aldershot, into a spiritual city. The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, based in Oaklands Farm, in East Hampshire, has invited 35,000 people to the site this weekend. This included setting up and maintaining a water system, waste disposal, food and water systems, acting as car marshals and providing medical teams. More than 35,000 Muslims from 107 countries, including families from the Aldershot area, are expected to attend the three days of events from Friday to Sunday.

Mairi Howat and the team behind the event

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Photo: Mairi Howat / The Herald

GUESTS AT THE JALSA SALANA



The Jalsa is a major event for a range of guest attendees from different faiths and backgrounds, like Master Heng Chang (pic above) with the CSS Buddhist delegation that had come all the way from Los Angeles to attend. Tours of the site are also given throughout the day to guests from all walks of life and for the national and international media.

PROGRAMME *(approximate times and subject to change)*

FRIDAY 3rd AUGUST 2018

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| 2.30 pm | Arrival & Lunch |
| 4.30 pm | Opening Ceremony |

SATURDAY 4th AUGUST 2018

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| 12.00 pm | Arrival & refreshments |
| 1.00 pm | Tour of the site |
| 1.45 pm | Lunch |
| 3.15 pm | Guest speeches |
| 4.00 pm | Followed by an address by His Holiness Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V – Head of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community. |

SUNDAY 5th AUGUST 2018

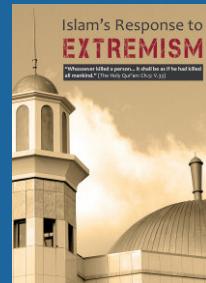
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| 11.00 am | Arrival & refreshments |
| 12.00 pm | Tour of the site |
| 1.00 pm | International Pledge of Allegiance Ceremony |
| 1.45 pm | Lunch |
| 3.15 pm | Guest speeches |
| 4.00 pm | Concluding Address by Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V |

THE COMMUNITY IN ACTION

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community UK works tirelessly to spread the peaceful message of Islam and live by its teachings of loyalty, equality, freedom, respect and peace.

It actively serves the wider community in a number of ways, be it by giving time for social projects, holding annual charity events, feeding the homeless, protecting the environment or giving blood to save lives.

It is the largest organised Muslim community in the UK and over the past year alone it raised more than one million pounds for British charities.



The community runs national campaigns to remove misconceptions about Islam and to support counter-extremism work.



The community is at the forefront of many vigils in the wake of terrorist attacks such as this one at Westminster Bridge, London.



Charity walks are held annually to bring communities together and raise funds for humanitarian causes.



Every year, Ahmadi Muslims from all over the UK help raise hundreds of thousands of pounds for the Poppy Appeal.



For further information and to register your attendance for the Jalsa visit:

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