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INTRODUCTION

For over 20 years the Wolverhampton Inter-Faith Council (formerly Wolverhampton Interfaith Group) has built up relationships of trust and friendship between the many faith communities of our City.

This updated directory of places of worship shows just how many there are. Some are well established, others relatively new. There are important differences in our faiths, which we do not seek to hide, but all seek the divine purpose for our lives, pray for God's grace, and aim to contribute to the life of the community.

We very much hope that this Directory will encourage Schools and Colleges, Businesses, the Local Authority, Voluntary and Community Groups and all interested residents to appreciate just how rich and varied is the religious life of our newly declared City. May our religious communities be a source of inspiration and support to us all.

We are also grateful to the Officers and staff of the Wolverhampton Interfaith Council for producing this new edition of the Directory. Further updates will be undertaken as required, and it will be most helpful if any changes or new information could be communicated to the Secretary.

+Michael Wulfrun
Bishop of Wolverhampton

If your community has an introductory text in this Directory and you would like it to be updated or amended

If your community is listed and you would like an introductory text in the next edition

If your community is not listed and you would like it to be in the next edition

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PREFACE

It gives me immense pleasure to write this preface to the new edition of the Directory of Places of Worship in Wolverhampton, a joint venture between the Wolverhampton Inter-Faith Group and the Education Department, Wolverhampton LEA.

Over the past years the Directory has filled a vacuum in the City as a whole, but in schools, colleges and other educational establishments in particular. It has brought home to all of us the diverse cultural and religious groups that exist in the Borough and, thus, widened our horizons of knowledge and understanding of the rich variety of resources on our doorstep.

The Directory, with the inclusions of other groups missed in previous editions, will contribute further to our educational life and socio-cultural needs.

The new RE Agreed Syllabus for Wolverhampton requires schools on occasion to visit local places of Worship and this Directory will help teachers in this task, and also make contact with local faith communities.

From past experience I know how valuable the document has been to all people engaged in creating greater inter-religious understanding and fellowship and I have no doubt that the new edition will contribute further to that goal. I commend it to all.

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African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church

This church had its beginnings in America in 1796. It is still based in America, where there are 12 A M E Zion Bishops, but there are churches all over the world. In this country the headquarters are in Battersea, London, where the Bishop's representative is a presiding Elder. The Battersea congregation started as an independent one in 1962 but became affiliated to the A.M.E. Zion Church in 1968.

There are 8 other churches in London, one congregation in Birmingham and one in Wolverhampton. Some, including the Birmingham and Wolverhampton congregations, are small and have no place of worship of their own. They meet in schoolrooms or church halls.

Faith and worship is Pentecostal with emphasis on the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Acceptance to membership is by Baptism (usually by total immersion), or the right hand of fellowship is extended to baptised members of other congregations wishing to join the fellowship. In addition, 'Baptism by the Holy Spirit', made evident by the 'speaking in tongues', is common experience. Ministry is by Bishops, presiding Elders, Pastors, Deacons and Elders. Morning worship is usually a formal set service. Evening and weekday evangelical worship is lively, the congregation participating, as the Holy Spirit moves, with testimonies, spontaneous extemporary prayer, Gospel songs, and hand clapping in rhythmic accompaniment.

There is constant interchange amongst all the A.M.E. Zion congregations in this country, and with some other Afro Caribbean churches, when they meet for frequent religious conventions.

The Wolverhampton congregation was formed as an independent West Indian community in 1960 and became affiliated to the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church in 1972. The first Wolverhampton congregation met in hired halls.

There are now two congregations in Wolverhampton with their own places of worship.

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Baha'i

The Baha'i Faith, an independent world religion, originated in Persia in 1844 and is now amongst the fastest growing religions in the world.

The founder, Baha'u'llah, taught that there is only one God, that all the world religions represent the changeless and eternal faith of God, and that all humanity is one race, destined to live in peace and harmony.

These principles are reflected in the lives of the six million members of the worldwide community, coming from every nationality, religious background, ethnic group and social class. Followers in the UK number around 6,000.

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Baptist

Baptists are part of a worldwide family of 30 million, of whom 187, 000 live in Britain, their country of origin.

Baptists emerged in 1606 and 1633 as the extreme product of the separatist movement of the English Reformation. As such, they inherited the body of doctrine embodied in the ancient creeds of Christianity, but sought a fresh understanding of the nature of the church through the study of the Bible. They came to see it as the community of people personally converted to faith in Christ. They therefore administer Baptism, as the rite of entry into the church, only to such persons. They do so by the original method of total immersion, an eloquent symbol both of the full commitment of the candidate and of the death and resurrection of Christ and of the believer in Him. By this practice they make common cause with virtually all the churches of the Pentecostalist type, which have sprung up much more recently.

The Baptist churches in Wolverhampton are typical of the rest throughout the world only in this: that their doctrine and practice are entirely in the hands of the church meeting, the regular gathering of church members who share this responsibility and must work it out face to face. This effective independence has produced great variety of practice and ethos.

There is therefore no such thing as 'The Baptist Church'. Nevertheless, Baptist churches have always co-operated together and with others in Christian mission.

It was such joint action, which led in 1792 to the departure of William Carey from Britain to India, the first missionary contact between West and East of the modern era.

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Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University

The Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University was founded in Karachi, Sind (now part of Pakistan) in 1936. The founder, Dada Lekhraj, was a prosperous businessman who devoted his considerable wealth to its establishment. For fourteen years until after the partition of India and Pakistan, the original group of 300 people lived as a self-sufficient community, spending their time in intense spiritual study, meditation and self-transformation. In 1951 the community moved to Mt Abu, Rajasthan, India now the site of the University's International Headquarters. Invitations to establish centres in Delhi and Bombay followed a year later. By 1969, when the founder died, there were some 400 centres throughout India. In 1971 the first centres outside India were established in London and Hong Kong. Now there are centres in over 60 countries worldwide. In recognition of its work in communities around the world, the University became affiliated to the Department of Public Information of the United Nations in 1980 as a non-governmental organisation. Consultative Status with the UN Economic and Social Council followed in 1983 and with UNICEF in 1988.

The Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University recognises the intrinsic goodness of every human being and helps people re-discover their fundamental nature. The University teaches meditation and spirituality to develop latent personal powers and talents and the ability to call on inner resources and strengths in any situation. The curriculum addresses the significance of religious and cultural traditions and explores such issues as the existence of God, the meaning of life and the concept of life after death.

The University encourages co-operation and promotes dialogues for world peace locally and in global forums. It emphasises the benefits of a spiritual approach to life and highlights the needs for attitudes and behaviour to stem from spiritual values. Inspired by the vision of a world where people live in harmony with others, the University aims to build a greater awareness of the dignity and worth of the individual.

Teachers from the Brahma Kumaris also visit community centres, prisons, hospitals, drug clinics, schools and local businesses to give talks on meditation and advice on personal development and new ways of working together in the community.

In 1986, during the United Nations International Year of Peace, the University launched The Million Minutes of Peace Project in 88 countries. Over one billion minutes of peace were gathered in the form of prayer, meditation and positive thoughts. As a result the Brahma Kumaris received from the United Nations seven Peace Messenger Awards, which, in turn, inspired the first international Peace Messenger Initiative, dedicated to the United Nations, Global Co-operation for a Better World. Global Co-operation for a Better World was launched from the Houses of Parliament in London in April 1988. The project sought to increase co-operation and understanding between nations, communities and individuals.

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Buddhism

Buddhism is a way of life taught by “The Buddha”, The Fully Enlightened One, who lived in the sixth century BC. Buddhism is not a revealed religion and does not promise salvation through prayers and beliefs. Buddha through his own effort discovered the universal Truth of Suffering; Cause of Suffering; Cessation of Suffering; the path leading to the Cessation of Suffering. He taught the Law of Cause and Effect and the Cosmic Law of Change and Impermanent nature of all Existence. Practice of Wisdom, Compassion and Morality is a must to reach the state of Nirvana. This includes the Noble Eightfold Path: Right Understanding; Right Thought; Right Speech; Right Action; Right Livelihood; Right Effort; Right Mindfulness; Right Concentration.

The Buddhist takes refuge in the Buddha Dhamma (his teaching) and Sangha (order of Monks). The Five Precepts (Panchasila) are the basic moral code by which the lay followers live. These are as follows:

1. Abstain from killing
2. Abstain from taking what is not given
3. Abstain from sexual misconduct
4. Abstain from false speech
5. Abstain from intoxicants

Buddhists go to the Buddha Vihara (Buddhist Temple or Centre) on all important occasions and offer flowers, candles and joss sticks at the Shrine. They celebrate all Full Moon days and especially the Full Moon Day in May (Wesak Purnima) - the day of the Buddha’s Birth, Enlightenment and Mahaprinirvana (Passing Away).

The Dr. Ambedkar Memorial Committee of Great Britain established the first Buddha Vihara in Wolverhampton in 1976. The present Buddha Vihara at Upper Zoar Street was opened on 14th April 1991 to mark the Birth Centenary of Dr B. R. Ambedkar who

started the Buddhist revival movement in India by embracing Buddhism, along with half a million of his followers, on 14th October 1956 at Nagpur.
The Vihara is open to all. Study facilities are available.

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Monk in Charge

Christianity

The Christian faith is rooted in the life, ministry, death and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth - a first century Jew. Christians believe that Jesus was fully human and fully divine, the son of God, and that at one supreme moment in history, God showed the extent of his sacrificial love by allowing himself to be crucified in the person of Jesus Christ on a cross. In doing this he took responsibility for the sins of humanity and reconciled humanity with God. He died, but was then raised to new life. As a result, Christians believe in the promise of eternal life and forgiveness of sins for all who believe. Christians also believe that God's Holy Spirit is present in the Church, the whole body of Christians, and is drawing together the whole creation into a unity in Christ. So Christians speak of God as Trinity, being at the same time One and Three: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The main source of authority for faith for Christians is the Bible - the word of God, a collection of 66 books divided into the "Old" and "New" Testaments.

The Old Testament, which Christians share with the Jewish people, relates God's dealings with the people of Israel and foretells the coming of the Messiah, whom Christians believe to be Jesus Christ, God's son.

The New Testament contains accounts of Jesus's life, death and resurrection and the writings of early Christian communities and bears witness to the truth of Jesus's identity and purpose.

Many Christians also look to the writings of the Early Church and especially the creeds drawn up by the Ecumenical Councils as expressing key elements of Christian belief. The Church, as the Body of Christ, seeks to discern and interpret God's will afresh in every generation.

Christians come together to worship, pray and hear the word of God expounded on Sundays - the day that Jesus was raised from the dead. They share spiritually in the death and resurrection of Jesus in the sacred meal of bread and wine, which Jesus gave us before he suffered. Christians also experience God through individual prayer and attempt, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to model their lives on the self-giving example of Jesus.

People come into the Christian Church through faith in Jesus and baptism with water, to symbolise dying and rising with Christ and being born to new life. The central festivals and seasons of the Christian year call to mind the important points in Jesus's life:

- Christmas** held on the 25th December celebrates the birth of Jesus. This is preceded by a time of preparation called Advent.
- Easter** usually in March or April commemorates the death and resurrection of Jesus. It follows the season of Lent - a period of spiritual discipline.
- Ascension** celebrates Jesus's ascension into heaven, held 40 days after Easter.
- Pentecost** marks the coming of the Holy Spirit and is held on the fiftieth day after Easter.

Christadelphian

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Christian Brethren

The Evangelical Christians who meet in Westbury Chapel, Broad Street are commonly known as Christian Brethren.

What has now become a world movement commenced more than 150 years ago, first in Dublin, then in Bristol and Plymouth. The chief distinguishing feature is the submission to the supreme and final authority of the Bible in matters of faith and conduct.

Each congregation is autonomous. There is no central controlling organisation, but there is a recognisable identity. Usually there is no full time remunerated minister. The leadership and oversight of each assembly is by godly elders.

It is believed there are 500-600 similar assemblies throughout the UK, with a total membership of 50,000-60,000. At present their missionaries in over 50 countries number nearly 400, excluding short-term members.

A further 800 or more have gone from other European countries, New Zealand, Australia, Canada and the USA. There are several thousand assemblies throughout the world including more than 1000 in India alone. Missionaries do not receive any remuneration but rely on the promises of God through His people to supply their needs. Remarkably in the circumstances Brethren missionaries from the UK exceed in number those from the main denominations and all the missionary societies.

The doctrines are orthodox, believing in the Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The Father sent the Son, verily God yet truly human, born of a virgin, whose vicarious death is all sufficient for the remission of sins, who rose bodily from the grave and lives at the right hand of God, interceding for His people.

The person and work of the Holy Spirit in the believer and the church is preached.

The personality and reality of Satan is acknowledged. The fall of man from his first estate and his salvation by faith alone in Jesus Christ is emphasised. Baptism of believers is practised, by immersion. The Lord's Supper is enjoyed weekly.

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Christian Science

The Church of Christ, Scientist, was founded by Mary Baker Eddy in Boston, USA in 1879, and today has branches in about 60 countries around the world. The Society is in Compton Road. The denomination is best known for its ministry of healing sickness through prayer alone, its primary purpose, like that of other Christian churches, is the salvation of mankind from sin.

In 1866, Mrs Eddy was healed of a serious injury as she prayed and studied one of Jesus' healings recorded in the Bible. This experience led her, through years of prayer and searching the Scriptures, to what she regarded as the discovery of the spiritual science underlying Jesus' outstanding healing works.

The Bible is central to the lives and worship of Christian scientists, and the first tenet of their church reads: "As adherents of Truth, we take the inspired word of the Bible as our sufficient guide to eternal Life". Members study the Bible daily with a deep desire to draw closer to God in their thoughts and lives. They regard Mrs Eddy's book, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures", as a work which has enabled many thousands of people to gain deeper and more practical insights into the profound spiritual teachings of the Bible.

Christian scientists gratefully acknowledge Jesus Christ to be the Son of God and the Saviour of the world. They understand that God is entirely good and all-powerful, and see the fact that evil is not created by God, as the basis from which it can be challenged and overcome.

In this lay church, all members have equal opportunities for service. Two Readers elected from the membership conduct the Sunday services, which are simple in form and open to all.

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The Church of England

Christians have been present in England from the second, if not the first century, though the Church of England traces its foundation to the arrival of Saint Augustine in 597 CE. There is evidence of Christian worship in the area of Wolverhampton from around 850 CE.

Until the Reformation, the Church of England was the Church in England and in common with the rest of Western Europe was under the spiritual over lordship of the

Pope. However under King Henry VIII (1491-1547) the Pope's authority was overturned and the Church in England separated from Rome. Whilst regarding itself as a continuation of the old Catholic Church and retaining what it felt best in the tradition (the Bible, sacraments of baptism and communion, belief in the Catholic creeds and the threefold order of bishops, priests and deacons), the Church embraced the Protestant Reformation, protesting against what it perceived to be error on the part of the Roman Catholic Church. It outlined its understanding of the faith in the 39 Articles of Religion and in the authorisation of the Book of Common Prayer in 1662.

The Church of England remains the officially 'established' church of the country and as such it is the duty of its clergy to care for all who live within the boundaries of a parish. It desires to be comprehensive and includes a wide spectrum of emphasis in Christian belief including those who would stress the role of the Bible (evangelical), tradition (catholic) or reason (liberal) in their understanding Christian faith. The Anglican Church is also part of a worldwide family of churches - known as the Anglican Communion that has nearly 70 million members in 37 self-governing churches - united by a common ethos and by communion with the Archbishop of Canterbury.

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Church of God of Prophecy

The origins of this Church are in North Carolina U.S.A. where on June 13 1903, A J Tomlinson gathered a few friends for prayer and study of God's word.

From this historic meeting, the divine principles and purposes for the Church as outlined in the Holy Scriptures began to shine through, fulfilling Isaiah's prophecy recorded in Isaiah 60:1, "Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee." Today that Church is a visible, organised body, operating in each of the 50 states of the United States and more than 80 countries in the world. The Headquarters are in Cleveland, Tennessee.

The Church of God of Prophecy accepts the whole Bible rightly divided, with the New Testament as the rule of faith and patience, government and discipline. They uphold the Bible as the inspired word of God and believe that its truths are known by illuminative revelation of the whole Scripture; thus they have no formal creed.

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Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (Mormon)

1. Latter-day Saints are **Christians**.
2. They believe that God, Christ, and the Holy Ghost are separate personages - though united in purpose.
3. Latter-day Saints believe the **Bible** to be the Word of God. They believe, though, in continuing revelation; that **The Book of Mormon: Another Testament of Jesus Christ**, the **Doctrine and Covenants** and **The Pearl of Great Price** are also **scripture**.
4. Latter-day Saints believe they have a living **prophet** - a man who receives revelation from God and who directs the Church here on earth.
5. Latter-day Saints believe in **personal revelation**; that each of us is entitled to receive personal revelation and revelation for the area of his or her responsibility - e.g. a father for his family.
6. They believe that we are living in a time just before the **Second Coming** of Christ, and that the Gospel should be taken - through missionary work - to the whole world.
7. They believe in **self-sufficiency** coupled with Christian caring for others.
8. They believe in honouring, upholding and sustaining the **law**; they believe in being of service in the community.
9. Latter-day Saints believe in the same **gifts of the Spirit**, which existed in the early New Testament Church.
Administratively, the Church is patterned after that church, and based upon apostles and prophets.

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10. They follow a health code, known as the **Word of Wisdom**. This counsels against the use of tea, coffee, alcohol and tobacco, and advocates healthy living.

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Ecumenical

a) The Church at Perton

'The Church at Perton' is an ecumenical partnership between the Church of England and the United Reformed Church and was established in 1982 after some of the original residents of the 'new' village of Perton started meeting for worship initially in each others homes and then in the conning tower of the old airfield. The Church is a multi functional building and the congregation join in communal worship, which alternatively reflects the different styles and traditions of the two denominations. Sunday services are held at 10.00 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. and all worshippers of any denomination are welcome.

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Evangelical

Evangelical Belief

1. The unity of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit in the Godhead.
2. The sovereignty of God in creation, revelation, redemption and final judgment.
3. The divine inspiration and infallibility of Holy Scripture (that is, both the old and new testaments of the Holy Bible) as originally given, and its supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct.

4. The universal sinfulness and guilt of human nature since the Fall, rendering mankind subject to God's wrath and condemnation.
5. The full deity of the Lord Jesus Christ, the incarnate Son of God, his virgin birth and his real and sinless humanity; his death on the cross, his bodily resurrection and his present reign in heaven and on earth.
6. Redemption from the guilt, penalty and power of sin only through the sacrificial death once and for all time of our representative and substitute, Jesus Christ, the only mediator between God and man.
7. Justification as God's act of undeserved mercy, in which the sinner is pardoned of all his sins, and accepted as righteous in God's sight, only because of the righteousness of Christ imputed to him, this justification being received by faith alone.
8. The need for the Holy Spirit to make the work of Christ effective to the individual sinner, granting him repentance toward God and faith in Jesus Christ.
9. The indwelling of the Holy Spirit in all those thus regenerated, producing in them an increasing likeness to Christ in character and behaviour, and empowering them for their witness in the world.
10. The one holy universal Church, which is the body of Christ, and to which all true believers belong.
11. The future personal return of the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge all men, executing God's just condemnation of the impenitent and receiving the redeemed to God's eternal glory.

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Hinduism

Hinduism is one of the most ancient religions in the world. India has been its motherland, but it did spread far and wide to many other countries later on. Hindus regard their religion as '*Sanatan Dharma*' - an eternal religion. Hinduism is also considered as a 'way and view of life'.

Hinduism has no prophet at its source. Spiritual truths were discovered by Vedic seers and announced. The principal Hindu scriptures are '*Vedas*' which are believed to be direct revelations from God. Certain portions of Vedas known as '*Upanishad*', also called '*Vedanta*', contain the 'essence' of the Vedas. *Srimad Bhagvad Gita* - a part of the great epic *Mahabharata*, is another widely read and followed scripture. '*Ramayana*' is another most popular epic.

Although the Hindu pantheon has many 'deities' yet God, according to Hindus, is 'One and only One' - which is the sole 'Reality' and supreme 'Universal Spirit'. Hindus believe that such a reality is at the source of creation and God is both the efficient and material cause of the universe. *Brahman* the creator, *Vishnu* the preserver and *Shiva* the destroyer and reproducer, form what is called "Hindu Trinity". Although *Brahman* is the head of the Trinity yet, in practice only *Vishnu* or His incarnations such as *Krishna*, *Rama* and *Shiva* and His divine consort called '*Shakti*' (Durga) are worshipped by most Hindus. According to choice of worship to deities like *Vishnu*, *Shiva* and *Shakti*, Hindus are grouped as '*Vaishnavas*', '*Shaivas*' and '*Shaktas*' respectively. God and His glory being infinite, Hindus believe that approaches to Him are also varied and many.

The concept of '*Dharma*' is fundamental to Hindu religion. It is 'duty performed with righteousness and discipline, with moral and spiritual excellence, as per one's own caste, order, class and stages of life'. *Dharma* is the law of right living. In fact, for Hindus *Dharma* is ethics and religion combined. Hinduism also takes its stand on the idea of '*Samsara*' (rebirth), which is repeated passing of souls through bodies. Gita says, "Just as a man changes a worn out garment and wears a new one, so does the soul casting away one body and take on another". Hindus believe that divinity in human being reveals itself only when the mind is spotlessly clean. The task seldom can be performed in one life, so we have to pass through many lives to fulfil it. Related to *Dharma* and *Samsara* is the doctrine of '*Karma*' - which means, "As you sow, so shall you reap". Hindus believe that every good thought, word or deed begets a similar

reaction that affects future lives. Conversely every unkind thought, harsh word and evil deed comes back to harm either in the same life or the next.

Hindus therefore aspire for '*Moksha*' (salvation) for getting final release from the eternal cycle of birth, death and re-birth. Three paths have been postulated for Salvation - these are paths of Knowledge (*Jnana*), Action (*Karma*) or Devotion (*Bhakti*) either singly or in combinations thereof.

According to Hindus, each soul is potentially divine. Everyone has to make sustained efforts to gain control over one's own nature when the soul within manifests itself to the divinity. This is what Hindu Dharma with all its temples, worship, images, rituals, mythology and varying spiritual ideologies unmistakably points out to all its followers.

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Islam

The word Islam means 'submission' to God, the one God who created the universe and whose power and majesty are supreme. A Muslim believes that the prophets of God such as Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses, Jesus and the last prophet Muhammad (PBUH), were sent by God to interpret His will. It was to Muhammad, however, that the Muslim believes the completed expression of His divine will was revealed in the Holy Qur'an.

The Holy Qur'an for the Muslim is the direct word of God revealed by the angel Gabriel to the prophet Muhammad. It is the source of His laws and a book of practical guidance.

Islamic law stands on five 'pillars'...

The creed. Belief in one God, Allah, His angels, His books, all prophets and in a final day of judgement.

Prayer. This is both a spiritual and physical exercise. A Muslim offers prayers five times a day. Before praying he must make sure he is ritually clean. The Qur'an and prayers are in the Arabic language.

Fasting. This takes place in the month of Ramadan, when the Holy Qur'an was revealed to Muhammad. During this period from dawn to dusk all adult, able-bodied Muslims are expected to take no food or drink. In this way they proclaim the supremacy of God and seek to strengthen their faith and ability to obey the will of Allah.

Pilgrimage to Mecca. Every Muslim is expected to visit Mecca at least once in a lifetime unless illness or poverty prevents it.

Almsgiving. (Zeqat) A Muslim is required to contribute 2¹/₂% of his yearly savings to the needs of the poor, to help every man to live in honour and dignity.

The Islamic code of conduct is strict but a practical and natural way of life.

Worship takes the form of prayers only, there are no hymns or music at the Mosque, which is not only a central place for worship but is a social and educational centre.

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Jainism

Jainism is one of the oldest religions in the world. Jain's believe in 24 Lords (called Tirthankar-Prophets). The name of the first Lord was Rishabdev. He was the founder of Jainism. The name of the last Lord was Mahavir. There are 32 Holy books available in the Hindi language. Some of them have also been translated into English.

The social teachings of Jainism, individual freedom and equality regardless of race, sex, caste and colour, strikes a chord in the heart and minds of modern men and women. They teach love and brotherliness to all living creatures, malice and hurt to none.

Lord Mahavira's teachings are based on 5 principles.

Ahimsa	Non violence and not causing harm to any living creature.
Satya	To speak the truth.
Asteya	Not to steal or take any thing.
Brahmachara	Total celibacy for Monks and Nuns and avoiding immoral sexual activities for lay persons.
Aparigraha	Not to accumulate more possessions than necessary.

There are very few Jains in and around Wolverhampton, but there are 25,000 Jains in the UK. Most of them live in London, Leicester and Manchester. The nearest temple, Jain Ashram, is in Birmingham.

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Judaism

The faith of the Jews is that God revealed Himself and His purposes through the Jewish people.

The Synagogue:

The Sacred Scrolls, Books of the Law (Torah) and other writings are kept in the Ark. The floor of the synagogue is occupied by the men, and the gallery by the women. The leader is the Rabbi. Prayers, hymns and readings are in Hebrew. No instrumental music is played. Ritual and ceremony are important in the life of devout Jews both in the synagogue and at home. The Jewish day begins in the evening, so the Jew begins Sabbath (Saturday) at sunset on Friday.

The main festivals in the Jewish calendar, which is lunar and therefore variable, are:

Pesak in April - The Jewish Passover a seven-day commemoration of the exodus from Egypt where the Jews had been in slavery for 210 years.

Shavuoth - in June - The feast of weeks or Pentecost commemorates the first fruits of the wheat harvest.

Rosh Hashanah (September or October) - The Jewish New Year.

Ten days are spent in an earnest endeavour to get right with God, culminating in the festival of Yom Kippur - The Day of Atonement. This is a 25-hour fast accompanied by self-examination and prayers.

Sukkoth - Festival of Tabernacles or Booths. For eight days the Jews remember the days of wandering in the wilderness.

Chanucha - The Feast of Lights (this coincides with the Christians' Christmas) celebrates the cleansing and restoration of the temple.

In Wolverhampton the orthodox Jewish community is very small, and the nearest Rabbi is at the Synagogue in Birmingham.

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The LIFE Foundation was formed in 1978 when the founder members Dr Mansukh Patel, John Jones, Rita Goswami and Annie Jones made a commitment to promote Holistic Health Care, Yoga and related therapies. These aims have been adopted by the LIFE Foundation School of Therapeutics.

The Foundation's many full-time supporters bring together a unique blend of care, sensitivity and dynamic professionalism. This has become the hallmark throughout its national and international network. LFST (UK) works in close cooperation with many organisations including the National Health Service, national and international holistic health, yoga and ecological groups.

A wide range of recognised courses is offered, from individual tutoring to three-year teacher training courses. Some of the topics covered include stress management and Relaxation, Diet and Nutrition, specialised Dru Yoga and Therapeutic Yoga, Vipassana Meditation, Counselling and Health Awareness, workshops on Successful Relationships and Earth Care projects. LFST (UK) hosts seminars, conferences, retreats and workshops around Britain, Netherlands, USA and India. They also run holiday retreats centres in Snowdonia, North Wales.

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Methodist

Methodism was one of the renewing movements in the Church of England in the middle of the 18th century. It originated in the preaching of a group of friends, some of who, like their leader John Wesley, were Anglican clergymen. The Christian faith became for them dynamically true, deeply personal, and a gospel to be shared with everyone. The movement spread rapidly, especially amongst the poor who were virtually unknown to be the established church, and uncared for by society.

John's brother Charles wrote numerous hymns that became the singing prayers of a community, which, by the end of the century, had risen to 140, 000 in England, and already 60,000 in America.

The Bible is regarded as the supreme source of truth, interpreted to God's people through the guidance of the Holy Spirit. The church consists of those who accept Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord. It shares in the confession of faith, through the creeds, of the whole church.

After Wesley's death in 1791 authority was passed on to an elected group that became known as the Methodist Conference, with ultimate responsibility for order and doctrine in the church. A President is elected annually, and represents the Church nationally. Each of the 32 districts of the Church of England, Wales and Scotland is divided into circuits of churches.

In Wolverhampton there are three circuits with some 22 churches. The first church opened in Wolverhampton at Wheelers Fold in 1787. The church in Darlington Street opened in 1825.

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MOUNT SHILOH APOSTOLIC CHURCH

Bishop H. D. Brown established Mount Shiloh Apostolic Church on 26 July 1959 with eighteen brethren. Like so many Black Churches that started in that era, the congregation met in rented accommodation; namely the Commonwealth Centre on North Road.

During the early years, the Church grew as brethren implemented the teachings of the Apostles' Doctrine by organising house-to-house prayer and fellowship meetings. In September 1959, the congregation moved to the Adult College in Old Hall Street. The Church later relocated to Hickman Avenue in August 1974.

The Church believes in the Christian doctrine of the One God who reveals Himself in Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of the Father whose blood was shed to redeem the human race, and that no one can approach the Father without Jesus Christ the Son who is the mediator between man and God.

Over the years, Mount Shiloh has introduced a number of initiatives to help meet the needs of Church and Community members. These include:

- Ø A Saturday School,
- Ø A Community Development Project which existed from January to 1987 March 1996,
- Ø A Health Advisory Centre,
- Ø A Bible School established in September 1989.

As the leader of Mount Shiloh, Bishop Brown continues to be fully committed to preaching what he calls: 'The Gospel that has no colour' which crosses racial and cultural barriers. His desire is to continue to trust God and be led by Him to do the things for His good pleasure, building up the Body of Christ in faith, hope and love.

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New Testament Church of God

This is the largest and oldest established Afro Caribbean Church in England and Wales, having its origins in the YWCA hall in Wolverhampton in 1953. It is now part of the international 'Church of God' with headquarters in Cleveland, Tennessee, U.S.A. The Church of God is a fundamental Pentecostal church that believes in the verbal inspiration of the Bible and the New Testament as the only rule for government and discipline. They emphasize the teaching about holiness and the Pentecostal blessing, the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Admission into membership of the church follows public declaration of faith and baptism by immersion. There are three orders in their ministry: ordained, licensed and exhorter.

Their worship is very lively, with full participation of the congregation. Singing is accompanied by electronic organ, percussion, stringed instruments, tambourine and hand clapping. The services can be long with evening worship lasting up to three and a half hours.

Local Pastors and counsellors, under the leadership of the District Overseer, administer congregations. The headquarters in England and Wales is situated in Handsworth, Birmingham 19, and is led by a National Overseer.

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The Secretary

Radha Soami Satsang Beas-British Isles

The Radha Soami (Lord of the Soul) Spiritual Science gives its followers knowledge of definite scientific techniques for attaining direct personal experience of God. These

techniques have been used for millennia (from the Golden age) by the saints and perfect Masters (e.g. Guru Nanak, Kabir) the world over. These methods are also known as *Surat Shabds Yoga* and as *Sant Mant*. The term "Saint" in India means a master of the highest order who goes at will to the highest spiritual regions and who takes his disciples to these regions. The Radha Soami Spiritual Science is the teachings of the Saints showing the soul how to rise above the physical astral and casual worlds and return to the pure spiritual realms of its True Home (*Sat Desh*), by means of the divine Word or *Shabd* or *Nam*.

In His plan for the salvation of His children, the Supreme Father sends His beloved sons, Saints, into the world and the world has never been without one. Nam or Shabd is the link between man and God. The Saints or living Masters say that the Lord whom man seeks is not hidden in forests or mountains, nor does He dwell in temples and mosques, in gurdwaras and churches, nor is He asleep somewhere in the sky. He dwells within man himself. He will be found within and whosoever has found Him **has** done so within himself. This can only be accomplished with the help of a contemporary living master or Saint who himself knows the way back to Sat Desh and the feet of the Supreme Heavenly Father and is united as one with him. The living perfect master or Saint is a fully awakened and liberated soul who is God Himself incarnated in the human form. He alone is qualified to lead other souls back to God.

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A Satsang or Meeting takes place Every Sunday at 11.00am at Parkfields High School, Wolverhampton Rd East, Wolverhampton.

Ravidassi

Shri Guru Ravidass Ji was born at Seer Gawardhanpura Benares (Varanasi) in U. P, the sacred city of Hindu religion in northern India in the first half of the fifteenth century. At that time the religious situation in India was highly complex and the caste system very much in evidence. Shri Guru Ravidass Ji was one of the prime exponents of the Bhakti movement, a socio-religious programme which aimed to reform society through the preaching of "Bhakti (Devotion) to God" and the "equality of human kind" and that through this, God was accessible to all irrespective of caste, colour and creed. Against this background, Shri Guru Ravidass Ji struggled for justice, equality and social freedom and fought a relentless war against the powerful section of the society to achieve this.

Today, we all are inspired by his philosophy, which encourages us to create a classless society where all may live with equal rights and freedom.

The members of the Ravidassi Community worship Shri Guru Granth Sahib which contains 40 shabdās (hymns) and one *Shloka* of Shri Guru Ravidass Ji together with the other Guru sahib and saints, but they do not feel it necessary to follow the Sikh baptism (Amrit) or to observe the five K's of Sikhism.

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The Secretary

Reformed Baptist

This fellowship is one of approximately 350 throughout the United Kingdom who belong to the Grace Baptist Assembly. Their beliefs and doctrines are based totally on The Holy Bible.

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Religious Society of Friends

Origins

Quakerism began under the inspiration of George Fox (1624-91) in a time of religious strife and civil war. Fox said that true religion was concerned with the presence of the spirit of God in man and did not need church organisation, ceremony, creed or moral code. They became known as "Quakers" as some, when moved deeply, would quake or shake. Although they gave a central place to the Christian Bible their ways were offensive to the established churches and many early friends suffered greatly for their beliefs.

Beliefs

Quakers do not favour dogmatic statements about the nature of God. They do believe that God speaks directly to every man without the need for a priest as intermediary and that meetings for silent worship are helpful for development of spiritual knowledge and life.

Quakers have no binding moral code but Christian standards underlie their "Advice".

A noteworthy feature has been a strong tradition of objection to war and to military service.

Religious practices

There are no regular festivals or set forms of worship. Meetings for worship take place without aids or symbols. During meeting anyone may witness to the truth, if so moved, or the meeting may remain silent to the end.

Marriage takes the form of a simple exchange of promises in a specially arranged meeting for worship. Death is also marked by a special meeting, during which the life of the departed friend is remembered. There is no Baptism but newly born children are often welcomed informally at a meeting for worship.

Work in the world

Quakers, individually or collectively, are often involved in work for causes related to the relief of poverty, welfare of prisoners, world peace, community relations and education. National committees exist to further this work. In Britain today there are 20,000 Quakers - about one tenth of the world total.

Local information

Approximate membership in Wolverhampton is 50. The earliest Wolverhampton Meeting took place in 1704. The present meetinghouse came into being in 1969.

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Roman Catholic

Wolverhampton holds a unique place in the history of the Roman Catholic community in England, as it was here that the first public place of worship, as opposed to private chapel, was built. This was Gifford House, now S.S. Peter and Paul, erected between 1726 and 1733. One of the first Bishops of the Midland district was John Milner, who had been educated at Sedgley.

The spiritual head of the Roman Church is the Pope, who resides in Rome. The main act of worship is the Mass.

An important feature of the Roman Catholic Church is the place given to education and the Church Schools. There is a primary school in every parish.

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Salvation Army

William Booth founded the Salvation Army on 5th July 1865, it was originally named "The Christian Mission". Booth opened work with an open-air meeting on the Whitechapel Road, in the East End of London.

Since that time, their social work and evangelism has spread to 82 countries of the world, the original idea of William Booth being - to feed their physical bodies, and then meet their spiritual needs.

In October 1878, the Salvation Army, as it was then named, opened work in Wolverhampton and from 1911 until recently has worked from their citadel in Cleveland Road. The mainstream message of the Corps in Wolverhampton is to bring the message of Jesus and his great love, and it is done through the media of open-air meetings and indoor meetings for people of all ages.

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Sant Nirankari Mission **(Universal Brotherhood)**

Sant Nirankaris understand themselves as a spiritual regeneration movement, which originated in India, which emphasises the supremacy of one God - Nirankar, meaning "The Formless Being". They believe in the Fatherhood of Nirankar and the brotherhood of humankind regardless of race, colour, creed or religion. They do not subscribe to casteism and believe in equality and responsible living in accordance with the guidelines given by a living Guru (spiritual Teacher and Guide), Baba Hardev Singh whose international headquarters are in Delhi, India.

The movement is known as Sant Nirankari Mission or Universal Brotherhood. Nirankaris are thus worshippers of Nirankar. They respect all religions. The movement's largest base is in India where the followers come from various religions backgrounds and walks of life.

In the UK the Mission is a registered charity in the name of Sant Nirankari Mandal UK and there are twenty-two branches.

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Satya Sai Baba

This community follows Inter-Faith precepts. Some worship at home and some travel to meet with other communities for worship. The Sri Satya Sai Organisation in Wolverhampton is based at Lonsdale Road, and has people from other faiths who meet

with them on special occasions to celebrate religious festivals for which they hire a local church hall.

Satya Sai Baba lives in Southern India. His followers believe him to be a divine being who has come to earth to fulfil a cosmic mission. Satya means Truth, Sai is a Persian word for Saint and Baba is a Hindi term of endearment and respect, which can be interpreted as 'revered father'.

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Sikhism

The Sikhs believe in one immortal being, ten Gurus, the Guru Granth Sahib (the holy book) and other teachings of the ten Gurus. They also believe in the necessity of taking 'Amrit' (Sikh initiation). Sikhism began with Guru Nanak, 1469-1539, who attempted to bring unity between Islam and Hinduism. He preached the love of God and love for each other. This pacifism finally gave way to the militant Khalsa with the tenth Guru, Guru Gobind Singh (1666 - 1708). He rallied his followers to fight persecution. In 1699 the Khalsa brotherhood was formed, when he publicly baptised the 'five beloved ones' who had offered their lives expecting to be executed. After initiation they all took the name 'Singh', which means lion, and always wore the five 'K's:

- Kes** - uncut hair (covered by a turban)
- Kanga** - (comb)
- Kirpan** - (dagger or sword)

Kara - (steel bracelet)
Kachh - (shorts)

Women were given the name of 'Kaur', which means lioness or princess. Before he died Guru Gobind Singh proclaimed the Granth Sahib to be the only Guru of the Sikhs. Sikhism teaches belief in one God; salvation by meditation on His name; truthful living and service to mankind; study of the Guru Granth Sahib; reincarnation and that life is not sinful in its origin. Sikhs should respect those of other faiths. They should not practise idol or ancestor worship or consult astrology. They should abstain from alcohol, tobacco and drugs, should not practise adultery or cut their hair or eat ritual meat. Men should respect women as equals and work honestly.

The Sikhs began to meet for worship in Wolverhampton during the middle of the 1960's.

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Sikhism: The Namdhari Sikh Community

The word Namdhari Sikh means: 'someone who has the Name of God in his or her heart. Namdhari Sikhs wear white clothing and tie the turban horizontally across the forehead. They are distinguished from other Sikhs in that they do not believe that Guru Granth Sahib was the last in the line of Sikh Gurus. They believe that Guruship still continues with the successive living Gurus. Namdharis believe in the concept of a supreme spiritual authority forever present in a living Guru, called **Satguru Ji**.

Namdharis believe that Guru Gobind Singh, the tenth Guru, conferred Guruship on their founder Baba Balak Singh (1785 – 1862) who emphasised the importance of Name (**naam**) for salvation. He passed it on to Guru Ram Singh in 1862, before his death. Guru Ram Singh was very active in fighting against the British colonial rule and with the background of the uprising of 1857, the activities of his followers were perceived to be potentially dangerous. He was therefore interred in his village Bhaini to contain his increasing popularity.

However, Guru Ram Singh instituted several organisational changes to set up the structures to expand the base for Namdharis. His followers invoked the goddess Chandi and one of their rituals was giving out a frenzied shriek in a mystical state of ecstasy. They were therefore popularly known as **Kukas** (shouters).

There has been a continued succession of Gurus since Guru Ram Singh and their present Guru is **Satguru Jagjit Singh**. This principle of succession and continued presence of a living Guru distinguishes the Namdharis from other Sikhs.

Namdharis do not believe in idol worship or praying at tombs of the dead. They are staunch vegetarians and total abstainers from all intoxicating drinks containing drugs and any food that contains animal products. They wear a white woollen rosary (108 knotted Mala) used in their meditation and prayers. Their gurudwaras are not ostentatious and they lead austere lives. They have a distinctive place in the history of the freedom movement in India. Guru Ram Singh was the first man to evolve non-co-operation and the use of indigenous goods as political weapons. Many of his ideas were taken up, sixty years later by Mahatma Gandhi.

Namdharis are spread all over the world and their Head Quarters are located at Bhaini Sahib in Punjab, India. Presently, there are about 10,000 Namdhari Sikhs in the U.K. The nearest Gurudwara in our area is in Birmingham

Nearest Place of Worship:
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The Unitarian and free Christian Church is a non-doctrinal faith, worshipping one God and striving to follow the teachings of Jesus Christ. It acknowledges the wisdom to be found in other religions and seeks to promote the spread of love and tolerance among all of humankind.

All Souls' Unitarian Church

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Pastor E Watson
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United Reformed

The United Reformed Church (URC) was formed in 1972, with the union of the Congregational Church in England and Wales and the Presbyterian Church of England. Both congregationalism and Presbyterianism originated at the time of the Reformation, their inspiration coming from Europe, especially John Calvin at Geneva.

In 1981 the Re-formed Association of Churches of Christ in Great Britain and Ireland joined the URC, which is a member of the international organisations, Council for World Mission and the World Alliance of Reformed Churches.

The Bible is the supreme authority for faith and conduct. The URC confesses its faith in the words of the historic creeds, and from time to time re-states these for modern circumstances. The Church upholds the rights of personal conviction insofar as these are not asserted to the injury of the faith, unity or peace of the church.

Full-time and part-time Ministers are ordained to the 'Word and Sacrament', and share all responsibilities with members who are ordained as Elders. Worship is simple, with a minimum of ritual, and is led by Ministers and members.

The URC is democratically organised, the Church Meeting being the local authority; Wolverhampton URCs have representation at the Staffordshire District Council and the West Midlands Provincial Synod; through these associations they are represented at the annual General Assembly. One of the main objectives of the URC is to work and pray for the further unity of Christians, and it belongs to ecumenical bodies at every level.

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(Minister: Position currently vacant)

Appendix 1

WOLVERHAMPTON INTER-FAITH COUNCIL

Wolverhampton Inter-Faith Council (formerly Wolverhampton Inter-Faith Group) came into being in 1974 when race relations in the town, stirred up by Enoch Powell's "rivers of blood" speech caused great concern. The local Council of Christian Churches responded to the need and contact was made with local community leaders from different faiths. The process of building friendship, community understanding, justice, peace and harmony began. From the start the Group has had an Inter-Faith family feeling, and over the years this has been maintained and built upon.

The Council runs a wide ranging annual programme of events, involving visits to different places of worship, conferences, talks, special services and social /cultural gatherings.

In addition, the Council organises specific initiatives of interest to the community; this Directory, the first edition of which was published in 1989, is just one example. Other examples include a Photographic Exhibition of the different faith communities in Wolverhampton (in both colour and black and white); the organisation of school and college visits to places of worship, for pupils and teachers inside and outside the borough; programmes of talks on multi-cultural issues specifically designed for public or private corporations and companies; Education Booklets containing information on the various faiths in the Wolverhampton area.

The Wolverhampton Inter-Faith Council is active on a wide range of associated groups and organisations, locally (schools, Community Health Council, Race Equality Council etc.), nationally (Interfaith Network) and internationally (World Congress of Faiths, World Conference on Religion and Peace).

The Council's offices in Clarence Road are both an administrative and a Resource Centre, with a well-stocked library and many resources on different faiths.

The Council is run by a multi-faith Board of Members, which meets on a monthly basis. A seven member Executive, who plan and co-ordinate the group's activities deal with the day-to-day running of the Group. An Administrative Officer is employed to run the Office on a daily basis.

The Members of the Executive are currently as follows:

1. Officers:

Lord Turner of Bilston	Patron
Mr. Vasdev S Bhamrah (Namdhari Sikh)	Patron
Mr Sehdev Bismal MBE (Hindu)	President
Mr. Harun Rashid (Muslim)	Vice-President
Mr. Devinder Kalhan (Hindu)	Chairman
Pastor Leanora Williams (African Methodist)	Vice-Chairman
Fr. Patrick Udoma (Roman Catholic)	Secretary
Mr. Erik Pearse (Roman Catholic)	Treasurer

2. Board Members:

Mr Khalid Akhtar (Muslim)
Mr M A Baig (Muslim)
Mr. Joginder S. Bhambra (Sikh)
Mr. T.R. Bhardwaj (Hindu)
Mr Russell Blanchette (Roman Catholic)
Mrs Barbara Easton (Methodist)
Revd. David Frith (C of E)
Mr. R. L. Jain (Jain)
Ms. Kamaljit Kaur (Sikh)
Mr Manohar Lal (Buddhist)
Mr Sat Paul mal (Ravidassi)
Mr Satya Pal Sharma (Hindu)
Mr Michael Todd (C of E)

3. Co-opted Board Members:

Mr Paul Salahuddin Armstrong (Muslim)
Mrs Parveen Brigue (Hindu)
Mr Prem Lal (Ravidassi)
Revd. Jim McManus (C of E)

Appendix 2

THE STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

WHAT IS A SACRE?

The Education Reform Act 1988 requires every Local Education Authority to set up a **STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SACRE)** whose main task is to advise the Authority on matters relating to Collective Worship and Religious Education in its schools. In addition to general advice on matters like teaching methods, materials and training, SACRE is given some specific functions:

- 1) To require the Authority to review its Agreed Syllabus if SACRE thinks it necessary
- 2) To deal with applications from Head teachers asking that the Act's requirements for Collective Worship to be wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character should not apply to some or all of the pupils in their particular schools
- 3) To monitor OFSTED Inspection Reports on schools within the Authority in respect of RE & Collective worship
- 4) To provide an Annual Report

SACRE is made up of 4 panels, as follows:

Panel A - Christian denominations and other faiths active in the area
12 members

Baptist, Black Pentecostal, Methodist, Roman Catholic, United Reformed, Religious Society of Friends, Seventh Day Adventists, Jewish, Buddhist, Muslim, Hindu and Sikh, each nominated by the relevant parent body.

Panel B - The Church of England

5 members

Nominated by the Lichfield Diocese

Panel C - Teachers Associations

6 members

Nominated by each Association

Panel D - Local Authority Members

5 members

Nominated by Wolverhampton City Council

MEMBERSHIP OF SACRE

Martin Gomberg

Jewish Community (Chair)

David Wheeler	Methodist Church
Barbara Prettie	United Reformed Church
June Cooke	Church of England
Kathryn Godwin	Church of England
Pauline Bolton	Church of England
Ian Shield	Church of England
T R Bhardwaj	Hindu Community
Ian Cowie	Buddhist / Quaker
Marion Halfpenny	NUT
Barbara Easton	WSH
Edwin Brookes	LA
Ruth Wilson	LA
Revd F Lewis	
A S Brainch	Sikh
Dr Deirdre Burke	University of Wolverhampton
Mr M Cooper	
Mr C Hallmark	
Miss J Vantara	
Reverend L Willis	
Councillor Stevenson	
Mr S Harrison	

Have met this year on:

2 March 2006
27 April 2006
13 June 2006
7 December 2006