

Report on Christian-Muslim dialogue lunch:

On a bright May Saturday, thirty or so men living in Sudbury met in St Gregory's Hall at the invitation of Rev. Greg Webb. The topic was 'Our Faith.' We were asked to tackle three questions – 'What is important to me about my Faith?' 'Why is prayer important?' and 'What do I believe will happen after death?'

Two leaders from elsewhere outlined their own Faith in order to encourage participants to do the same, in small groups. Seated around five tables, conversation was helped by sharing of cold drinks and a curry lunch. Not surprisingly time fled by, for we first introduced ourselves to each other by name, before attempting to answer the questions.

You may well be asking what prompted such an event. It was primarily to get to know others. Fifteen were Christian and fifteen were Muslim. The initiative was that of Mrs Jill Pullan, who believes passionately that we need to get to know those who live among us but who differ from us. Within the limited time we had, we at least made a start. One speaker stated that he felt he had more in common with a God-fearing Muslim than with a British 'nominal' Christian. Certainly a unity of spirit prevailed that afternoon. While the Christians provided the venue, the Muslims provided the food – and delicious it was too. You yourself may well have spoken to the Muslims present when eating out in Sudbury. Practically all work in catering and no doubt the Christians who met up with them that Saturday will look out for them and renew their friendship when next they are in town. *Rev. Keith Horton*