



Westminster Terrorist Attack 22nd March 2017

Harrow Interfaith, on behalf of the faith communities of Harrow, join with 'London as One' and the London Metropolitan Police in deploring the attack on Parliament and Westminster Bridge on 22nd March 2017. Our local religions and philosophical communities exalt the sanctity of human life and find no justification for such a barbaric assault on democracy and innocent members of the public. Yesterday we saw the worst and the best in humanity. A sense of normality, cruelly interrupted by a perverted act of terror. Acts of evil, though, will only serve to galvanize interfaith solidarity and redouble our resolve to live out the values of democracy, freedom and the rule of law.

Our thoughts and prayers are with all those who have been affected by the attack. We mourn with the family, colleagues and friends of PC Keith Palmer, member of the Parliamentary and Diplomatic Command who lost his life defending Parliament and grieve with those bereaved by the deaths of three people killed on Westminster Bridge. We pray for healing and strength for the forty people injured in the attack, while expressing admiration for the effective response to the tragedy by the London Metropolitan Police, emergency and medical services.

Terrorists have a clear aim to create discord, distrust and fear. The people of Harrow Interfaith have the clear aim of promoting respect, understanding, harmony, friendship, and cohesion within our borough, London, our nation and communities throughout the world with which we are in touch, uniting against those who seek, through violence and extremism, to threaten, intimidate and kill. We will redouble our efforts to work for peace, compassion and hope.