

— INTERFAITH DAY



WHY INTERFAITH?

- Peaceful society
- Understanding and tolerance of people's differences
- Working together for the common good

THE GOLDEN RULE

How do we treat others?

- Christian belief:

*Do unto others as you
would have done unto you.
(Luke 6.31)*

Treat people how you want
to be treated.

What do other religions believe?

Buddhism

Just as a mother would protect her only child with her life, even so let one cultivate a boundless love towards all beings.

Khuddaka Patha, from the Metta Sutta



Islam

No one of you is a believer until he desires for his brother that which he desires for himself.

Al-Nawawi's Forty Hadith, 13



Sikhism

No one is my enemy, and no one is a stranger. I get along with everyone.

Sri Guru Granth Sahib p.1299



Hinduism

This is the sum of duty: do naught to others which if done to thee would cause thee pain.

Mahabharata 5.1517

Baha'i faith

Lay not on any soul a load which ye would not wish to be laid upon you, and desire not for any one the things ye would not desire for yourselves.

This is my best counsel unto you, did ye but observe it.

Baha'u'llah, Gleanings, 128



Spiritualism

We are all part of the universal creative force and therefore one family in God. [...] Spiritualists try to understand the needs of others and help all people regardless of race, colour or creed.

Brotherhood of Man, Spiritualists' Second Principle



INTERFAITH

What makes us different?

What makes us the same?

- Different and shared beliefs
- Ideas that are often linked
- A want of working together
- An understanding that we can be friends

— This is a short video that explains how these two religious leaders became friends, what they value in their friendship and what they have learned as a result of it. It also has a short section showing some of the ways they've used their friendship to challenge people to live better lives. They note that the thing they don't talk about is football because that divides them more than faith.

[Resources for school assemblies - Irfan and Mark](#)

Time to reflect, time to pray:

Creator God,

We thank you for the amazing diversity of your creation.

So much life, expressed in different forms, living in a huge variety of ways.

We thank you that this diversity is expressed in human life, people all made in your image, yet living, believing and hoping in different ways.

Many gather together, expressing shared beliefs, as part of faith communities.

In the richness of your creative diversity, we give thanks for faith communities who gather together to express shared beliefs that may be both similar and different to our own.

Help us to step out to meet people of other faiths and beliefs, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.