

# JALSA SALANA UK 2019

The Annual Convention of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community



## AN INTERNATIONAL GATHERING PROMOTING ISLAM'S MESSAGE OF PEACE

at Hadeeqatul Mahdi (Oakland Farm)  
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Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> • Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> • Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2019

# 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.

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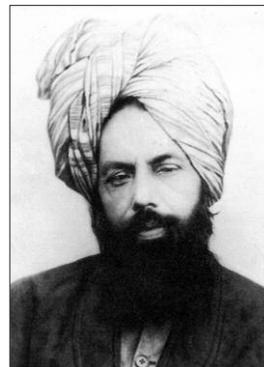
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## THE FOUNDER OF THE AHMADIYYA MUSLIM COMMUNITY

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 210 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: 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.



***“We should not consider any issue or conflict, whether within a country or at an international level, to be insignificant. Whether we are dealing with economic issues, or immigration or any other crisis we must show tolerance and strive to break down the barriers that divide us. We should utilise all of our energies and faculties to pursue peace by seeking to end every conflict amicably, through dialogue and mutual compromise and by fulfilling the rights of one another.”***

*(Peace Symposium, March 2019)*

## 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 UK



**Martin Schutlz – Former President**  
of the European Parliament



**HRH Prince Edward**



**Justin Welby**  
The Archbishop of Canterbury

**European Parliament, Brussels**

## EXHIBITIONS AND EVENTS AT THE JALSA SALANA

### BE PART OF THE AL-QALAM 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.



### IN SEARCH OF THE CREATOR THROUGH THE EYES OF THE CRAFTSMEN

This exhibition by *The Review of Religions* in collaboration with Razwan Baig will feature the world-famous and award-winning Muslim sculptor, Adam Williamson, who will be creating a unique piece of Islamic art during the three days of this year's Jalsa Salana.

### JESUS IN INDIA - (Hosted by *The Review of Religions*)

Did Jesus (peace be upon him) survive the crucifixion? This special exhibition will present fascinating evidence from both medical and historical sources to prove that Jesus (peace be upon him) survived the crucifixion and will also explore the route taken by Jesus (peace be upon him).



### PHOTO EXHIBITION

A fascinating look at an historical collection of photographs captured over the last 126 years about the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community worldwide. The exhibition includes many images of His Holiness meeting leading figures from all spheres of life on his travels both in the UK and abroad in his quest to spreading the message of peace in Islam.



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

The Turin Shroud exhibition, now in its fifth year at the Jalsa Salana, has become an international forum for academics and experts on the Shroud. Among the guests this year will be Professor Peter Wadhams, a member of the official Scientific Commission on the Shroud in Turin. The exhibition is the biggest Shroud event outside of Turin.



Attending once again will be the official documenting photographer of the Shroud, Barrie Schwartz 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

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

- 1 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.

## 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.



On DAB - Online - On Mobile



- 2 As this chain extends out the entire gathering is connected with the Khalifa.
- 3 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



**Sara Khan** – Lead Commissioner  
for Countering Extremism



**Judy A Sgro**  
MP for York West Ontario,



**Stephen Hammond** – Member of  
Parliament for Wimbledon



**Paul Scully**  
Conservative Party Vice-Chairman



**Stephen Leece MPP**  
Member of Provisional Parliament  
for Peace Village, Canada



**Rev. Johnnie Moore** –  
Commissioner USCIRF, USA

## JALSA SALANA IN THE MEDIA - small selection

**EXPRESS**  
More than 30,000 Muslims 'seek to make a difference' at UK's largest Islamic conference

More than 30,000 Muslims from 100 countries are attending the UK's largest Islamic conference on football in a Hampshire village this weekend - with organisers keen to push their message of tolerance and counter negative stereotypes.

**Religion News Service**  
Ahmadiyya Muslims: A Minority Within A Minority

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community (AMC) is a minority within a minority. The community is a small, peaceful, and progressive Islamic group that has been persecuted in many countries. In the UK, they are a small but growing community. This article explores their history, beliefs, and challenges.

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**TLE**  
Calliph of world's largest organised muslim community calls for nuclear disarmament

The Caliph of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, Mirza Masroor Ahmad, has called for global nuclear disarmament. He stated that the presence of nuclear weapons is a major threat to the world's peace and stability, and that the Islamic faith teaches the prohibition of nuclear weapons.

## GUESTS AT THE JALSA SALANA



The Jalsa is a major event for a range of guest attendees from different faiths and backgrounds. In 2018, leaders of the First Nations of Canada presented His Holiness with a special gift (pic above). 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 2<sup>nd</sup> AUGUST 2019

2.30 pm Arrival & Lunch

4.30 pm Opening Ceremony

Address by His Holiness Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad –  
Head of the worldwide Ahmadiyya Muslim Community.

### SATURDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> AUGUST 2019

12.00 pm Arrival & refreshments

1.00 pm Tour of the site

1.45 pm Lunch

3.15 pm Guest speeches

4.00 pm Address by His Holiness Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad.

### SUNDAY 4<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2019

11.00 am Arrival & refreshments

12.00 pm Tour of the site

1.00 pm International Pledge of Allegiance Ceremony

1.45 pm Lunch

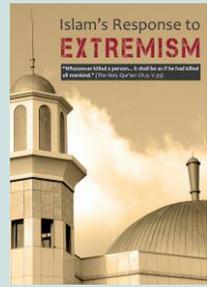
3.15 pm Guest speeches

4.00 pm Concluding Address by His Holiness Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad.

## 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 recently opened Mubarak Mosque is part of a redevelopment of the Community's location in Tilford, Surrey. It also includes new administrative offices and a multi-purpose sports hall. The site, known as Islamabad, aesthetically enhances the local surroundings as well as being ecologically and environmentally-friendly.



**TOP LEFT:** Following the terrorist attacks in New Zealand, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community's Baitul Futuh Mosque in Morden, Surrey, played host to a remembrance vigil with senior officials of many faiths, organisations and political spectrums attending.



**TOP RIGHT:** The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community regularly hold various charity events and schemes throughout the year for UK based charities. To date they have raised more than £4 million mainly through their popular Charity Walks.



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

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