



NATIONAL PEACE SYMPOSIUM

Saturday 16 May 2026

VENUE
Mubarak Mosque
Tilford, Surrey



THE AHMADIYYA MUSLIM COMMUNITY



**Hazrat Mirza
Ghulam Ahmad**
The Promised Messiah
and Mahdi
(peace be upon him)

The Ahmadiyya Muslim community was founded in 1889 by Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (1835-1908) of Qadian, India. He claimed to be the expected reformer of the latter days and the awaited one of the world's religions (the Messiah and Mahdi of the latter days). His mission was to revive the peaceful teachings of Islam and engender in people's hearts the love of God and the duty to serve mankind.

The community is now established in 213 countries and it spearheads an international effort to promote education and health across the developing world, as well as a global peace campaign to champion respect and human rights for all.

“...a religion which does not inculcate universal compassion is no religion at all. Similarly, a human being without the faculty of compassion is no human at all.”



**Hazrat Mirza
Masroor Ahmad**
Head of the worldwide
Ahmadiyya Muslim
Community

The community is led by a system of Khilafat (spiritual leadership). His Holiness, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, is the community's fifth Khalifa (Caliph) and is based in the UK. He leads his global community and inspires it to serve humanity with the spirit of kindness and humility that is integral to Islam. In accordance with the teachings of Islam, he upholds the honour of all prophets of God and highlights the role of religion in the promotion of peace.

His Holiness has travelled globally to promote dialogue and understanding. He has also written to world leaders urging them to inculcate a true sense of justice and peace in international relations to avoid regional conflicts from engulfing the entire world. Under his leadership, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community has launched campaigns across the world that present Islam's true noble message of loyalty, freedom and peace.

THE NATIONAL PEACE SYMPOSIUM

Bringing communities together for the cause of peace

The National Peace Symposium is a key event of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community. The theme for this year's event is: **Absolute Global Justice - The Foundation for True Peace**. This year it is being held at the Mubarak Mosque in Tilford, Surrey and it marks the 19th symposium to date. The event promotes a deeper understanding of Islam and other faiths and seeks to inspire a concerted effort for lasting peace.

More than 600 guests from across the world attend the unique event including secretaries of state, parliamentarians, diplomats, faith and civic leaders as well as representatives from numerous charities and faith communities.

Recent events continue to highlight the perilous state of the world. Nationalism, self-interest and injustice are fuelling wars, poverty, inequality and are creating humanitarian crises across the globe. The threat of another full blown world war looms large. It is the need of the hour to unite for the cause of peace and strive together for the betterment of our current and future generations.



(The 18th National Peace Symposium held at the Baitul Futuh Mosque)

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

His Holiness, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, is the world's leading Muslim advocate for championing the cause of peace and for religious harmony.

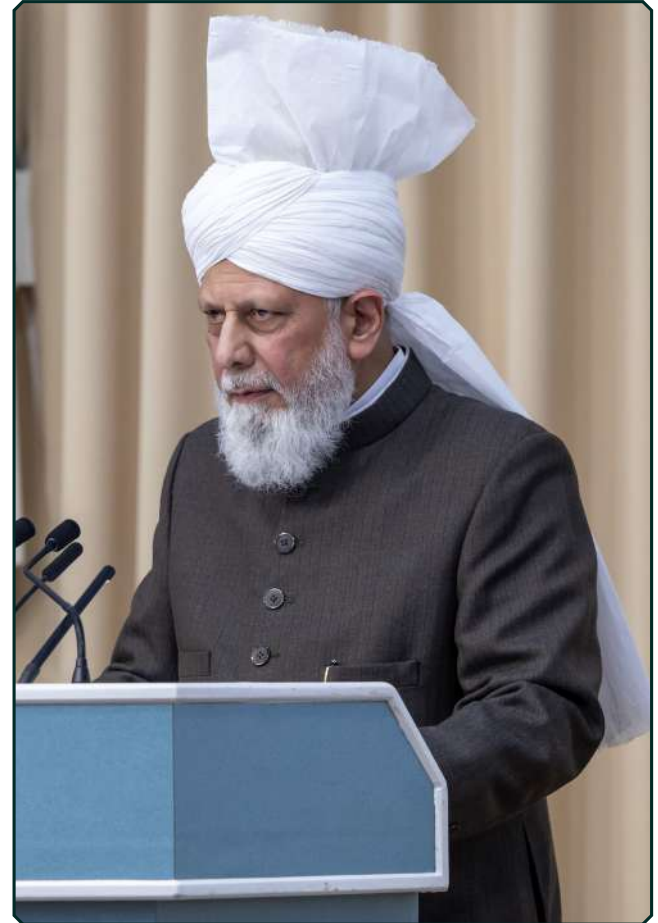
Through his sermons, lectures, literary works, and personal interactions he works tirelessly to uphold the Islamic principles of justice and peace. For more than two decades His Holiness has been warning of the dangers of a global conflict.

His Holiness underlines the need for us to strengthen our bond with God and to serve humanity regardless of colour, creed or race.

“I firmly believe that there is only one way to end these wars, by ensuring that justice prevails and that whatever settlements are made are based on equity as opposed to what better serves the interests of external powers.

Otherwise, there is no benefit to the UN or international laws and the only rule that shall hold weight will be the one that declares might is right.”

(National Peace Symposium 2024)



A MAN OF PEACE

His Holiness frequently meets with presidents, prime ministers, heads of state, parliamentarians and ambassadors to uphold the sanctity of life and the need for harmony at national and international levels.

His Holiness has delivered keynote addresses at the UK Parliament, Capitol Hill in USA, the European Parliament (see photo right), the Dutch Parliament, the New Zealand Parliament and UNESCO.

In these addresses, His Holiness consistently emphasises the critical importance of absolute justice as a cornerstone for peace and stability in the world and advocates to uphold fairness and equity for all people. He has repeatedly called for responsible leadership, principled diplomacy, and the protection of fundamental human rights, warning that injustice, economic exploitation, and the erosion of moral values can fuel division and conflict.

Alongside his engagement with global leaders, His Holiness promotes interfaith understanding and community cohesion, encouraging people of all backgrounds to work together with compassion, mutual respect, and a shared commitment to the common good.

His message is rooted in the belief that lasting peace cannot be achieved through power or narrow self-interest, but through sincere service to humanity, the safeguarding of human dignity, and the consistent application of justice at every level of society.



European Parliament,
Brussels, Belgium



House of Commons,
UK Parliament, London



Capitol Hill,
Washington, USA



Dutch Parliament,
The Hague, Netherlands



UNESCO,
Paris, France

THE AHMADIYYA MUSLIM PRIZE FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF PEACE



The international Ahmadiyya Muslim Prize for the Advancement of Peace was launched in 2009 and is bestowed to honour the efforts of an individual or organisation in promoting the cause of peace. This latest award will be presented by His Holiness at the National Peace Symposium in May 2026.

PREVIOUS WINNERS INCLUDE



Nicolò Govoni (Italy)
Awarded for his tireless dedication to human rights and the education of refugee children.



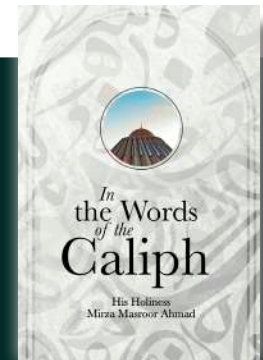
Dr Tadatoshi Akiba (Japan)
Awarded for his work to press for the abolition of nuclear weapons.



David Spurdle (UK)
Awarded for his exceptional commitment to humanitarian work.

In the Words of the Caliph

The world is increasingly threatened by injustice, greed, and extremism as the post war order fragments and nations drift further apart. In response, His Holiness Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad has repeatedly emphasised that lasting peace can only be secured through absolute justice, compassion, and adherence to universal, divinely guided principles. Compiled in this book, extracts from his speeches and sermons offer timely guidance. It is essential reading for all who seek a clear path to harmony and peace.





Adi Roche from Ireland receiving the award for her international humanitarian work, including help for the children affected by the Chernobyl disaster.



PROGRAMME

4.45 pm	Registration & Refreshments
5.45 pm	Introduction & Guest Speeches
6.10 pm	Presentation of Peace Prize
6.25 pm	Keynote Address
7.10 pm	Dinner

THIS IS AN INVITATION ONLY EVENT

For further details and to register online visit: www.PeaceSymposium.org.uk

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Equality • Respect
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