



JOURNEYING WITH THOSE OF OTHER FAITHS

KEY MOMENTS OF THE ENGLISH STORY

- New religious identities in the UK – e.g. Halal slaughter, Sikh turbans
- Salman Rushdie Affair (1988) and the creation of the “Muslim Parliament for the United Kingdom” (1991)
- Formation of the Inter Faith Network for the UK
- Social disturbances in towns in northern England (2001)
- 9/11 and the trajectory of UK Foreign and Domestic Policy (“Prevent Programme”)
- Development of Inter Faith Week (November)
- Challenges posed by International Events

2021 CENSUS FIGURE (ENGLAND & WALES)

	2021	2011	2001
Christian	46%	59.3%	71.75%
Muslim	6.5%	5.7%	2.97%
Hindu	1.7%	1.5%	1.6%
Sikh	0.9%	0.8%	0.6%
No religion	37.2%	25.2%	14.81%

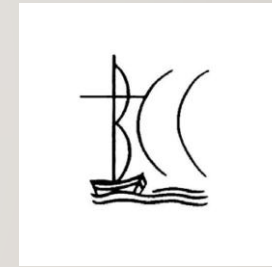
“IN OUR TIME”



Second Vatican Council:
“Nostra Aetate”



World Council of
Churches



British Council of
Churches: CRPOF (1978)

PRINCIPALS OF DIALOGUE

1. Dialogue begins when people meet each other.
2. Dialogue depends upon mutual understanding and mutual trust.
3. Dialogue makes it possible to share in service to the community.
4. Dialogue becomes the medium of authentic witness.

CATHOLIC MODELS OF INTERRELIGIOUS ENCOUNTER

- **The Dialogue of Life**, where people strive to live in an open and neighbourly spirit with one another;
- **The Dialogue of Action**, in which Christians and others collaborate for the integral development and liberation of people;
- **The Dialogue of Theological Exchange**, where specialists seek to deepen their understanding of their respective religious heritages;
- **The Dialogue of Religious Experience**, where persons, rooted in their own religious traditions, share their spiritual riches”

THE AMBIGUITY OF HOSPITALITY

- Initial warm welcome, apparent expressions of friendship
- But “this my place and my rules”
- “Make yourself at home” (but you are here on sufferance)
- The Latin root *hospes/hostis* can also mean “stranger”, “foreigner” or even “enemy”

INTER FAITH AS AN EXPRESSION OF MISSION

- Reconciliation, Solidarity and Justice
- Dialogue and Co-operation as witnessing to the self-giving love of God in Christ
- Can dialogue with other faiths help to transform faith? (Cardinal Kaspar – Sacrament of Otherness)



**MAKING A
DIFFERENCE
TOGETHER**



LISTENING TO EACH OTHER'S STORIES



**JOHN 4: "I AM HE
WHO IS SPEAKING
WITH YOU"**

INTER FAITH TOOLKIT 2026

- The Christian call to unity empowers and helps equip us for dialogue
- Planning for effective dialogue
- Can we pray with people of other faiths?
- Mind your language: negotiating language in inter religious dialogue
- Upholding peace, not importing conflict
- Dialogue Deepens and Enriches Faith