Croydon Breaks the Fast Together with the theme of "Unity within Diversity"

Residents from all walks of life got together to celebrate the breaking of the Ramadan fast at Croydon Minster Church Hall in Croydon on 16th May.

Guest speakers including the former Mayor of Croydon, Cllr Bernadette Khan, MPs Chris Philp and Sarah Jones, Faith Liaison Officer at Met Police, Nermin Turley, Chair of FTiC, Penny Smith-Orr and other guest speakers stressed the importance of unity and interfaith understanding in the Croydon community.

The Iftar feast was laid on by the Dialogue Society a charity that organises community and interfaith activities and work in partnership with local community groups.

"We aim to increase engagement and close the distance among the community," explains Sharon Kilborne, Community coordinator at Croydon Council.

"These events bring people together and are an opportunity to learn about each other" says Fr Alan, priest at Croydon Minster "It's about creating the environment we want our kids to grow up in." said another local resident. Interfaith dinners are planned throughout the month of Ramadan in a number of locations across the UK. For more information please visit Dialogue Society website at <u>www.dialoguesociety.org</u> or on Twitter @Dialogue Society