

St Laurence Church, Catford

We first encountered Imam Shakeel Begg shortly after 9/11, when he agreed to come to address the congregation here at St Laurence Church, Catford after a Sunday morning service. In a deeply moving presentation, he explained to us that Islam is a religion of peace, and went on to condemn all perpetrators of acts of violence.

Over the many years that I have had the privilege of working alongside Imam Shakeel and members of the Catford and Lewisham Islamic Centre for the local community, I have come to realise that he is a true man of peace, and increasingly come to respect the work of the Islamic Centre as a force for good for all the people of Lewisham Borough.

Canon Charles Pickstone
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