

Directory of Places of Worship in Merton

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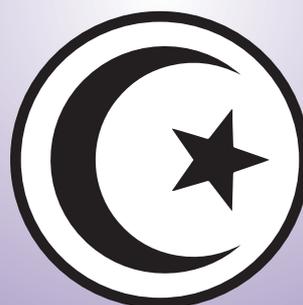
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For School Visits
as part of Religious Education

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Introduction

This is a revised edition of the directory of local places of worship in Merton that SACRE hopes will be a valuable resource for all schools.

Visiting a place of worship is one way of making a religion come alive and pupils can experience first hand the artefacts and symbols associated with the faith. Sometimes the lack of artefacts in certain buildings is also a learning point. The places of worship have been listed alphabetically by location and by faith or belief. We hope there will be sufficient places for you to choose from that are near to your school.

You will notice that there are great physical differences between some buildings of the same faith, and some children will find this intriguing. Do encourage them to ask questions.

You are encouraged to keep this directory with your copy of the Merton Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education so that it is available for teachers when they are planning a visit.

Please do inform the SACRE Representative at the Civic Centre if you become aware of any information that is out of date for any place of worship identified in this directory.

We do hope the teachers and pupils will use this directory to enhance the RE in your school and to establish good relations with the faith communities in your area.

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Visiting Places of Worship

Visits to places of worship are a vital part of any Religious Education programme. They provide pupils with an invaluable first-hand experience and an opportunity to discover for themselves the unique atmosphere of a living, worshipping faith community. Whether it is a grand edifice where people have prayed for centuries, or a converted public building devotedly transformed, or a bare hall for peaceful reflection, each has its own distinctive character capable of providing a rich resource for those who visit.

Under the **Prevent duty** schools must follow due diligence and make reasonable checks that speakers will not say anything to radicalise or show support for extremism. Schools are encouraged to debate issues. Faith groups can help reassure schools by providing information about speakers and visits.

Beliefs and Teachings

A visit will involve pupils meeting one or more representatives of a faith community who will be able to talk about the beliefs and teachings of the faith. They will be shown the special books from which the teachings originate and will be able to see how they are used.

Worship, Festivals and Practices

It is this strand which will be most served by visits. Pupils will see exactly how and where worship takes place. It is not unusual for them to be able to witness people at prayer while they are there. They will see the special objects and symbols that relate to worship and learn their significance. They will have the opportunity of discovering what part the building plays in the celebration of festivals and other important occasions such as ceremonies which mark important stages in life: baptism, marriage, Bar / Bat Mitzvah, etc.

Ways of Life

Faith representatives will be able to answer questions about what commitment to their belief

involves. They will show how the building is not only used for worshipping but is also a community centre which meets the social, cultural and educational needs of its members.

Clear Objectives

It is essential to have a clear idea of what the pupils are expected to gain from the visit. Although they will learn about and react to a number of things, it should not be too open-ended. It is better to focus on one or two particular aspects which fit in with the topic / module that is being studied. This will have implications for when the visit takes place, e.g.,

- as an introduction and stimulus at the beginning
- as a means of supporting the learning which is in progress
- as a re-enforcement or culmination of what has been done.

Planning the Visit

As an integral part of learning in RE, visits to places of worship should be built into planning and not simply included as an after-thought. This will also ensure that everyone who is likely to be involved or affected will be well prepared for the visit.

Headteacher

If the headteacher is fully aware of the importance of visits and has a clear understanding of how they enrich pupils' learning, s/he will be more likely to be supportive of any timetable adjustments that may be necessary. A brief statement about intended visits could be included in the school brochure. This will also help to prepare parents whose support and understanding is essential. All journeys should take place within the framework and procedures adopted by the school.

Staff

Visits can be disruptive to timetables and it is important that they are known about well in advance. Sometimes, particularly where whole school topics are followed, a visit to a place of worship can be linked with other subject areas such as history or art. However, it is important that the RE focus does not become marginalised. The aims and objectives of RE should be fully met.

The faith community

Contact should be made with the representative from the place of worship as early as possible and at least several weeks in advance. Ideally there should be a pre-visit to the place of worship so that the organiser can have a good knowledge of the premises beforehand. The following aspects need to be discussed:

- the date(s) and timings. There will need to be flexibility in order not to clash with certain holy days or festivals when visits might not be appropriate or allowed. Sometimes, the opposite is true and a visit during a festival can greatly enhance learning and fit in with one of the topic objectives. In these instances, pupils will be able to capture the essence of the celebration by seeing artefacts in evidence that are specific to the occasion, e.g. an Easter garden in the entrance of a church or a Jewish Sukkah built at a synagogue.
- special requirements concerning behaviour, e.g. whether pupils will be able to sketch, make notes, take photographs.
- dress code. (This will vary and included in this section is some information about procedures specific to the main religions.)
- the number of pupils that can be comfortably accommodated.
- the age range (and ability, if appropriate) of the group.

- a fee or donation to the community.
- provision for special educational needs e.g. wheel-chair access, toilets.
- length of time to be spent at the place of worship.
- format of the visit.

Just as a classroom lesson is well structured with clear objectives, a visit to a place of worship should be well organised with clear teaching and learning objectives.

First impressions

It can be valuable to ask that the pupils be allowed to just sit and respond quietly in their own way when they first enter the area of worship. It will be a very new experience for most of them and it is important that they should be able just to absorb the atmosphere and reflect in their own way. If the introductory talk is launched into immediately, this important opportunity is missed. Leave the children to be awed by their surroundings.

Introductory talk

It is important for teachers to convey their knowledge of the concentration span of their pupils to whoever is giving the introductory talk. Faith representatives may not always be experienced in this field. If an introductory talk is to be given, the speaker may need to be made aware of things that are important when talking to children (e.g. age appropriateness, content, tone etc.). Sometimes, the host will prefer this to be done by the teacher and will only be there in the capacity of showing the pupils round. If this is the case s/he should be party to what is going to be said beforehand and may wish to make useful suggestions. The introduction may include the asking of questions, which the pupils have already prepared.

The rest of the visit might include:

- demonstration of aspects of worship e.g. preparing bread and wine for Communion, the Torah scrolls being brought out and read, watching a Hindu arti ceremony, listening to music etc.
- taking part. Sometimes arrangements can be made for children to be involved in a simulation of a particular activity, e.g. a Christening. With prior agreement with a church minister and the use of a doll, this can be an enjoyable and effective way of experiencing such ceremonies. The use of the candle can help create feelings of awe.
- a guided tour of all the different areas of the building. This might include:
 - the vestry where a minister can show where the different robes worn at different times of the church year are kept. S/he might be persuaded to model them!
 - the ablution area of the mosque where wudu takes place before prayer.
 - the kitchen area of the gurdwara where the langar is prepared for Sikh worshippers.
 - an opportunity to fill in question sheets, draw or photograph symbols and special objects.

Informing the parents

If parents have been made aware at the outset that visits to places of worship are an essential part of RE, there will be no surprises and any misgivings they might have will have already been addressed. Occasionally resistance will be met and where parents are opposed to the visit, their views must be respected and arrangements for the pupils to remain in school must be made. It is usually better to pre-empt any worries by letting them know in advance exactly what is and is not going to happen. e.g.:

- pupils will not be taking part in worship
- there will be no form of proselytising or evangelising
- any requirements to wear head covering are an outward token of respect for others' beliefs and sensitivities.

It is often a good idea to give the opportunity for parents to join the pupils on the visit. It helps to allay fears and overcome any misconceptions they might have. Those who take up this invitation usually find it an interesting and often enriching experience, which can be discussed at home later.

Preparing the pupils

Pupils will have a clear idea of the purpose of the visit if the lesson(s) leading up to it has been designed with preparation for it in mind. This will include practical issues i.e.:

- travel and eating arrangements
- behaviour and dress code
- what to bring e.g. camera, clip-board, note-book

This will depend on the focus of the visit and at what stage of the learning it takes place.

It could involve:

- looking at a DVD, pictures, artefacts etc.
- having a visit from the representatives of the faith to meet the class beforehand
- giving out charts, worksheets or diagrams and discussing how they are to be used on the visit
- planning questions

Pupils can be involved in drawing up questions to ask during the visit. They can be given help in learning how some questions are more appropriate than others so that no offence might be given. However, natural curiosity should not be curbed and it is often good for adults to know what puzzles and interests children. It can be an important challenge to them!

The visit itself

This will hopefully follow the prepared plan. It is important that teachers, classroom assistants and any accompanying parents are clearly briefed so that they are aware of the aims of the visit.

Follow-up with pupils

As soon as is practicable, there should be a debriefing allowing pupils to react and respond to the visit. This can include:

- open discussion where thoughts and feelings are shared
- direct questioning
- response through creative writing, art etc.
- writing thank you letters

At a later stage...

- work and photographs can form a display for others to see
- the visit could be the focus of an assembly

Follow up with the Faith Representatives

In addition to a formal letter of thanks, a meeting can often be useful so that views can then take place on how arrangements might need to be adjusted for a future occasion. They may be interested in mounting a display of some of the pupils' work at the place of worship, or even coming to see it at school.

Places of Worship

The information below gives a few basic requirements as an introduction to visiting places of worship. However, these should be more thoroughly researched with the individual faith communities themselves. Even within a religion, there may be different practices according to the denomination or branch of the faith concerned.

Buddhist places of worship

- The buildings, usually called temples, will have a central shrine with a statue of the Buddha, which is the main focus for teaching and meditation.
- Visitors may be asked to remove shoes and to sit on the floor in the shrine area.

Christian places of worship

- The large number of Christian denominations is reflected in the widely differing styles of church buildings.
- No special dress is required, though modesty is appreciated.
- Certain parts may be out of bounds e.g. altar area.

Hindu places of worship

- They are generally known as Mandirs, though 'temple' is often used.
- The main hall for worship contains images of deities used as the focus for worship (murtis). The word 'idol' and 'statue' should not be used.
- Shoes are removed.
- Seating is on the floor.
- Food may be offered to the pupils.

Jewish places of worship

- These are called synagogues.
- In orthodox synagogues males and females sit separately.
- Head covering is required. For males caps are usually provided.

Muslim places of worship

- These are called masjids or mosques.
- Shoes are removed.
- Males and females sit separately on the floor.
- Head covering is required.
- Females should be dressed modestly with arms and legs covered.

Sikh places of worship

- These are called gurdwaras.
- Shoes are removed.
- Modest dress is required.
- Food may be offered to the pupils.
- Need to cover head with a scarf during visit.

Question Bank

In devising worksheets or leading discussion before and after the visit it is important to devise questions that link with the learning objectives and outcomes. Below are some examples, which can be adapted or drawn upon.

Key Questions related to AT1: Knowledge and understanding of religion. Learning about religions

- Are there any signs or symbols outside the building, which give clues about the beliefs of the people who use it?
- What is the title of the person who welcomed you?
- Did she or he wear any special clothes?
- What did you learn about their role?
- What customs did you learn about which showed the building is treated with respect?
- What did you find out about how, when and where prayers take place?
- What name was given to the special book or writings used?
- How could you tell they were special?
- Were there any signs, symbols and special objects which gave clues about who or what is worshipped?
- What did you discover about activities that take place other than worship and prayer?

Key Questions related to AT2: Exploring and responding to religions and moral issues. Learning from religion.

(These may be useful to raise before a visit)

- Do you have a special place you can call your own - a bedroom, play room, tree-house or just a corner of a room where you keep your things?
- Is there somewhere you can go if you want to be completely alone to think?
- What is the most special building you have ever been to? What made it special?
- Is there a room or area at school that is different or more special than the rest?

- If you could design an area at school where people could go to be peaceful, what would it be like?
- How, when and why might it be used?
- If people with religious faith can pray or worship anywhere or at any time, why do they choose to have special buildings?

(After a visit)

- How was the building different from other buildings?
- What did you notice first?
- What do you remember best?
- What kind of atmosphere did it have e.g. peaceful, colourful?
- Are there any questions you would like to ask someone of your age who goes there?
- What did you like best and why?
- How do you think the building might help people feel able to worship?

Possible activities relating to

AT1:

1. Design a leaflet which welcomes people to the place of worship you have visited. Decide what information you want to give them and use pictures and diagrams to make it interesting.
2. Make a model of one of the important objects used in the place you visited. Write a short description saying what it is and how it is used.
3. Imagine you are one of the special objects you have seen and that you can talk. Write about yourself. It could be:
 - an extract from your diary after some people have visited you

- a day in your life
- a talk to a group of people who have never met you
- a letter to a new friend

AT2:

Children may be encouraged to respond to the place they have just visited by making up a poem or designing something relevant to send as a thank you.

Some ideas could be:

1. Design a special area at school for people to go if they wish to be peaceful and quiet.
2. Write a poem expressing feelings or thoughts about the place of worship you have visited. (sensitivity from teachers required if the child is not from this faith)
3. Design and make a poster with a picture or abstract design to go with your thank you letter after your visit.*
4. Children may wish to make up a suitable prayer that could be used in the place they have visited if that doesn't compromise their own faith or belief.

* N.B. part of RE is finding out about what designs or pictures might or might not be appropriate for the faith or belief group to receive.

Local Places of Worship

[Click here](#) for directory of Places of Worship.

Visits to schools by people from a faith or belief community

The Agreed Syllabus for the London Borough of Merton states that people who can give their own account of their religion or belief are welcome to come into the schools.

However, there are matters that need addressing.

People of faith or belief who don't normally work in a school may not fully understand the educational context of the school and their invitation into it. Explaining their faith or belief in other contexts may include an attempt to convince the listener that their faith or belief is the right one.

However, the children in each school are entrusted by their parents to be taught in a way that does not compromise their own faith, whilst informing them of the beliefs and lifestyles of others in the community.

As a visitor:

- You would be visiting as a representative of your faith or belief group, following an agreement with the Headteacher of the school in question.
- You might take assemblies or lessons, or help with resources relating to your faith or belief.
- You might sit in lessons or assemblies to get a feel of the context of RE within the particular school
- You could meet with staff in the context of Religious Education from your perspective of a faith/ belief visitor
- You could tease out concerns about the Agreed Syllabus where it relates to your faith or belief, and its ease of use in teaching religion or belief within the school
- You would be with a member of staff at all times. The school may insist on an DBS Check

Recommended sentences to use so as to teach, but not preach are:

'Christians/ Humanists/ Muslims/ etc believe that...'

or

'I do because I am a Buddhist/ Jain/ Baha'i/ etc'

or

'In the view of Jews/ Hindus/ Sikhs/ etc etc'

Following is a code of conduct that is recommended that schools follow if receiving visitors from faith or belief groups into schools. This code was developed for faith visitors, but general principles apply whether the visit is from a faith group or a belief group.

Code of Conduct - faith or belief visitors to schools

Religious visitors taking part in the life of a school should:

- be willing to share their own experiences, beliefs and insights, but avoid criticising the experience and insights of others and imposing their views upon pupils in any way;
- be familiar with the school's aims, ethos and policies, and plan their involvement in the light of the aims and curriculum at the school;
- seek to use engaging teaching and learning methods that involve the pupils actively, and to communicate at appropriate levels for the age-group(s) concerned;
- make clear to pupils who they are, who they represent, and what their aims are;
- be willing to respect and value the faith of the pupils and adults in the school when it is different from their own;
- develop ways of speaking to pupils that communicate their open approach, avoiding any hidden agenda to 'convert' or proselytise.

A key question to help visitors reflect on their approach:

If a member of another religion (or a non-religious belief group*) visited my child's school and contributed in the same way that I have done, would I, as a parent, be happy with the education given?

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* added by SACRE Merton

Below are excerpts from the Agreed Syllabus and the revised Circular 1/94 (Non-Statutory Guidance 2009) which sets out that any work done in a school is educational and must not be indoctrinating.

The content of RE & Collective Worship 'must not be designed to convert pupils, or to urge a particular religion or religious belief on pupils' (Education Act 1944, Section 26 (2)).

The Education Reform Act (1988) requires that an Agreed Syllabus should 'reflect the fact that the religious traditions in Great Britain are in the main Christian, while taking account of the teachings and practices of the other principal religions represented in Great Britain' (Education Reform Act 1988, Section 8);

Since the 1988 Act the National Framework and the 'Non-Statutory Guidance 2009' fully include not only people from the 'religious traditions', but also 'belief groups' such as Humanism.

For example, the guidance 2009 includes a paragraph that says:

Section 78 (1) of the 2002 Education Act requires that the whole curriculum should be a balanced and broadly based curriculum which "promotes the spiritual, moral, cultural, mental and physical development of pupils and of society, and prepares pupils for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of later life".

Learning about and from religions and beliefs through the distinct knowledge, understanding and skills contained in RE, plays an essential role in achieving these aims. Religious education (RE) should be taught in an objective and pluralistic manner, and not as indoctrination into a particular faith or belief. It is important that pupils learn about the concept of religion and belief and the part it plays in the spiritual, moral and cultural lives of people in a diverse society.

Directory of Places of Worship

Ahmadiyya Muslim Association

Baitul Futuh Mosque

Address of Place:	Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, 181, London Road, Morden SM4 5PT.
Telephone No.:	020 8687 7800
Fax	020 8687 7899
Contact Person:	Mr. Asad Malik, External Relations Officer
Contact Address:	as above. Tel.No. 020 8687 7812
Email:	info@baitulfutuh.org
Website:	www.alislam.org or www.ahmadiyya.org.uk
Charge for visits:	No
Age groups catered for:	Any age group
Times to visit:	Morning or afternoon by arrangement
Visits will be:	Hosted by a member of the community
Other information:	Dress code - decent, no alcohol allowed
Training to teachers offered:	Yes
Special Features:	Recently constructed mosque, largest in Europe, enabling 5,500 to observe prayers in the mosque with another 5,000 in adjacent halls. Administrative offices and Community Centre for Religious Education and meetings. It's motto is "Love For All, Hatred For None"
Other Information:	Ahmadiyya Muslim Association UK is the oldest Muslim Organisation in the UK. It has the first mosque in London at Southfields and has 80 branches in the UK. The Community publishes the Holy Qur'an and other literature.

A quote from their publication:

The worldwide Ahmadiyya Muslim community was established in 1889 in a remote village in India by Hadhrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (peace be upon him), who under Divine guidance claimed to be the Promised Reformer of the latter days awaited by all the major religions. He did not bring any new law or teachings but revived the original peaceful teachings of Islam as revealed in the Holy Qur'an and to Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him).

Following the demise of the community's founder in 1908, the institution of Khilafat (spiritual leadership in Islam) was re-established under Divine Guidance, The community is currently led by its fifth Khalifat, His Holiness Hadhrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad. His Holiness is particularly dedicated to ensure that Islam is viewed and understood as a religion of peace throughout the world. He has repeatedly emphasised the fact that Islam rejects violence in any form and for any reason as it is completely at odds with Islam, a word which itself means peace.

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Baptist

Merton Park Baptist Church

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Contact Email:	Keithmpbc@gmail.com
Telephone No.:	0208 542 2730
Website:	www.mertonparkbaptist.co.uk
Contact Address:	as above
Special Features:	Church built and fellowship established in 1928, 2 years after the Sunday School, which started off in the home of one of the founding members. Baptistry, lectern, communion table. Hall attached is used for youth work and other church activities.
Other Information:	Party size 20-25, steps into building, toilets. All ages are welcome to visit.
	Merton Park Baptist Church is a growing mixed age and race congregation whose goal is to worship God through serving Christ, sharing faith and shaping lives. The Bible, as God's message to mankind, provides the foundation for all we teach and do. We also believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and that the Holy Spirit has been sent to the Christian Church to help us follow Jesus' example and instruction.
	Our Sunday services at 10:30am & 6:30pm have a contemporary feel to them with additional activities available for children during the Sunday morning service. Other activities take place during the week including the Alpha Course, home-groups for Bible study, prayer and support, Girls' Brigade, Play well - Carer & Toddler Group and specific activities for men and for women. The Church was formed in 1928 to serve Christ in a new and developing residential area and has always had good links with the local community. We currently attract people from a wide area but maintain a close family atmosphere within the church fellowship. We strive to love and care for each other and be supportive of one another wherever possible.
	Our church building is located within walking distance (20 min) of Merton Park tram stop, with bus 164 stopping outside the front door and buses 152 & 163 just a few minutes walk away in Kingston Road, Wimbledon Chase. Wimbledon Chase train station is also just a couple of minutes walk away. The church has its own car park available for church patrons accessed from Botsford Road. The building is equipped with access and toilets for the disabled and changing facilities for babies. Visits can be on Mondays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays.

Mitcham Baptist Church

Address of Place: 191a London Road Mitcham CR4 2JD
Contact Name: Rev Philip Lutterodt
Telephone No.: 0208 640 4695
Contact Email: mitchambaptistchurch@btconnect.com
Website: www.mitchambaptistchurch.org.uk

Mitcham Lane Baptist Church

Address of Place: 230 Mitcham Lane, Streatham, London SW16 6NT
Contact Name: Reverend Philip Barnard Email: phil.barnard@mlbc.org.uk
Telephone No.: 0208 677 5376
Contact Address: As above
Special Features: Built in 1902, this red-brick church is a grade-two listed building designed by architect George Baines. Two storey, with a three-sided gallery. The interior was modernised in the late 1980's and the pews were removed. There is an original baptistry set into the stage area. Main Hall to rear of site (built 1950's) replaced earlier hall bombed out in WW2. Modern Foyer area built in 1998.

A multi-cultural congregation of 200+ the church is involved in many different weekly activities including a pre-school. Shares many aspects of ministry and community work with the parish churches of St James & St Albans including the development of Furzedown Youth Centre. To help people suffering poverty, they are also a CAP (Christians Against Poverty) Centre.

We can show school groups around. The Pastor, Rev. Phil Barnard, has much experience of working with primary schools. The full-time Youth Worker, Fiona Perham, has also experience of working with younger and teenage children.

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Morden Baptist Church

Address of Place:	Crown Lane, Morden, Surrey SM4 5BL
Senior Minister	Rev. Gavin Murray
Contact Name:	Kay Harvey, Ministries Co-ordinator
Email	mbc@faithinmorden.com
Website	www.faithinmorden.com
Telephone No.:	0208540 9380
Contact Address:	Church Office
Special Features:	Current buildings date from 1929 and 1935 with extensive modern frontage added in 1990. Established originally in 1885 as a small meeting above a shop, inspired by the great British preacher Charles Haddon Spurgeon. Transferred to a "Tin Tabernacle" in 1896. Baptistry for full immersion. Communion table.
Other Information:	Disabled access to ground floor, toilets including disabled, small car park. School parties of up to 2 classes welcome for visits, talks about Baptist churches and demonstrations of full immersion baptism if appropriate.

Morden Park Baptist Church

Address of Place:	Lower Morden Lane, Morden, Surrey SM4 4SP
Contact Name:	in between ministers
Telephone No.:	020 8337 0918
Email:	mordenpark@gmail.com
Website	www.mpbc.org.uk
Contact Address:	As above
Special Features:	Built in 1991, this church is an example of how traditional values can be interpreted in a contemporary society. It has a modern baptistry, communion table, deacons' chairs and hymn books alongside video links, audio desk, synthesiser and video projector. Several side halls are used for community activities and youth work. Visits, any day other than Friday.
Other Information:	Party size 30-35, toilets designed for disabled access. Kitchen with cooking facilities. No dress code or food restrictions.

Oasis Church

Address of Place:	Oasis Church 1-27 Fortescue Road, Colliers Wood London SW19 2EA
Telephone No.:	020 8288 8866
Contact Name:	Rev. Sam and Grace Onyenuforo
Fax	020 8287 0444
Email:	admin@oasischurch.org.uk
Contact Address:	as above
Web site	www.oasischurch.org.uk
Special Features:	New church, founded in 1990 by Queen's Road Baptist Church, Wimbledon. Any age welcome to visit. They don't normally do school visits but are happy to be asked. We are an international church based in SW London filled with people from different nations and backgrounds. We are ordinary people whose lives have been changed by meeting with an extraordinary God. Jesus said those who committed their lives to Him would be "born again" - a new life, free of the past, would begin centred on a personal relationship with Him as Lord.

Pollards Hill Baptist Church

Address of Place:	Wide Way, Mitcham, Surrey CR4 1BN
Contact Name:	Rev. Gerry Stanton
Telephone No.:	0208 679 6755
Email:	Admin.phbc@gmail.com
Contact Address:	www.phbc.org.uk
Special Features:	Church founded in March 1938 and present building erected in 1940. The chapel is used for worship every Sunday morning and every 1st & 3rd Sunday*. Note the central pulpit, the plain communion table, and the baptistry large enough for baptising adults by immersion. Not receiving schools at the moment. *There is an evening service.

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Streatham Vale Baptist Church

Address of Place: Leonard Road, Streatham SW16 5SY
 Contact Name: Edla Rouse
 Contact Address: as above
 Telephone No.: 0208646 0450
 Email: barbara@parlett.eu
 Website: www.thevalechurch.org.uk

Buddhism

The Buddhapadipa Temple

Address of Place: 14 Calonne Road, Wimbledon, London SW19 5HJ
 Contact Name: PM Sangthong Dhammacaro - Buddhist Missionary
 Secretary Telephone No: 020 8946 1357
 Contact Address: As above
 Email: dhammacaro@hotmail.com
 Website: www.buddhapadipa.org
 Special Features: Teaching the Theravadin School of Buddhism, insight in meditation, Buddhist philosophy and psychology.
 Other Information: Party size 30-50. Disabled access and toilets including disabled. To help school children and college students with their projects on Buddhism.

Christian Science

Christian Science Society, Wimbledon

Address of Place: 59 Worple Road, Wimbledon, London SW19 4LB
 Contact Name: Miss Kathleen Holmes
 Telephone No.: 0208 942 1382
 Contact Address: as above
 Special Features: Reading room open every Tuesday 2.00-4.00pm for enquiries as well as study.
 Other Information: Testimony meeting the first Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm. Sunday School for pupils up to the age of 20 at 11.00am. Welcomes visitors and enquiries.

Christadelphians

Morden Christadelphians Morden Assembly Hall

Address of Place:	Tudor Drive Lower, Morden Surrey
Contact Name:	Mr. G.L. Marrable (Secretary)
Telephone No.:	0208 393 1551
Contact Address:	16 Hessele Grove Ewell Epsom KT17 1JS
Special Features:	Non-conformist Christian faith Other
Information:	Disabled access and toilet.

Church of England

All Saints' Parish Church

Address of Place:	All Saints Road London SW19 1BU
Contact Name:	Rev. Michael Blackman - Vicar
Contact Address:	As above
Email:	michaelblackman1@sky.com
Website:	www.allsaintswimbleton.org.uk
Telephone no:	020 8542 2787
Special Features:	A Victorian church of generous proportions, now being renovated to its original glory. Impressive interior dominated by rood screen, stained glass is early Kempe.
Other Information:	Steps to main door, disabled level access through hall in Norman Road.

Christ Church

Address of Place:	Christchurch Road, Colliers Wood, London SW19 2NY
Contact Name:	vacancy at the time of writing
Email:	sjccparishoffice@yahoo.co.uk
Contact Address:	St John's Vicarage, High Path SW19 2JY
Special Features:	Victorian Parish Church built in 1874. Restored after bomb damage and reopened in 1953 with new ceiling and new stained glass windows. Peal of six bells dating from 1884. School parties welcome. Disabled access via ramp. Toilets adjacent to hall.

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Christ Church

Address of Place:	Christ Church Vicarage, 16 Copse Hill, London SW20 0HG
Contact Name:	Rev. Richard Lane - Vicar
Telephone No.:	0208 946 4491
Email:	ccparishoffice@yahoo.co.uk
Website:	www.christchurch-westwimbledon.org
Contact Address:	As above
Special Features:	Built in 1860 by the architect Samuel Teulon, this pleasant Victorian church is a grade II listed building.
Other Information:	Disabled access and toilets in adjoining hall which is used daily by community groups and is also available for hire. All welcome to Sunday worship at 10am.

Church of the Ascension

Address of Place:	Sherwood Park Road, Mitcham, Surrey CR4 1NJ
Contact Name:	Reverend Jenny Thomas
Email:	ascentionchurch@btinternet.com
Website:	www.ascentionpollardshill.blogspot.com
Telephone No.:	0208 764 1258
Contact Address:	The Vicarage
	As above
Special Features:	Built 1954 in Anglo-Catholic tradition using many furnishings from war damaged churches. Interesting stained glass (1954 and 1955) and other modern religious art. Anglican parish serving Pollards Hill.
Other Information:	Groups of up to 35 can be arranged through the contact name

Dundonald Church

Address of Place:	577 Kingston Road, Raynes Park, London SW20 8SA
Email:	ed@dundonald.org info@dundonald.org
Website:	www.dundonald.org
Contact Name:	Ed Drew, Children's Worker
Telephone No.:	020 8543 4411
Special Features:	Converted from a Print works in 2008 into a flexible Church building and community centre.
Other Information:	<p>Disabled access. Toilets including disabled.</p> <p>The Church is used throughout the week for Mums and Toddlers, Dads and Toddlers, Holiday Clubs, after school clubs and youth groups, as well as a variety of adult groups</p> <p>Dundonald Church is part of the Church of England.</p> <p>Ed, our full time Children's Worker, has extensive experience of working in local primary Schools. Ed would happily take school assemblies, RE lessons or host a class in our building; according to your needs and curriculum.</p>

Emmanuel Church

Address of Place:	Dudley Drive, Morden, Surrey SM4 4RJ
Contact Name:	Reverend David Ruddick or Administrator – Mrs Jill Moseley
Telephone No.:	0208337 6621
Website:	www.emmanuelmorden.org.uk
Email:	office@emmanuelmorden.org.uk
Contact Address:	As above
Special Features:	Emmanuel church is a “ daughter” church to St Lawrence Church, Morden, started around 1950. Built early 1960's brick built, many large windows, bell tower – with no bells! Mixture of services, morning worship, family service, Holy Communion – all fairly informal, music-modern, also evening services.
Other Information:	Adjacent church hall – used for many activities including church run mid-week youth and children's groups (called Campaigners). Also various Sunday children/young people's work. Wheelchair ramp access to both hall and church. Loop system installed in the church.

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Emmanuel Church

Address of Place:	24 Ridgeway, Wimbledon, London SW19 4QL
Contact Name:	Rev. Robin Weekes
Telephone No.:	0208879 7400
Contact Address:	As above
Website	www.wimbledon.org.uk
Email	info@emmanuelwimbledon.org.uk
Special Features:	Built in 1886, as a result from a split from 'the parish church'. An independent Anglican Proprietary Chapel, with an evangelical basis of faith in accord with the traditional understanding of orthodox Christianity in a modern setting.
Other Information:	Meetings: 9.30 am Book of Common Prayer 11.00 am Family Service 6.00 pm Evening Praise Mid-week meetings for bible study and many youth groups.

Holy Trinity and St Peter

Address of Place:	234 The Broadway, London, SW19 1SB
Contact Name:	Rev. Chris Palmer
Telephone No.:	0208542 2313
Website	www.holytrinity-southwimbledon.org.uk
Contact Address:	As above
Email	admin@ht-sw.org.uk
Special Features:	Built in 1862, heavily altered in 1979. Fine Victorian east window, Lively, welcoming Christian fellowship.
Other information:	Hall available for hire.

Mitcham Parish Church

Address of Place:	Church Road, Mitcham, Surrey CR4 3BE
Contact Name:	Reverend John Ansell
Email:	mitchamparishchurch@uk2.net
Telephone No.:	0208 646 0666
Website	www.mitchamparishchurch.org.uk
Contact Address:	Mitcham Vicarage 11 Vicarage Gardens, Mitcham, Surrey CR4 3BL
Special Features:	Mitcham Parish Church is one of the finest buildings in the London Borough of Merton. It is a Grade II listed building. In 1991 the church was superbly decorated for the BBC programme "Challenge Anneka".
Other Information:	The church has disabled access and toilet. It also has an induction loop and sound system. The building is carpeted with moveable seating for a variety of different uses.

St Andrew's (CE) Church

Address of Place:	Herbert Road Wimbledon SW19 3SH
Contact Name:	Reverend Andrew Wakefield - Vicar
Email:	Andrew.d.wakefield@btopenworld.com
Telephone No.:	020 8542 6566
Contact Address:	as above

St Barnabas Church

Address of Place:	Goringe Park Avenue, Mitcham, Surrey CR4 2DJ
Contact Name:	Rev. Joabe Cavalcanti - Vicar
Telephone No.:	020 8648 2571
Email:	joabec@gmail.com
Website:	www.stabarnabasmitcham.org
Special Features:	Listed building by HP Burke Downing built in 1914, some old photographs and archive material on request. Also a 'fun' church quiz for children.
Other Information:	Steps in building – toilets adjoining hall

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St George's Church & Family Centre

Address of Place:	Central Road, Morden, Surrey SM4 5SG
Contact Name:	Rev. Leslie Wells - Vicar
Telephone No.:	020 8685 0012
Email:	leswells80@hotmail.com
Contact Address:	as above
Website:	www.st-georges-church.co.uk
Special Features:	The Church was built about 80 years ago. The church is Evangelical and works closely with other churches on the St Helier estate.
Other Information:	Access for disabled and toilets for disabled. We provide facilities for a local group "Friends in St Helier" (FISH) who support the elderly.

St James The Great Parish Church (Merton)

Address of Place:	Martin Way (Near Cannon Hill Lane) SW20
Contact Name:	Rev Jonathan Easton-Crouch
Telephone No.:	020 8715 4353
Email:	jonathan.easton-crouch@virgin.net
Website:	www.stjames-merton.org.uk
Special Features:	Church built 1957 – Lady Chapel open for prayer daily. Daily communion – Anglo Catholic service. Fine Hans Feibusch Mural painted on wall behind altar ‘ The Resurrection Triptych’ – a bright open church.
Other Information:	Disabled access, seats approx. 200.

St John The Baptist Church

Address of Place:	Spencer Hill / St John's Road, Wimbledon London SW19 4NZ
Contact Name:	Rev. Bruce Rickards - Team Vicar
Telephone No.:	020 8946 2605
Email:	revbruce@hotmail.com
Contact Address;	Wimbledon Parish Office
Contact Telephone No.:	0208 946 4175
Website:	www.stjohnswimbledon.org.uk
Special Features:	The church was constructed in 1875 and designed by T.J. Jackson. It is a good example of spacious gothic architecture, and has stained glass windows from the William Morris studios. The church has a Sunday School and choir.
Other Information:	The church has disabled access. The hall is used for church and local community activities and is available for hire. Contact Mr Neville, Tel. No. 0208 947 6218.

St John The Divine Parish Church

Address of Place:	High Path Merton London SW19 2JY
Contact Name:	vacancy at the time of writing
Email:	sjccparishoffice@yahoo.co.uk
Contact Address:	As above
Special Features:	Stained glass windows by E. Burne-Jones and H. Dearle (1919). Medieval stone coffin retrieved from the foundations of Merton Priory excavations in 1960's. Oak beam from Nelson's flagship 'Victory' commemorate that this church was built on land owned by Merton Place where Lord Nelson lived with Lady Hamilton.
Other Information:	St John's was built in 1913 and has a low sturdy tower. The church was damaged in the Second World War when a V2 bomb destroyed the south aisle. All the windows of the church are clear glass leaded lights apart from the Burne-Jones window in the Lady Chapel and this makes the church very light and sunny.

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St Lawrence Church

Address of Place:	London Road (Jctn. Central Road & Epsom Road) Morden SM4 5QT
Contact Name:	Rev. David Heath-White
Website:	www.stlawrencechurch.co.uk
Telephone No.:	020 8685 0012
Contact Address:	The Rectory, as above
Special Features:	The first (Norman) brick and stone church – possibly on the site of an earlier (Saxon) church, was rebuilt just before the Civil War – 1636. The interior has been relatively untouched for 350 years. The bell tower is accessible by arrangement, giving a good view over South West London, Line of Stane St., etc. Local families remembered here included Garths and Hatfields – the new Church Centre alongside, emphasises the living church, expressing commitment of the future.
Other Information:	Party size 30-65. Disabled access to church and halls. Toilets including disabled

St Luke's Church

Address of Place:	Ryfold Road, Wimbledon Park, London SW19 8BZ
Contact Name:	Reverend James Paice
Email:	churchstlukes@gmail.com
Telephone No.:	020 3732 2349
Contact Address:	as above
Website:	www.wimbledonchurch.co.uk
Special Features:	Built 1909. Fine chancel with carved panelling and mosaic reredos and imposing pulpit. Halls recently extended and refurbished due to increasing numbers of children attending church. Close to Wimbledon Park tube station
Other Information:	Party size 30-35. Disabled access to church and halls. Toilets.

St Mark's Church

Address of Place:	St Mark's Place (situated behind Wimbledon Library), Wimbledon London SW19 7ND
Contact Name:	Rev. Clive Gardiner
Email:	office@stmarks.f2s.com
Telephone No:	020 8944 8436
Contact Address:	as above
Website:	www.stmarkswimbledon.org.uk
Special Features:	St Mark's is a modern church building with a modern look. It aims to be open and inclusive in its approach to Christianity. It hosts many concerts and events, which are open to the public, and everyone is welcome at all of its acts of worship.
Other Information:	St Mark's has a keen interest in education and is particularly welcoming to children. School groups are encouraged to visit the church (by prior booking) and the Vicar is available to explain the Christian religion and the symbolism of the church, its furnishings and stained glass windows. Disabled access, toilets and kitchens.

St Mark's Church

Address of Place:	St Mark's Road, Mitcham, Surrey CR4 2LF
Contact Name:	Rev. Nigel Stone - Vicar
Email:	St_marks_church@btinternet.com
Telephone No.:	0208 648 2397
Contact Address:	As above
Website:	www.stmarksmitcham.org.uk
Special Features:	Centenary 1999, post-war stained glass, internal division – worship area and family centre.
Other Information:	Toilets, disabled access

St Martin's Church

Address of Place:	155 Camborne Road, Morden, Surrey SM4 4JN
Contact Name:	Rev. Dan McGowan - Vicar
Telephone No.:	0208 542 2966
Contact Address:	as above
Email:	contact@stmartinsmorden.org.uk
Website:	www.stmartinsmorden.org.uk
Special Features:	Built 1957, of evangelical tradition. A dual purpose building which allows use of halls and rooms for a variety of church and local activities.
Other Information:	Disabled access to lower floor. Toilets including disabled

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St Mary's Church, Summerstown

Address of Place:	46 Wimbledon Road, London SW17 0UQ
Contact Name:	Reverend Roger Ryan
Telephone No.:	020 8946 9853
Contact Address:	As above
Special Features:	Built in 1904 by Godfrey Pinkerton in red brick and Arts and Crafts style. Stained glass windows were introduced in the 1920's after William Morris and Burne-Jones. A sensitive Conservation and Restoration Project 1993-96 included new warm-air heating, new lighting, quality sound system, church floor sanded and sealed, stone cleaned, roof repairs and carpeted platform and sanctuary. St Mary's is situated next to Wimbledon Stadium (dog track) and is now used for services throughout the year.
Other Information:	Sunday morning services-holy communion on 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sunday. St Mary's Community Hall is available for hire. A warm cosy venue ideal for small receptions, children's parties, meetings, sales, conferences etc. Up to 70 people. All with easy access for disabled. Toilets.

St Mary The Virgin Church

Address of Place:	Church Path, Merton Park London SW19 3HJ
Contact Name:	Rev. John Hayward
Email:	office@stmarysmerton.org.uk
Telephone No.:	020 8542 760
Website:	www.stmarysmerton.org.uk
Special Features:	The church was founded in 1116. Admiral Lord Nelson attended the church when he lived in Merton. This church contains stain glass windows designed by William Morris Company.

St Mary The Virgin Church

Address of Place:	St Mary's Road / Arthur Road, Wimbledon, London SW19 7BP
Contact Name:	Rev. Mary Bide Wimbledon Parish Office
Telephone No.:	0208 946 2605
Email:	Parish.office@stmaryswimbledon.org
Website:	www.stmaryswimbledon.org
Contact Address:	As above
Special Features:	St Mary's church is the fourth church on the site. The first is mentioned in the Domesday Book, parts of the mediaeval chancel remain, and the nave was rebuilt in 1788 and again in 1843 by Sir Gilbert Scott. The church has a Sunday School and choir. The bells are rung regularly and include two obtained in the 1500's.
Other Information:	The church has disabled access. Fellowship House (the church hall) is used for church and local community activities and is available for hire. Contact the Parish Secretary on 0208 9462605.

St Matthew's Church

Address of Place:	Durham Road. / Spencer Road, Cottenham Park Wimbledon, London SW20 0DE
Contact Name:	Rev. Helen Orchard
Telephone No.:	020 8286 4584
Email:	orchard.helen@gmail.com
Contact Address:	as above
Website:	www.stmatthewswimbledon.org
Special Features:	The present building was completed in 1958 after being destroyed in 1945 by a doodlebug. It was designed by Sebastian Comper. The church was founded in 1895. St Matthew's church is in the Catholic tradition and has a church choir and junior church.
Other Information:	The church has disabled access.

St Olave's Parish Church

Address of Place:	The Vicarage, 22 Church Walk, London SW16 5JH
Contact Name:	Reverend Paul Ensor
Email:	pedrazzini@ukgateway.net
Telephone No.:	0208 764 2048

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St Peter's Church

Address of Place:	Bishopsford Road, Morden SM4 6BH
Contact Name:	Rev Hilary Wong / Rev Kevin Lewis
Telephone No.:	020 8685 9103
Email:	office@parishofsthelie.co.uk
Contact Address:	As above
Website:	www.parishofsthelie.co.uk
Special Features:	Built 1932. Includes facilities for youth groups, mums and toddlers groups, and other activities. Memorial to Lady St Helier.
Other Information:	One step into the building, no steps inside. Disabled toilets.

St Saviour's Church

Address of Place:	Church Walk, Grand Drive, Raynes Park SW20 9DL
Contact Name:	Rev. Michael Blackman
Email:	michaelblackman1@sky.com
Website:	www.stsaviour.net
Telephone / Fax no:	0208 542 2787
Contact Address:	As above
Special Features:	Built in 1905, re-ordered in 1989. A traditional Anglican parish.
Other Information:	Disabled access and toilets, maximum number 200.

Congregational

Dundonald Congregational Church

Address of Place:	15 Dundonald Road, Wimbledon, London SW19 3QH
Contact Name:	Rev. Nigel Lindsay
Email:	pastornigel19@yahoo.co.uk
Telephone No.:	020 8543 1440
Contact Address:	as above
Website:	www.dundonaldcongregational.org.uk
Special Features:	Church built 1957, but fellowship founded in 1886. Orthodox mainstream non-conformist Christian worship with growing and welcoming congregation. Tea, coffee and cake follow service. Sunday service 9am. and 3pm.
Other Information:	Sunday 9am – Reflections of a spiritual nature. Sunday 3pm – Preaching, hymns etc... Disabled access, toilets

Etherean Mission

Etherean Mission UK

Address of Place:	58 Gorringe Park, Mitcham, Surrey CR4 2DG
Contact Name:	Angelina Aryee, Humberta Nelson or Kofi Dampare
Contact Address:	As above
Special Features:	Etherean Mission is dedicated to self-realisation and the study of natural sciences.
Other Information:	Founder – Brother Ishmael Tetteh (Leader)

Evangelical

All Nations Revival Church

Address of Place:	Meets at Cricket Green School, Lower West Green CR4 3AF
Telephone No.:	020 8648 0735/ 07939 817836
Contact Name:	Pastor: Kevin Vickers
Contact Address:	49 Oakwood Avenue, Mitcham, Surrey CR4 3DQ
Special Features:	Member of evangelical alliance and in covenant relationship with Kingdom Faith Church, Horsham. Serving the whole community to bring good news and HOPE to all people, all ages and all nations living in Mitcham. Our vision is to see the church in Mitcham take an active part in community transformation by serving wherever we can.
Other Information:	The name is abbreviated by 'ARC'. Sunday worship is 10.30am – 12.30pm We are active in many primary schools through assemblies, the Bible Explorer Programme, and an initiative called the Jeremiah Project teaching Drug Awareness, simple Money Management Workshops and a Pastoral Support Programme for children and parents. ARC is a good example of the Church not being the “building” but the PEOPLE who make up the church.

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Everyday Church Wimbledon

Address of Place:	30 Queens Road, Wimbledon, London SW19 8LR
Telephone No.:	020 8947 1859
Email:	office@everyday.org.uk
Website:	www.everyday.org.uk
Contact Name:	Sean Hammond, Assistant Venue Pastor
	Telephone no: 020 8947 1859 phone to check re age groups and bookings
Special Features:	Built in 1987. Baptistery. Other rooms include multi-purpose sports hall and coffee area used for youth work and other church activities. Sanctuary seats 420. The building also includes offices for staff. The fellowship used to meet in a Victorian building further along the road – now part of CentreCourt shopping centre. Charles Ingrem laid the original foundation stone.
Other Information:	Disabled access and lifts. Toilets including disabled. Church is used for various community activities including children's holiday clubs. The church is associated with Newfrontiers and is a member of the Evangelical Alliance.

Hillside Church

Address of Place:	37 Worple Road, London SW19 4JZ
Contact Name:	Richard Thomas
Telephone No.:	020 8944 5544
Contact Address:	as above
Email:	lynda@hillsidewimbledon.org
Website	www.hillsidewimbledon.org
Email	rjkthomas@gmail.com
Other Information:	The church is non denominational. It has a baptistry. for baptism by immersion, Richard Thomas is very happy to welcome classes from schools for visits.

Merton Evangelical Church

Address of Place:	Nelson Grove Road South Wimbledon London SW19 2LG
Telephone No.:	0208 540 6104
Contact Address:	C/O Merton Evangelical Church, as above
Special Features:	A witness in Merton Abbey for over 120 years. A new chapel extension built in 1986.
Other Information:	Non-charismatic and non-ecumenical

New Life Church

Address of Place:	Meets at South Wimbledon Community Centre, 76 Kingston Road Wimbledon SW19 1LA
Contact Name:	Jonathan Hotchkiss
Telephone No.:	+44 7971952596
Email :	jonathanhotchkiss2010@gmail.com
Website:	www.newlifewimbledon.org
Contact Address:	via email or phone
Special Features:	New Life Church is a small but growing local Christian Church. It is independent in status, evangelical in theology and charismatic in its worship and lifestyle. As a people we aim to please God in all we do and enjoy His character in our experience.

Wimbledon Seventh Day Adventist

Address of Place:	Stanley Road, Wimbledon, London SW19 8RE
Telephone No.:	0208 543 5923
Contact Address:	As above
Special Features:	Built in 1924. Pulpit, communion table, baptistry. Organ and piano. Halls and rooms used for Saturday (Sabbath) worship and other church and local community activities and functions. Community services on Tuesday mornings, health check-ups every first Tuesday in a month. Keep fit every Saturday morning.
Other Information:	Congregation size 100-120. Toilets, kitchen, youth hall, welfare room, children's rooms and vestry.

Hinduism

Shree Ghanapathy Temple

Address of Place:	123-133 Effra Road, Wimbledon, London SW19 8PU
Contact Name:	Geetha Maheshwaran
Contact Address:	As above
Special Features:	Established in 1980. In addition there are socio-religious and cultural activities intertwined with the religious faith.
Other Information:	There is a Sai Baba Mandir adjoining the temple as part of it. It is more multi-faith in character.

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Humanism

British Humanist Association (BHA)

Address of Place:	No place of worship
Address of Headquarters:	39 Moreland Street, London, EC1V 8BB
Telephone No.:	020 7324 3060
Contact Person:	Luke Donnellan
Contact Address:	as above.
Email:	education@humanism.org.uk
Website:	www.humanismforschools.org.uk
Charge for visits:	N/A
Age groups catered for:	Range of materials for any age group
Other information:	Schools speakers - see below:
Further comments:	Humanists do not have a place of worship, however the BHA runs a Humanism for Schools programme which aims to introduce students to Humanism as a non-religious approach to life. The programme offers teachers a number of easy to use online toolkits to use when wishing to explain the background to Humanism and its core values; humanist perspectives on a range of issues and topics, and classroom support through school speaker volunteers. To book a school speaker, schools are asked to complete the online form on www.humanismforschools.org.uk

Islam

Darul Amaan Masjid

Address of Place:	54, Merton High Street, South Wimbledon, London SW19 1DH
Contact Person:	Nazrul Islam (Senior Trustee and Head of Board of Trustees)
Telephone No.:	020 8540 9893 (home)
Mobile:	07538 586 632
Website:	www.darulamaanmasjid.co.uk
Email:	info@darulamaanmasjid.co.uk
Contact Address:	6, Frobisher Court, 52, Norman Road, SW19 1PN
Charge for visits	None
Age Groups:	KS2, KS3, KS4, 6th Form, Adults
Times to visit:	At present the old mosque is demolished and a new one is being built, but in future, afternoons, Tuesdays or Thursdays.
Visits will be:	Hosted by a member of the community taught by one or more members
Other information:	Drinking alcohol and smoking are not allowed. Although there is no restriction on dress code, covering of women is encouraged.
Training to teachers offered:	When the new building is built.
Special Features:	At present all activities are being run from the portacabins adjacent to the old mosque which is being demolished. The new building will be a 3 storey building with modern facilities. The following will be provided: Daily prayers, regular education regarding morals and ethics. Religious classes for both adults and children. Religious guidance, secular advisory services, an Islamic library and a rest room for the Imam. Weekly Islamic classes for adults and children, Islamic lectures by distinguished Islamic scholars in Bengali, Urdu and English. Interfaith dialogue and general enquiries about Islam. Mortuary and funeral services will also be available. The new mosque will have a separate prayer hall for sisters, a classroom for a children's Madrasa school and adults Quranic classes (male and female). The new mosque will accommodate 1,000 - 1,200 worshippers.

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Morden Islamic Community Centre

Address of Place:	116 London Road, Morden Surrey SM4 5AX	
Contact Name:	Iftikar Ahmad	Mushtaque Rana
Telephone No.:	07725947851	0208 542 2507
Email:	ISRA21ST@gmail.com	Mushtafara@gmail.com
Website:	www.micon.org.uk	
Charge for visits?	No	
What age groups?	KS2, KS3, KS4, 6th Form	
What times are convenient?	By mutual agreement	
How are visits organised?	Hosted by a member of the community	
	A taught session by one or more members	
Dress code	Normal	
Food & drink restrictions	No alcohol	
Further comments:	We provide periodical lectures on health, education, religion, meet local communities to discuss problems. The Gym is provided for community members. Programme for youth (boys and girls), Martial Arts, etc.	

Wimbledon Mosque and Prayer Hall

Address of Place:	262-270 Durnsford Road, London SW19 8Ds
Contact Name:	Mr Talat Malik
Email:	T.Malik@wimbledonmosque.org
Telephone No.:	020 8946 3350
Contact Address:	as above
Website:	www.wimbledonmosque.org
Charge for visits	None
Accommodate	Early years, KS1, KS2, KS3, KS4, 6th Form, adults.
Days available	Mornings, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
Training offered	Yes, at the mosque, and at local schools
Tours	Guided by the Imam of the masjid
Dress code	Adult women should cover their hair. Men and women should wear long garments to cover their legs.
Food & drink	No alcohol, no pork products
Special Features:	Built in 1977 and large scale extensions carried out in 1988-89 to meet increasing demand. The building is on two floors with basement for toilets and ablutions and library. Ladies have separate arrangements for prayers on Fridays and Travihs during the month of Ramadan and on Eidain, (Eid-ul Fitr and Eid-ul Adha) on the first floor. There is a madrasa (seminary) to provide religious education to children. Seminars are also held from time to time. Other Information: Party size 100. Separate entrance for ladies.

Wimbledon Mosque sits at the heart of the local community and can be clearly distinguished by its white minarets and green domes. Take a group tour with the imam of Wimbledon Mosque and get an insight into how men, women and children offer their daily prayers. This is an excellent opportunity for adults and children of all ages to learn about the basic beliefs of Islam and the Muslims of Britain. The tour concludes with an open question and answer session followed by light refreshments. We look forward to welcoming you all to the Wimbledon Mosque in the near future.

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Jewish

Wimbledon and District Synagogue

Address of Place:	1 Queensmere Road off Wimbledon Parkside London SW19 5QD
Contact Name:	The Synagogue Office (open 10.00 – 1.00 Mon – Fri.)
Telephone No.:	0208 946 4836
Fax no:	0208 944 7790
Website	www.wimshul.org
Contact Address:	As above
Times of visits:	Visits can usually be arranged on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday mornings.
Organisation of visits:	Visits are hosted by 2 members of our School Visits Team. A typical visit would be between 10:30 – 12:00 and will include an introduction to the beliefs and practices of Judaism, the features of the synagogue building and its role as a place of worship, a place of learning and a community centre. We do our best to match the content of visits to the ages and interests of our visitors (including tailoring special programmes for groups of children with special needs) but typically we would include an opportunity to look closely at a Torah scroll and to learn about the importance of Shabbat (Sabbath) and how it is celebrated in a Jewish home. Visitors are encouraged to ask questions.
Special Features:	Wimbledon Synagogue is a progressive Jewish community, belonging to The Movement for Reform Judaism. Other information: School parties from Year 3 upwards (we also welcome adult parties). Preferred party size up to 30 (larger parties may be possible by special arrangement). Our building is wheelchair accessible. To be sure of compliance with Jewish dietary laws we ask that visitors do not bring either meat or seafood products (includes meat or seafood flavoured foods) onto the premises.

Methodist

Martin Way Methodist Church

Address of Place:	Buckleigh Avenue, London SW20 9JZ
Contact Name:	Reverend Paul Timmis
Contact details:	0208337 2348
Email:	enquiries@martinway.org.uk
Contact Address:	as above
Special Features:	Church built in 1958, church hall opened in 1934, central communion table, small stained glass windows. Halls and rooms used for a wide variety of church and community use including uniformed organisations and youth club. Full disabled access including disabled toilet; induction loop for hard of hearing.
Other Information:	Church seats 200, ancillary premises recently redeveloped. Church is part of the Wimbledon Methodist Circuit.

Mitcham Methodist Church

Address of Place:	Cricket Green, Mitcham, Surrey CR4 4LB
Contact Name:	Reverend Dr. Chellaian Lawrence
Contact details:	0208 648 8666
Email:	clawrence@hotmail.com
Contact Address:	As above
Special Features:	Built in 1959. Award-winning architect. Sir Edward Mills. Interior of church fair faced brickwork apart from the chancel wall where Riven York stone is employed. Special design for fitting and furnishings including pulpit, communion table and lectern.
Other Information:	Church seats 300. Hall party size is 200 and is complete with stage, 3 large classrooms, 2 dressing rooms, 2 vestries, separate toilets for children and disabled (including access).

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Raynes Park Methodist Church

Address of Place:	192-205 Worple Road, Raynes Park, London SW20 8ET
Contact Name:	Rev. Margaret Adams
Email:	rpmc.rosalie@gmail.com
Telephone No.:	0208 946 3181
Website:	www.rpmc.org.uk
Contact Address:	as above
Special Features:	Present building erected in 1914 with an octagonal ground plan. This Grade II listed building has recently been refurbished and is now fully wheelchair accessible. The church runs 'The Lantern Coffee Shop' (open daily 10-2) in co-operation with other churches in West Wimbledon, and the 'Lantern Arts Centre', which hosts concerts, plays and exhibitions throughout the year. Halls and rooms used for a variety of community activities.
Other Information:	Party size up to 100. Wheelchair access, toilets, refreshments can be provided for up to 30.

Southfields Methodist Church

Address of Place:	Southfields Methodist Church
Address of Place:	423 Durnsford Road London SW19 8EE
Contact Name:	Reverend George Reynolds
Contact Address:	1 Home Park Road London SW19 7HL
Telephone No.:	020 8946 1761
Special Features:	Induction loop, disabled access. Modern church built in 1993, after central hall demolished.
Other Information:	Monday fellowship, monthly

Wimbledon Methodist Church

Address of Place:	Griffiths Road, Wimbledon, London SW19 1SP
Contact Name:	Rev. Margaret Adams
Telephone No.:	0208 543 9735
Contact Address:	www.wimbledonmethodists.org.uk
Special Features:	The original church was built in 1904 with adjacent halls and meeting rooms. Due to structural problems the church was demolished in the 1980's and the main hall adapted to become a multi-use worship centre. The hall and rooms are used for a variety of church and community activities.
Other Information:	Party size 30-35. The main building is wheelchair accessible and is fitted with an induction loop. There are good toilet and kitchen facilities.

Pentecostal

Elim Pentecostal Church

Address of Place:	59 High Path, Wimbledon, SW19 2JY
Telephone No.:	020 8544 0126
Contact Name:	Pastor Jon Featherstone
Telephone No.:	07517777493
Email	jon@elimwimbledon.com
Web site	www.elimwimbledon.com
Contact Address:	as above
Special Features:	<p>The Elim Church in Wimbledon was established in 1927, but moved to a new building on the High Path Estate in 2008. Its new building was previously a warehouse and it has been completely refurbished.</p> <p>The church has a young congregation and the activities of the church reflect this, as does its worship style.</p> <p>There is disabled access to the building.</p> <p>The church runs a foodbank for the local area to help poorer families.</p>

Quakers (Religious Society of Friends)

Wimbledon Friends' Meeting House

Address of Place:	Wimbledon Friends Meeting House 40 Spencer Hill Road, London SW19 4EL
Contact Name:	Jenny Ellam
Telephone No.:	0208 540 3995
Contact Address:	as above
Other Information:	<p>Although visits are impractical at the Meeting House, if you contact Jenny Ellam (phone no. above) arrangements can be made for a Member of the meeting to visit small groups of children in schools.</p> <p>Meeting for worship every Sunday at 10.30am. All welcome. Every 3rd Wednesday evening at 8pm discussion group with visiting speaker.</p>

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Roman Catholic

Christ The King Catholic Church

Address of Place:	9 Crescent Gardens, Wimbledon Park, London SW19 8AJ
Contact Name:	Fr. Anthony Plummer/ Joanne Jacobs, Parish Secretary
Telephone No.:	0208 946 2091
Email:	info@christthekingparish.org.uk
Website:	www.christthekingparish.org.uk
Address:	9 Crescent Gardens, Wimbledon Park, London SW19 8AJ
Charge for visits	None
Ages	All ages
Times of visits	Any time, though needs to be booked first Visits are hosted or/and taught by a member of the church.
Special Features:	See the above website for further information
Other Information:	Any group size can be accommodated. No particular dress code. No food or drink allowed in the church. Church office open on Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays between 10am & 3pm.

Church of Our Lady and St Peter

Address of Place:	Victoria Drive, Wimbledon Common, London SW19 6AD
Contact Name:	Father David Peck
Email:	ourladyandsaintpeter@freedomnames.co.uk
Website:	www.ourladyandsaintpeter.org.uk
Telephone No.:	0208 788 9603
Fax No:	0208 780 5432
Contact Address:	As above- 15 Victoria Drive. SW19 6AD.
Special Features:	Contemporary style church – built in 1971. Plenty of room for parking.
Other Information:	Masses: Saturday – 6.00 pm: Sunday – 10.00 am Sunday – 5.30 pm

Church of our Lady of the Assumption

Address of Place:	223 Links Road, Tooting SW17 9EP
Contact Name:	Fr. Patrick Feyisetan
Telephone No.:	0208 769 4391
Contact Address:	282 Links Road, Tooting, London SW17 9ER
Special Features:	Site donated in 1908. During the Second World War was the site of a public air raid shelter. Subsequent wooden church damaged by the 1987 hurricane. Present church built 1988, though the front has still to be added! The stonework added! The stonework inside (altar, lecturn, font etc.) is constructed from stone from the ruins of the 12th century Merton Priory. (The sanctuary area, enclosed by altar-rails and blue cords is alarmed!).

Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church

Address of Place:	Edge Hill, Wimbledon SW19 4LU
Contact Name:	Canon John Clark
Telephone No.:	020 8764 1791
Email:	wimparish@gmail.com
Website:	www.sacredheartwimbledon.org.uk

St John Fisher Church

Address of Place:	207 Canon Hill Lane, London SW20 9DB
Contact Name:	Revd. Canon C. Acton
Telephone No.:	0208 542 6355
Special Features:	Stained Glass
Other Information:	Toilets, easy access

St Joseph's Church

Address of Place:	63 High Street, Colliers Wood, London SW19 2HS
Contact Name:	Father John McGrory
Telephone No.:	0208 540 3057
Contact Address:	30 Park Road, Colliers Wood, London SW19 2HS
Special Features:	Built in 1966, hall added 1980. Church holds 200. Many activities held in the hall. 4 Masses on Sundays in church.
Other Information:	Party size for hall maximum 60. Disabled access.

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St Michael's Roman Catholic Church

Address of Place: 9 Fern Avenue, Mitcham, Surrey. CR4 1LS
 Contact Name: Fr. Huebert Miranda
 Contact Address: As above
 Telephone No.: 020 8764 1791

S.S. Peter and Paul's Church

Address of Place: Cranmer Road, Mitcham, Surrey CR4 4LD
 Contact Name: Father Lucas Rodrigues
 Telephone No.: 0208 648 3800
 Contact Address: The Presbytery, as above
 Special Features: The present church was opened in 1889. It is of a simple Romanesque Style with a hammer-beam roof.
 Other Information: The parish school is S.S. Peter & Paul's, Cricket Green. The primary school, St Thomas

St Teresa's Church

Address of Place: 250 Bishopsford Road Morden SM4 6BZ
 Contact Name: Fr. John Mulligan, Parish Priest
 Telephone No.: 020 8648 4113

St Winefride's Roman Catholic Church

Address of Place: 2 Latimer Road, South Wimbledon, London SW19 1EP
 Contact Name: Father Simon Peat
 Telephone No.: 0208 542 1600
 Contact Address: As above
 Special Features: Built in 1905 under direction of architect Fredrick Walters, in Neo-Romanesque style for the interior. Original reredos and other features provide good visual material for explaining Catholic faith and liturgy. Modern stained glass window, 1985. Recent works include a new entrance, 1996.
 Other Information: New ramped access, toilet, school parties by arrangement.

The Salvation Army

Raynes Park Community Church

Address of Place:	496 Kingston Road, Raynes Park, London SW20 8DX
Contact Name:	Jill Grinstead
Contact number:	020 8715 0106
Email:	office@raynesparkcommunitychurch.com
Website:	www.rpcc.co
Contact Address:	As above
Special Features:	We are a community based Salvation Army church. We run a number of children's youth and adult prayer and worship groups.
Other information:	We run summer play schemes, parents and toddlers group and other outreach initiatives. Please call the office for further information 0208 715 0106. There are normally people who can explain the Salvation Army to school groups.

The Salvation Army (Wimbledon)

Address of Place:	The Salvation Army, 109 Kingston Road, South Wimbledon, London SW19 1LT
Contact Name:	Lieutenant Annette Wicks - Corps Officer
Email:	annetewicks@salvationarmy.org.uk
Telephone No.:	020 8542 4197
Contact Address:	As above
Special Features:	Worship building built in 1887.
Other Information:	Groups welcome by arrangement, Resources for school teachers are available from www.salvationarmy.org.uk/schools-and-colleges The Faith in Action homelessness project runs from this building on Wednesdays and Fridays.

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Sikh

Khalsa Centre Gurdwara

Address of Place: 95 Upper Tooting Road, London SW17 7TW
 Contact Name: Satpal Singh Rayit
 Email: office@khalsacentre.org.uk
 Website: www.khalsacentre.org.uk

Sikh Gurdwara South London

Address of Place: 142 Merton Road, Southfields London SW18 5SP
 Contact Name: President Amolak Pritpac Singh
 Contact Address: 38 Richmond Avenue, Bedfont, Middlesex TW14 9SQ
 Special Features: Place of Sikh Faith Worship
 Telephone No.: 020 8870 7594
 For contracts: Amolak Singh. Presidents
 Mobile no. 07950 061 331 and 020 890 6429

United Church of Jesus Christ

Apostolic Church of Christ

Address of Place: Haydons Road corner of Kohat Road, London SW19
 Contact Name: Pastor Emmanuel Thompson
 Telephone No.: 0208 241 6639
 Contact Address: 332 Green Lane, Streatham SW16 3AS
 Special Features: A Pentecostal apostolic church built in 1910, formally an Anglican building now being modernised. The hall is used for a polling station when needed. Children's activities include a gymnastics club and youth club.
 Other Information: Congregation size 85-90 on Sundays. A warm fellowship on Tuesday at 8.00-9.30, teaching, sharing and prayer. All invited.

United Reformed Church

Trinity United Reformed Church

Address of Place:	Mansel Road, Wimbledon, London SW19 4AA
Contact Name:	Rev. Dominic Grant
Telephone No.:	0208946 9281
Email:	revdsgrant@gmail.com / office@trinitywimbledon.org
Website:	www.trinitywimbledon.org
Contact Address:	as above
Special Features:	Church built in 1884, new halls added in 2004. Focus on "Family", large children's section on Sundays; youth groups midweek. Mainstream church with liberal theology; large mixed (ages and ethnic) congregation - plus 250 each Sunday. A varied calendar of social events for all ages. Friendly and welcoming – Good church for newcomers.
Other Information:	<p>Trinity toddlers for pre-school children every Wed & Fri, 10.00 – 11.30; Christian parenting courses, Trinity course – basics of faith, life-related bible studies held regularly; Trinity Trekkers – walks in Surrey countryside once a month; good instrumental & choral music and annual series of professional concerts. House groups.</p> <p>Mansel Road Centre - a modern complex of halls and meeting rooms - completed in 2008 - used for church activities but also available for hire by community groups. Admin Officer: Eileen Inwood 020 8946 9281. Office e-mail: office@trinitywimbledon.org</p> <p>Olive Branch Cafe - open in the Centre every Friday, 10.30am - 2.30pm - serving coffee, tea, homemade cakes and soups and also light lunches.</p> <p>Contemporary worship in the Centre every third Sunday evening of the month at 6.30 pm.</p>
