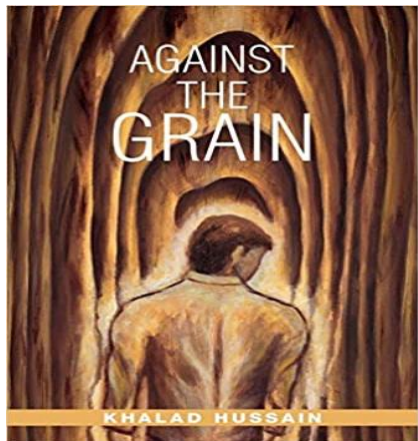


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An International Christmas - The Across international Christmas Carols that take place every year may not be possible in the same format this year, but just like everyone else, we will do our best to work around the current government guidance. Our theme will be 'Jesus, the Symbol of Light' and we are doing all we can to organize an alternative celebration, bringing as many nations as we can together. Whether it's an online event or one that we can host in the town centre, please save the date: Saturday 12 December from 4-5.30pm and pray that we will be able to come together as an international church to celebrate the coming of the nations' Messiah. At a time like this, we want Woking to experience the Light of the World through the world's communities. We will keep you posted. If you speak and sing in another language and would like to get involved please get in touch:
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We had the pleasure of Karamat being our guest at the September virtual prayer breakfast. Karamat was one of the first Mirpuri converts in the UK and shared a very inspiring insight into his journey of faith which began from a very young age.

There is high praise indeed from Jackie who came along and later emailed to say - "Best Prayer Breakfast speaker in my memory! Exciting and uplifting testimony. Powerful too. Many thanks for blessing us with speakers of this calibre."

Karamat has written a book on his journey to Christ:

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/Against-Grain-Khalad-Hussain/dp/1479732834>

Jane who has read the book said "



The power of Zoom. Our face to face meetings may have been shelved, like many organisations, but we have seen the positives of Zoom enabling our Jumaa prayers and Prayer Breakfasts to be attended by those who are geographically too far from Woking or just unable to get to Woking for other reasons. Our jumaa prayers which take place every Friday, were birthed out of the lockdown and at noon once a week, when our Muslim brothers and sisters pray together, we pray alongside them. If you haven't joined us before please contact Riz at acrosswokingoffice@gmail.com for the Zoom link and we would love to have you join in with a group that Zoom in from Woking and beyond. Our monthly evening Friday prayer meetings continue on Zoom as well as our termly Prayer Breakfasts. Being on Zoom has meant that we have been able to invite guests from Birmingham and xxxx (Steve Bell) and xxx(Richard Cook) to join us who would have found it more difficult to do so otherwise. God knows no boundaries!



We give thanks to all our supporting churches that despite the limitations of lockdown, their generosity has allowed us to keep going. An appeal was made earlier this year to all our supporters and supporting churches and we are delighted that the Lord answered our prayers through you and through the local church. At the beginning of the year, we were down to just 3 months funding. Given that Across was set up more than 20 years ago, it was a situation we did not want to face yet we were totally dependent on the Lord's provision. We praise God that a very generous £7000 was donated by St Paul's Church just recently. Rev Nick (pictured here) is vicar of the nearest church to the Shah Jahan mosque (Imam Hashmi pictured here) and they are proof that friendship between the church and mosque is truly possible. We want to thank St Paul's for helping to ensure that cross cultural ministry and good relationships with all cultures in Woking is maintained.

	<p>As already mentioned Zoom has helped to break down geographical barriers and Across were invited to join an online Friendship First course run by Gill Boyd from Mahabba Luton. Phil is organising a virtual mosque tour with Shah Jahan mosque as part of the course as physical visits to mosques aren't possible right now. Do let us know if you'd like access to that tour.</p> <p>Luke who has been involved with Across for many years is currently on the course and says " xxxxx " Luke has recently co-written a book called 'Stories from the Streets' If you would like to find out more, here's the link: https://www.storiesfromthestreets.org.</p>
	<p>Mascot have been helping the Maybury and Sheerwater Community throughout the lockdown and Zoom has enabled many of their services to continue: 9.30-11.00am online, are the "Let's Talk" conversational English sessions to help practice the English language and also to ask questions, make friends and find out about life in Woking.</p> <p>The 'Friendship Cafe' is also running remotely with participants regularly receiving a newsletter covering various topics, a quiz and sudoku puzzles.</p> <p>Anyone who would like to be involved in either the Friendship Cafe or the Let's Talk English sessions please email admin@mascotwoking.org.uk</p>
	<p>Across (ZOOM) Calendar – what's coming up – ALL WELCOME:</p> <p>*Regular Monthly Prayer Meeting 1st Friday at 8pm - virtually via Zoom - 6 Nov, 4 Dec, 8 Jan</p> <p>*JumaaPrayer every Fri@12</p> <p>Week of prayer for world peace – annual gathering 3:30pm Sun 11 Oct https://zoom.us/j/98018636596 www.weekofprayerforworldpeace.co.uk</p> <p>*WPOF – Virtual Falafel Cook-Along – Thurs 29 Oct 12.30pm</p> <p>*WPOF – Ladies' Coffee Morning – Sat 28 Nov 10.30am</p> <p>*<u>Contact Riz/Across for connection details</u></p> <p>International Christmas Carols – Sat 12 Dec from 4pm – Details TBC</p>

“Sharing Faith Across Cultures”

'Cross Cultural Ministry in Woking' (Across) is a registered Charity (1106905) and exists *'to see people of all backgrounds become disciples of Jesus Christ'*. Across is formed of churches working together and our mailing address is St Andrews Church, Goldsworth Park, GU21 3LG.

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