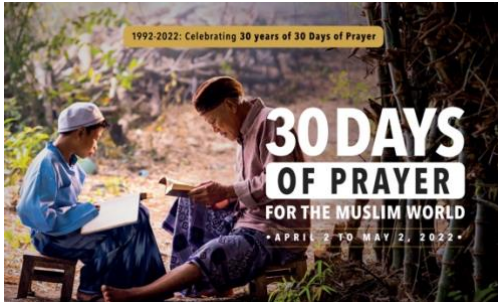


# ACROSS Newsletter

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Sharing Faith Across Cultures

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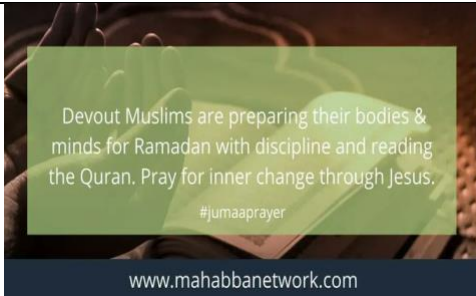


Ramadan Sat 2nd April – Sun 1st May 2022

Ramadan, the month when Muslims fast for 30 days starts on Saturday 2 April. The 30 Days of Prayer Booklet for the Muslim World is a popular resource to help Christians learn about, love and pray for Muslims around the world. This is the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the booklet which is available to download or can be ordered as a hard copy for just £2 per copy. The guide is designed to inspire us in our prayers as we discover the unique and many challenges faced by Muslims in cultures in and out of the UK. Copies can be ordered [HERE](https://www.worldprayerguides.org.uk).

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The Across monthly Friday prayer on Friday 1 April at 8pm will launch our focus on Ramadan so why not join us on Zoom. Please contact Across Office (details below) for sign in details.



### Mahabba Network Prayer Events

Continuing the theme of Ramadan, the Mahabba Network have a series of nationwide prayer events every Friday from 8<sup>th</sup> April for 4 weeks between 7.15pm to 8pm on Zoom. Since 2014, Mahabba has run a prayer initiative to help Christians engage with Ramadan positively in prayer and action. This is part of that initiative. If you would like to sign up or find other resources to help you connect with Muslims please follow the link [HERE](https://www.mahabbanetwork.com/lovefast)

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**THE UKRAINE CRISIS:** The conflict in Ukraine and the displacement of large numbers of Ukrainians has caused a reaction in all of us. Luke Randall, one of our Across supporters, has highlighted the work of the Ukrainian Prosperity Café in Twickenham providing humanitarian aid to Ukraine through local channels. About 5 to 6 vans a day collect donated items from the cafe after they are sorted and packed by volunteers. So far, over twenty 2-ton lorries have taken goods into Ukraine from the warehouse in Slough. If you have donated, thank you, your goods should be in Ukraine in the next few days. If you would still like to donate food items, medical supplies or other **REQUESTED** items please contact the ACROSS OFFICE as needs change weekly.

### The Across Celebration Service and Tea



Sunday 24 April from 3pm

The Across ministry was formed and funded by members of the local church over 20 years ago. The aim was to build bridges and equip local church members to share the Christian faith with people of other cultures. As we emerge from lockdown and we look for new opportunities to connect with our friends, neighbours and colleagues from all backgrounds, we will be celebrating. St Paul's Woking will be hosting the Across Celebration Service at 3pm. Rev Nick Hutchinson is one of the Across Committee members as well as the vicar of St Paul's, the church nearest to the main Shah Jahan mosque. After tea and cake, there will be an optional prayer walk around the area where local Muslims will be observing Ramadan. Please enquire and RSVP to Riz via [acrosswokingoffice@gmail.com](mailto:acrosswokingoffice@gmail.com)

 <p>Woking People of Faith</p>	<p>Zareena Linney-Waine is from the Surrey Minority Ethnic Forum and is an active member of Across. She has had a busy month, speaking about her Christian faith to a multi-faith audience as part of the Woking People of Faith, 'faith in action' series. She has also just run a number of activities including nature walks taking the Muslim women's group from Camberley, 'Forest Bathing' at Newlands Corner. This was an interfaith event which gave the ladies a great opportunity to experience the senses of sight, smell, and touch from being amongst creation. Zareena is passionate about her faith and working with ethnic minorities, particularly the youth and Muslim women in Woking. WPOF will be running '<b>Faith in Harmony</b>' on 26 May where musicians from different faiths and cultures will attend followed by a meal. More details to follow.</p>
<p>Dr Luke Randall and Sue Shaw</p>  <p><b>STORIES FROM THE STREETS</b></p> <p>An insight into the work of Street Pastors</p> <p>Inspiring testimonies of hope where it's needed most</p>	<p>For more details of the book "Stories From The Streets" which is about the work of Street Pastors across the UK and in Antigua please see website</p> <p><i>Reza was a taxi Marshall in Kingston outside one of the larger clubs, often a busy area in the early hours. In the past he had told us he was a Muslim from Iran. Street Pastors are not mainly about evangelism, but I got permission to give him a more than Dreams DVD, which is about Muslims who encounter Jesus through dreams and visions. To my surprise, when I gave Reza the DVD he told me he had already become a Christian and had started going to Church! He also said that two of his friends from Iran were also Christian taxi Marshalls in other parts of Kingston. For several years we had friendly encounters with Reza and his friends, one of who was training part time to be a Pastor. We often prayed with them and had chances on occasions to meet and chat to Muslim friends of theirs. We all felt sad when Kingston decided to no longer have taxi marshals. - Luke Randall <a href="http://www.storiesfromthestreets.org">www.storiesfromthestreets.org</a></i></p>
 <p>THE <b>LOVING PEOPLE TOWARDS JESUS</b></p> <p>CONFERENCE</p> <p>7<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2022</p>	<p>Dub Everitt of WELCOME church is running a Conference on Sat 7<sup>th</sup> May for all churches in Woking called "LOVING PEOPLE TOWARDS JESUS" <a href="http://www.lovingpeopletowardsJesus.com">www.lovingpeopletowardsJesus.com</a>. The vision of this conference is to help every Christian see how God has called and equipped them to live a life of love which can lead to others coming to faith in Jesus. It's particularly aimed at the many of us who feel we CAN'T evangelise!! It is being held at St Mary of Bethany church. It is FREE (like the gospel!) but you must register. Follow this sign up link: <a href="http://www.smob.uk/lovingpeopletowardsjesus">www.smob.uk/lovingpeopletowardsjesus</a></p>
	<p><b>Here's what's happening:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Regular <b>Monthly Prayer Meeting</b> currently on Zoom (1st Friday of the month at 8pm) – 1 April, 6 May, 10 June</li> <li>*<b>Mahabba Ramadan Prayer Events</b> – April 8,15, 22, 29</li> <li>*<b>Across Prayer Breakfast</b> – Sat 14 May – Face to Face 8.30am - 10am @ St Andrews Café Goldsworth Park. Theme: 'Welcome'</li> <li><b>#JumaaPrayer</b> on every Friday at 12 Noon praying for Mahabba and Muslim friends</li> <li><b>Across Celebration Service &amp; Tea/CAKE</b> – Sunday 24 April – 3pm – 5pm @ St Paul's Woking plus prayer walk</li> <li><b>Loving People towards Jesus Conference</b> at SMOB Sat 7<sup>th</sup> May</li> <li><b>Faith in Harmony</b> (WPOF event) Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> May (evening)</li> </ul> <p>*Please contact Riz for all Zoom details (contact below)</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 was formed by 10 churches working together and is based at St Andrews Church, Goldsworth Park, GU21 3LG.

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