

**The Rt Revd Nicholas Holtam
The Bishop of Salisbury**

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On the occasion of Eid ul Adha, the Greater Eid and the Festival of Sacrifice, I send my warm greetings to you and to all Muslim communities in the Diocese of Salisbury.

The Archbishop of Canterbury in his message on Eid ul Fitr ([Archbishopofcanterbury](#)) spoke of his conviction that Muslim communities are a much valued part of our national community and that we can work together for a renewal of our national future for a more generous and hospitable society. I share his convictions.

Around the world and from this country, Muslims will have been taking part in the Haj. Pilgrimage in all its varied forms, is at the heart also of Christianity and so we share in the blessings that pilgrimage brings.

At Eid ul Adha Muslims remember the faithful obedience of Abraham to the will of God; this faithfulness to God through the story of Abraham provides Christians and Muslims with a shared commitment to work for justice, reconciliation and peace in our communities.

I hope that in the coming year we shall together be able to work for an ending of the fears, hatreds and violence which scar societies around the world. I encourage mosque communities and parishes to engage together to this end.

Yours sincerely



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