

A blessing of partnership - Gujarati Christian Fellowship



The Alperton area of Wembley has a large Gujarati population. Some two years ago the Ealing Road Methodist Church in the Wembley Circuit was approached by the London branch of the Gujarati Christian Fellowship to host their service every second Sunday in the month.

The congregation at Ealing Road already contained some Gujarati members and so the decision was taken to have a service.

This has been a great blessing to the church because we have welcomed a number of Gujaratis into membership and we are also receiving great help with our open air witness with Gujarati music from the singers and musicians.

The first time they took part in the open air the change in the atmosphere from the previous English only witness was enormous. People passing by heard them sing and speak in their own language. At Christmas it is a great pleasure to celebrate with Indian food and dancing.

Last year we were privileged to welcome a Bishop from the Church of North India who came to visit us on his way to the Lambeth Conference and our own Chair Stuart Jordon was the guest preacher at the Christmas Service. Our contact with Gujarati Christians has not only blessed our congregation but has given us a greater understanding of God's mission strategy for this amazing city in which we live and work. Not only do we enjoy the food of Northern India but we are now aware of how good it is to have brothers and sisters who bless our lives with worship, love and grace which challenges and encourages.

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