

# London church criticised for holding Muslim prayers

*I'm going to see the positive points in this, and focus not on the silly 'liberal' priest who organised the prayer (and I have some sympathy for Dr [Christianity Today](#) and the [youtube](#). As you can see the orientation towards Mecca takes them away from the altar and that nasty cross.*

The Rev Stephen Kuhrt, Vicar of Christ Church, New Malden, south west London, said: "I am appalled by Islamophobia and when people whip up an anti-Muslim frenzy but the vicar of St John's Waterloo has done something that is completely illegal, which is to allow an Islamic service to be held in his church and then he has participated as well. It is no way to handle the complex issue of how to relate to Muslims to hold an Islamic service [in a church] – that would never happen in a Mosque."

The Rev Robin Weekes, minister of Emmanuel Church in Wimbledon, and a former missionary said: "The issue is not primarily that canon law has been broken, which it has, but that it is offensive to Christians who believe that there is only one God, who is the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. And it is especially offensive to those who are being persecuted around the world for their faith in the uniqueness of Jesus Christ."