

Multi-Faith Walk a Great Success

CONCORD'S first multifaith walk took place in the Burley area of Leeds on Saturday 29th April and was a great success, exceeding all expectations. The occasion coincided with the *Treasures Revealed in Leeds Week*, of which it was the first event. At least 100 people turned up as a result of Concord publicity, some because of *Treasures Revealed*, and some had read about it in the *Yorkshire Evening Post*. It was good to see the (Former) Deputy Lord Mayor



Sharing Arti at the mandir



Hindu leaders with the (Former) Deputy Mayor, Councillor Ann Castle, John Battle MP, Greg Mulholland MP and Cynthia Dickinson (Concord Secretary)

there all day and both John Battle MP and Greg Mulholland MP staying for most of the event. The welcome from all participating places was excellent—the Hindu Temple set a warm, welcoming tone, All Hallows Church provided lunch and peaceful space and the Leeds Grand Mosque had an exhibition, talks and video. There were very positive comments from participants and good TV and newspaper coverage. Unfortunately a clash of dates with a major Sikh event in Glasgow resulted in a shortage of Sikhs present.

Led by former Concord Treasurer Peter Dale and children carrying a rainbow banner, the procession wound its way through the streets of Burley past two other mosques.





All Hallows Church provided lunch for about three times as many people as they expected—an amazing feat! The Revd Ray Gaston, vicar of All Hallows Church, and other members of the church talked about their role in the community.



The procession made its way along Woodsley Road to the Grand Mosque.

Several brothers and sisters from the Leeds Grand Mosque gave brief presentations about aspects of Islam and Muslim life, and there was time to see a special exhibition that had been mounted.

Everyone hopes there will be another walk next year—and discussions are taking place to see if a route could include a Gurdwara, Black Church, Catholic church and Mosque.

