

### The Youth, The Elderly, The Future

The tragic incident involving the murder of 80-year-old Bhim Kohli in Leicestershire brings to light a profound moral crisis in our society. A 14-year-old boy is set to face trial for the crime, while four other children were initially arrested but later released without charges. The senseless violence that led to Kohli's death, as he simply walked his dog in a park, underscores a disturbing lack of respect for the elderly—a demographic that should be cherished and protected.

Kohli, described by his family as a "loving, caring person," had spent decades cultivating a life centered around his family, his allotment, and his community. His death is not just a loss for his immediate family, but a tragic symbol of a society that is failing its elders. The fact that a young teenager is implicated in this crime highlights a breakdown in the moral fabric that should bind generations together.

The words of Nelson Mandela resonate deeply in this context: "*A society that does not value its older people denies its roots and endangers its future.*" This incident serves as a stark reminder of the dangers that arise when we fail to honour and protect our elders.

Furthermore, the biblical verse from Leviticus 19:32, "*Stand up in the presence of the aged, show respect for the elderly and revere your God,*" offers timeless wisdom that our society desperately needs to re-embrace. The erosion of respect for the elderly not only dishonours individuals like Kohli but also undermines the moral foundation upon which a compassionate society must be built. We must strive to restore this respect, for the sake of both our past and our future.

The community must reflect on this tragedy and take collective responsibility to ensure that the values of respect, care, and protection

for the elderly are instilled in the younger generation. Only then can we safeguard our society's moral integrity.

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### NOTICES

Please see the front page for the weekly meeting schedule. All meetings are held in Church unless otherwise stated.

- Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September: Prayer Meeting 11am in church hall Sis Anglin i/c
- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September: Prayer Meeting in person at Church at 7.30pm
- Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September: Morning service will include child dedication.
- Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September: Senior Choir Rehearsal (age 60+) after morning service of song NEVER GROW OLD conducted by Sis Angela Allen.
- Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September: Brother James Thompson hosts: Presence Conference: "SHEKINAH – SET THE CAPTIVE FREE"