



The Revd Kennedy Bedford and Joseph Sandler In(terfaith) Conversation...



KB: Hi Joseph, could you share with us and our readers a little about yourself and your role at the Chaplaincy?

JS: I'm Joseph; I am a religious orthodox Jewish person and member of the Jewish community in North Manchester. I have a wife, four children and two grandchildren.

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particular issues that require a ruling of how to act in accordance with Jewish Law. I am not a Rabbi myself; I am a lay person acting on behalf of the community. There are chaplaincies in Universities, Hospitals, Prisons, airports and we all act primarily for the welfare of the Jewish constituents that find themselves in these institutions and I and Jonathan are chaplains at Manchester airport.

KB: Could you share a little about your work as a valued member of the Chaplaincy Team at Manchester airport?

JS: In the one and a half years that I have been at Manchester Airport one of my main

task has been to take care of anything to do with the Jewish travelling public. Manchester has the second largest Jewish travelling public accessing the world from the UK after the London airports. At Manchester there are also employees that, over a period of time, I have got to know and spoken to and I am here to meet their needs as well. Issues that I have come across include passengers that have been caught in immigration and are not allowed into the country. I make sure that their Jewish needs such as dietary requirements are taken care of. I also help to foster understanding amongst the companies and agencies regarding Jewish cultural practices. We are still communicating on the need for kosher foods in the airport for the travelling Jewish public. We are aware that airlines have taken great strides in providing Kosher food.

KB: There is one other very interesting area of your work that we talked about some time ago, the emergency response work.

JS: In the main Jewish communities around the world, such as America, Europe: Switzerland, UK, Israel, South Africa and Australia there is an organisation called 'Hatzolah' meaning 'rescue'. Although it is to be found in different countries, they are all independent.

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You are invited to **Holy Communion**

a short (25 min) lunchtime service for staff, passengers and visitors of all Christian traditions followed by tea and coffee with the chaplaincy team

Thursday October 6

13.00 T1 Multi-faith Prayer Room
(at ground level check in)

"All religions, all this singing, is one song. The differences are just illusion and vanity. The sun's light looks a little different on this wall than it does on that wall, and a lot different on this other one, but it's still one light."

'God has given us many faiths but only one world in which to co-exist. May your work help all of us cherish our commonalities and feel enlarged by our differences.'

Lord Jonathan Sacks

To see the other side, to defend another people, not despite your tradition but because of it, is the heart of pluralism.

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ADVANCE NOTICE:

The Chaplaincy Manchester Airport's Annual Meeting is on Thursday 24 November (over lunch) - please join chaplains and board members as we look to the future. (Will include a presentation about how the Manchester Transformation Programme will impact on Prayer Room and related facilities.) **call Jackie on 0161 489 2154**

Daily Prayers (Christian) take place Mon-Fri at 08.30 in T1 Prayer Room

and at other times and places too - visit the chaplaincy website or see Multi-faith Prayer Rooms for more information.

Communion Service (Christian/Ecumenical) Thursday 4 at 13.00 in T1 Prayer Room

and at major Festivals and Holy Days - visit the chaplaincy website or see Multi-faith Prayer Rooms for more information.

Friday Jumma Prayers (Islamic) are held in T3 Prayer Room 1300 GMT / 1330 BST

In(terfaith) Conversation...

Kennedy Bedford and Joseph Sandler continue their conversation

Approximately forty years ago, in Brooklyn New York, a man collapsed on the street and by the time ambulance arrived it was too late. It was decided that a much quicker system was needed and a few gentlemen did some basic first aid training, a designated number was set up, to offer a quicker response time in case of emergencies and the organisation was born. It has now developed into a full paramedic service in all the centres around the world whereby they will respond to urgent medical emergencies usually within two minutes of the call coming in. I am a member of the North Manchester 'Hatzoloh' and respond to medical emergencies in our local community area.

KB: Joseph, could you explain Rosh Hashanah to our readers please!

JS: Well 'Rosh' means head and 'Hashanah' means the year and it is the Jewish New Year.

The Jewish festivals follow the lunar calendar which will vary every year against the Gregorian calendar so this year it commences on Sunday evening of the 2nd through to the 4th of October.

It is the day of Judgement when all people are judged before God. We say special prayers in the Synagogue that will exalt the majesty of God and his rule over the world. Symbolic foods are eaten in the festive meal on that day, such as apple dipped in honey which symbolises our prayer for a sweet New Year.

The Shofar (a ram's horn) is blown in the synagogue during the morning prayers of Rosh Hashanah to awaken the soul, to urge us to consider if we are living our lives according to the will of God and to decide on what improvements we can make.

Yom Kippur (The Day of Atonement) follows ten days later. ●

What's happening at the Airport?

Photos from around the airport and/or events posters



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Some days airport chaplaincy is just the biggest privilege. In just six hours we assisted an elderly widower who has lived abroad for 40 years, sat with a grieving family returning home from holiday after the death of their much-loved husband and dad...and played a small part in helping reunite this wonderful couple, separated for two thirds of their married life and just bubbling over with joy at seeing each other in the Arrivals hall.

The airport chaplains of the world (well, 80+ of them) converged on the city of Paris for the 49th annual conference of the International Association of Civil Aviation Chaplains.

Manchester was represented by George (currently president of the Association), Jackie and Faruk. The final day included a behind-the-scenes tour of CDG. Jackie and Faruk joined chaplains from around the world up the ATC Tower (CDG has 3 of them!).



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www.prayoneforme.org

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Prayer Diary

September 5—11 2016 - Week 37

The Chaplaincies at: Sarasota Bradenton Intl Airport, Scranton Wilkes-Barre Intl Airport, Seattle Tacoma SEA-TAC Intl Airport
At Manchester: Fat Face, Costa Coffee, Caffè Nero, T3 and T2, CSA Czech Airlines, Staf Shop.

September 12 - 18, 2016 - Week 38

The Chaplaincies at: Seoul Incheon Intl Airport, Shoreham UK, Singapore Changi Airport, Southampton Intl Airport.
At Manchester: Inghams, Greggs T1 and Cargo, Direct Dry Cleaners, Luggage Point (Airport Services).

September 19 - 25, 2016 - Week 39

The Chaplaincies at: Southend Airport UK, St Louis Lambert Intl Airport
At Manchester: Intl Students arriving to take up University places, UK Border Force & Customs, Runway Visitors Park, Singapore Airlines, Swiss Intl Airlines.

September 26 - Oct 2, 2016-Week 40

The Chaplaincies at: St Petersburg Pulkovo Intl Airport, Stockholm Arlanda Airport
At Manchester: The Aviation Society, Aviation Shops in T1/Runway Visitor Park, Cathy Pacific, World Freight Terminal (Cargo Centre), SSP UK.

You can also access our prayer diary online (with full details of the chaplaincy teams we're praying for) at:

www.thechaplaincy-manchesterairport.co.uk

Since 1980 the Chaplaincy Manchester Airport has provided pastoral, spiritual and practical help, support and guidance to all who work at the airport as well as those who travel through it. The Chaplaincy office is in Terminal 1 Ground Floor Check-In. A member of the team is always on-call.

Contact us on: 0161 489 2838 or thechaplaincy@manairport.co.uk

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