In a joint letter published in The Times today, Archbishop Justin Welby, Chief Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis and Shaykh Ibrahim Mogra have condemned the murders carried out in a Jerusalem synagogue this week as "the absolute antithesis of faith".

Read the letter below:

"The appalling and brutal murders carried out in a synagogue in Jerusalem during morning prayers this week are to be condemned in the strongest possible terms. The desecration of the sacred, taking life in a house of prayer, is the absolute antithesis of faith and of what we stand for. This attack on people at prayer is yet another example from across the globe of violence in the name of religion, which undermines religious freedom. We appeal to the believers of all traditions to denounce such attacks wherever in our world they take place and to call for an end to religiously motivated violence."

**The Most Revd Justin Welby** Archbishop of Canterbury

**Ephraim Mirvis** Chief Rabbi of the United Hebrew Congregations of the Commonwealth

**Shaykh Ibrahim Mogra** Assistant Secretary-General of the Muslim Council of Britain