

stian Muslim Forum, of which he is Patron.

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An Iftar is the meal that Muslims share, often with other friends and neighbours, at the end of each day of fasting in the month of Ramadan.

Speaking before the breaking of the fast, Archbishop Justin expressed his appreciation for the good relations that Christians and Muslims enjoy in the UK, and spoke of the need of people of different faiths to stand together against the backdrop of terrible violence and suffering, particularly in the Middle East.

"There is much that we need to talk about, and much that we can work on together; but tonight is about celebrating the importance of our friendships," he said.

The Archbishop led a Christian prayer and a time of silent prayer, after which Shaykh Ibrahim Mogra, co-Chair of the Christian Muslim Forum, spoke about the importance of fasting as a spiritual discipline and led his own supplications.

Among the guests was Baroness Warsi, Minister at the Department of Communities and the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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