

# Religious leaders remember WWI

*Faiths join forces to celebrate prayer service for peace*

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RELIGIOUS leaders came together from across the faiths to commemorate World War I at a service in south Wirral.

The Inter-faith Prayer Service for Peace was held at St Winefride's Catholic Church, in Neston, organised by parish priest Fr Ravi Bosco.

Those taking part included Methodist Minister, Rev Marcus Torchon, Imam Kari Khalid, representing the Islamic faith, Rev Alan Dawson, the Church of England vicar at Neston, Sister Mary Agnella, the Superior from Mother Teresa's Community, David Arnold, on behalf of Judaism, and for Hinduism Dr Banerjee.

Children from St Winefride School also took part, with headteacher Mrs Dawn Ormes presenting the event.



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Mrs Ormes said the pupils at the school had been working on WWI projects and added: "It's nice for the children because they haven't done anything like this before."

Fr Ravi said: "Together we can be a big force for peace in the world, rather than being scattered and divided and expending our energies. Coming together like this, we can experience our real strength and use that for the common good."

The service included readings

and Hindu Upanishads, the Koran, Buddha, and even a Celtic Peace prayer.

Phil Bramhall, a governor at St Winefride's Primary School, gave a welcome speech to those attending the service, and said the service ended with everyone chanting the word "peace" in the languages of all the religions taking part.

He said: "It was very moving, and the clerics involved said they were keen to repeat it elsewhere."