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Dear Lord Bishop,

I am writing regarding comments posted by the Revd Dr Peter Mullen, Rector of the Parish Church of St. Michael's Cornhill in the City of London, on his blog about Muslims and which have come to light in tandem with remarks he has recently made about homosexuality.

He had formerly posted a comment on the annual pilgrimage to Mecca, in which some 20,000 British Muslims take part, anticipating what he calls 'agreeable carnage'. He wrote, "They usually manage to stampede and slaughter quite a few hundred of their co-religionists. Just imagine for a moment what a field day the BBC and the leftwing press in England would have if anything even remotely as bad as that happened in Vatican Square at Christmas or Easter."

In another blog comment he has written that:

"[Muslims] certainly lend themselves to ridicule: sticking their arses in the air five times a day. How about a few little choruses, 'Randy Muslims when they die/Find 70 virgins in the sky'?"

His remarks can only be viewed with a great measure of distress at his wholesale undermining of the years of work of Christian and Muslim communities together to infuse our society and our public life with a sense of living in faithful adherence to the noble teachings of monotheistic religions.

We would be interested to hear your thoughts on these remarks.

At ENGAGE, we are acutely aware of how sections of the media and some of our politicians have been inciting anti-Muslim prejudice in the UK and we are keen to ensure that all British citizens work together to challenge and oppose anti-Muslim bigotry in the same principled way that they would oppose other forms of xenophobia.

Yours sincerely,

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