

Sharing Noahâ??s Pudding at St Peterâ??s Cathedral

When Noahâ??s Ark came to rest on Mount Ararat in Turkey, Noahâ??s family celebrated with a special dish according to Abrahamic faiths and traditions.

Sharing Noahâ??s pudding has become a symbolic representation of the unity and essential relationship between people and the creator.

About 50 people, Christians and Muslims, met at St Peterâ??s Cathedral Hall on Saturday 21 August to mark the ocasion, hosted by The Revâ??d Peter Jin, assistant Priest at St Peterâ??s Cathedral.

The Theme of the event Building Peace, Social Harmony and Unity. At the end of the event Noahâ??s Pudding was shared.

Sharing Noahâ??s pudding at an interfaith afternoon at St Peterâ??s Cathedral.

The event was introduced by Dr Mehmet Aslan, McYESS (Multicultural Youth Education Support Services) Community Engagement Manager.

The keynote speaker was Dr Angela Evans AM, of St Peterâ??s Cathedral, who spoke of her experiences helping people with club feet in Bangladesh. She spoke of the power of fellowship â?? in her case through an impromptu soccer match with children she met in a remote rice paddy â?? to enhance co-operation, unity and understanding.

The Revâ??d Dr Paul Goh, Uniting Church, Synod of South Australia spoke of the Christian message of Noah while Mr Nuru Deen Suraju, School Chaplain, Pinnacle College, gave insights into the Koranâ??s teachings of Noah and the Ark.

Noahâ??s Pudding, a porridge made of grains and fruit, is traditionally served in the Balkans and Turkey during the month of Muharram, in which the Day of Ashure takes place. The dish is often called â??ashureâ?•.

It is traditionally made in large quantities to commemorate the arkâ??s landing and is distributed to friends, relatives, neighbours â?? by tradition those living within 40 houses from you, according to Dr Mehmet.

It is seen as an offering of peace and love.

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