

# OXFORD DIOCESAN SYNOD

**Saturday 15 November 2014**

## **Item 8: STATEMENT ON THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION**

### **Monawar Hussain**

Monawar Hussain is the Imam at Eton College. He is also the founder of The Oxford Foundation, which seeks to support vulnerable, disaffected and low achieving young people through innovative educational programmes. He devised, pioneered and successfully piloted the first educational programme in the West confronting violent extremist ideology, aspects of which have been published, and the programme has also been utilised to train RE teachers in the UK. He is also a signatory to the Open Letter to the leader and fighters of the terrorist group IS. Monawar serves on a number of advisory boards including the Advisory Board and Consultative Committee of the Three Faiths Forum. He was appointed a Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Oxfordshire in 2009.

Monawar Hussain read Theology at the University of Oxford and trained as an Imam under the late Shaykh Dr Zaki Badawi KBE. His research interests include Islam and the West; how religions are responding to modernity; interfaith relations; violent extremism; and Sufism in the modern world.