

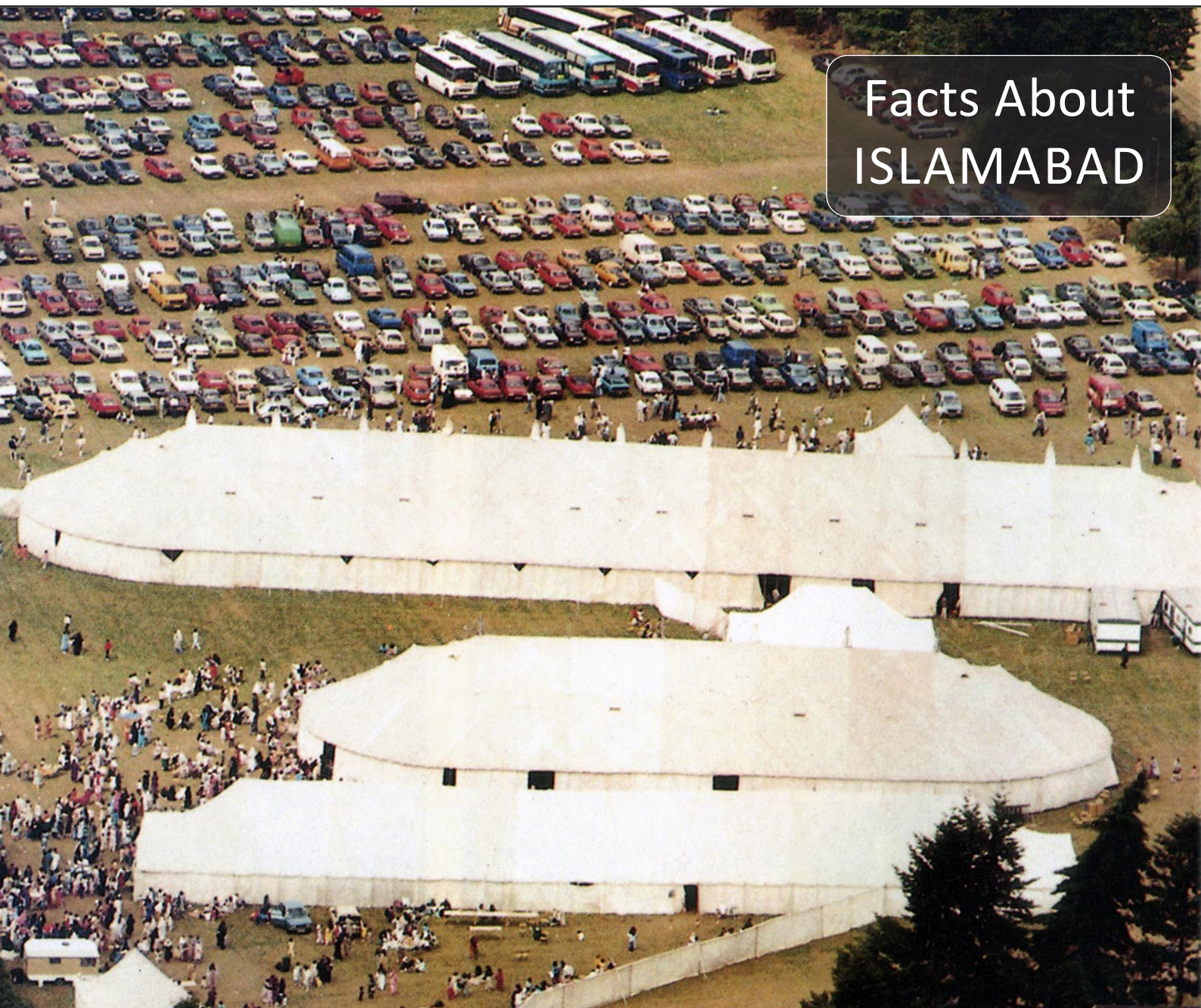
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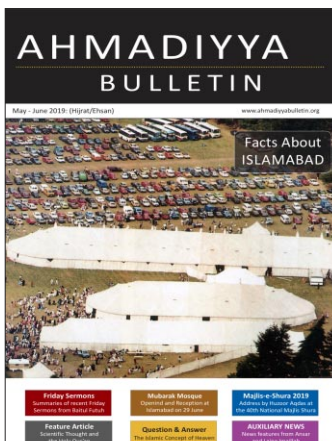
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## بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

### Quotation from the Holy Qur'an

Say, 'If you love Allah, follow me: then will Allah love you and forgive you your faults. And Allah is Most Forgiving, Merciful.' Say, 'Obey Allah and the Messenger;' but if they turn away, then remember that Allah loves not the disbelievers.

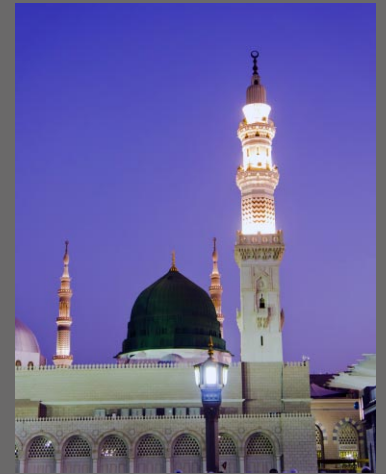
(Al-Imran, 3:32,33)

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### Sayings of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him)

Irbah ibn Sariah relates: The Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of Allah be on him, made a moving address and we said: Messenger of Allah, this sounds like a farewell admonition, then tell us some more; whereupon he said: I adjure you to be mindful of your duty to Allah, and to hear and obey even if a negro slave is put in authority over you. Those of you who survive me will observe much contention. At such time hold fast to my practice and the practice of my rightly guided successors. Hold on to it by your hind teeth, and beware of innovations, for every innovation is error.

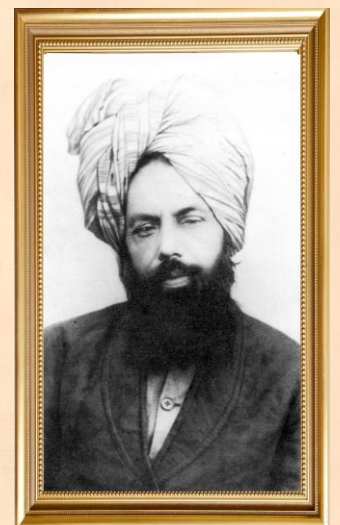
(Abu Daud and Tirmidhi, from *Gardens of Righteous*, p. 41, no. 158).



### Writings of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him)

The human heart is like the Black Stone and a man's bosom resembles the House of Allah. The thoughts of that which is beside Allah are the idols installed in this House. The idols of Makkah were obliterated when the Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of Allah be on him, accompanied by 10,000 saints arrived at Makkah and Makkah surrendered. To defeat and obliterate the idols that are besides Allah, it is necessary that they should be invaded in the same manner. A jihad is needed for clearing this house of its idols and I shall point out the way of this jihad to you; and I assure you that if you follow that way, you will succeed in breaking those idols. This way is not devised by me. God has appointed me to disclose it to you. What is that way? It is that you should follow me and obey me. This is not a new voice. To clear Makkah of idols, the Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of Allah be on him, also announced: 'Tell them, if you love Allah, then follow me, Allah will then love you' (3:32). In the same way, if you will follow me you will be able to break the idols that are inside you and you will be able to purify your bosoms which are filled with idols of many kinds.

(Malfuzat, Vol 1, p 174, quoted in *The Renaissance of Islam*, pp. 157,158).





# FRIDAY SERMONS

Summaries of Khutba Jumuah of Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad – Khalifatul Masih V

We present a summary of some of Huzoor's Friday sermons taken with thanks from alislam.org. While every effort has been made to present the salient points as accurately as possible, we take full responsibility for any errors. In order to draw maximum benefit from these sermons, members are advised to listen to them in full on compact disc, audio or video tape.

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## SERMON 22.3.19

### THE PROMISED MESSIAH (PEACE BE UPON HIM): THE NEED FOR AN IMAM

After reciting the *Tashahhud*, *Ta'awwuz*, and Surah Al-Fatihah, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V stated:

Tomorrow will be 23rd March, and this day is commemorated in the Community as the "*The Promised Messiah Day*". On this day, the pronouncement was made regarding that Messiah and Mahdi, who in accordance with the prophecy made by the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him), was to come in the Latter Days. His mission was to convey and spread the true teachings of Islam to the world, to unite all the Muslims under one banner and to bring followers of all religions under the subservience of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him).

The purpose of the Islamic Messiah was to prove the superiority of the teachings of Islam over all other religions through arguments and proofs. The Promised Messiah says:

*"If the land is barren, rain is of no benefit; in fact, it is damaging and harmful. And so, heavenly light has descended, and it is illuminating the hearts of*

*the people. Prepare yourself to accept it and benefit from ...."*

The Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) further says,

*"Allah the Exalted is more merciful than a compassionate mother. He does not wish for His creation to be wasted. He reveals to you the paths of guidance and light. But in order to tread these paths, you must utilise your reason and purify your souls. Just as planting does not occur until the soil is ploughed to prepare it, so too pure reason cannot descend from heaven until souls are purified through strenuous effort and rigorous self-discipline."*

The Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) states,

*"Another sign in support of the awaited one is that in his era, during the month of Ramadan, the solar and lunar eclipses will occur."*

These are all prophecies contained in the Holy Qur'an that beasts would be gathered together [etc.].

Zoos have been created. Knowledge has become accessible and spread across the world. It also mentions that oceans will be joined together. It also states that people will be joined together. Communication has now become extremely easy and a person is able to communicate across the world within seconds. Furthermore, women, who were treated cruelly at that time, whose rights were suppressed and who used to be killed, will ask that on what grounds are we being killed. Books will be spread far and wide. All of these aspects prove the fact that this is the era of the Promised Messiah.

The Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) states,

*“As for the place of the Promised Messiah’s advent, it ought to be remembered that the emergence of the Anti-Christ has been foretold to take place from the East and this refers to our country. Then, it is narrated that the Messiah will appear in the village of Qad’ah, which is short for ‘Qadian.’”*

The Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) continues by saying,

*“Calamities were also to serve as a sign. Heavenly calamities took on the form of famine, plague and cholera. As for earthly calamities, there are wars and earthquakes, which have destroyed the land.”*

He further writes,

*“Was the sign of Lekhram not a magnificent sign? Similarly, well before the Conference of Great Religions (Dharam Mahautsav) I announced many days in advance that Allah Almighty had informed me that my essay would be superior to all others. Those who witnessed this grand and awe-inspiring conference can reflect and understand for themselves that the prophecy was fulfilled.”*

*“In short, even at this time, there are many proofs of my being commissioned from God. Firstly, there is internal evidence. Secondly, there are external proofs. Thirdly, there is the saying of the Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) about the arrival of one who would rejuvenate faith at the turn of every century. Fourthly, there is the divine promise of preserving the Qur’an in the words, ‘Surely, We have sent down the Qur’an, and it is indeed We Who shall safeguard it.’ The fifth proof – which is an*

*outstanding sign – is the divine promise in Surah An-Noor, the Promise of Divine Successorship.*

The Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) writes,

*“Just as Jesus (peace be upon him) did not bring any new law, but came to fulfil what was in the Torah, so too has the Messiah of the dispensation of Muhammad not introduced any new law, but has come for the rejuvenation of the Qur’an – to revive the true understanding of the Noble Qur’an.”*

The Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) states,

*“Remember well! The promises of God are indeed true! According to His divine promise, He has sent a warner to the world, but the world accepted him not. Yet God shall accept him and will demonstrate his truthfulness with mighty assaults. I tell you truly that I have appeared as the Messiah in accordance with the promise of God. Now, as you so desire, accept me or reject me, however your rejection will have no significance because that which God Almighty has willed, shall surely come to pass.”*

Then Huzoor mentioned the tragic shootings that took place in New Zealand saying,

*“I issued a press release on behalf of the entire Ahmadiyya Community, in which I expressed my condolences. Many innocent people, including children were martyred as a result of religious and ethnic hatred. May God Almighty have mercy on them all.”*

The most excellent and moral way New Zealand’s government, and particularly its Prime Minister, has responded to this attack has been exemplary and is most praiseworthy. It has been a reaction of the highest order.

### **SERMON 29.3.19 MEN OF EXCELLENCE**

After reciting the Tashahhud, Ta’awwuz, and Surah Al-Fatihah, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V stated:

The first companion I will mention today is Hazrat Tulaib Bin Umair who was among the earliest converts. He migrated to Abyssinia and returned after





hearing false rumours that the Quraish had accepted Islam. He later migrated from Makkah to Medina. He is counted amongst the prominent companions of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him). He participated at Badr, and at Ajnadain, which took place in 13AH. He attained martyrdom in the latter at the age of 35.

Hazrat Salim Maula ibn Abi Huzaifa is counted among the prominent companions of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him). He migrated to Medina prior to the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him). He was a freed slave of Hazrat Thubaita bint Ya'ar, the wife of Hazrat Abu Huzaifa. Hazrat Abu Huzaifa took Hazrat Salim as his adopted son. Hazrat Abu Huzaifa wedded him to his niece, Fatima bint Waleed. It is narrated that when God Almighty revealed the verse:

*“Call them by the names of their fathers. That is more equitable in the sight of Allah. But if you know not their fathers, then they are your brothers in faith and your friends. And there is no blame on you in any mistake you may unintentionally make in this matter, but what matters is that which your hearts intend. And Allah is Most Forgiving, Merciful.”*

After the revelation of this verse, Hazrat Salim became known as ‘Maula Abu Huzaifa i.e. the freed slave of Abu Huzaifa a liberated servant or friend of Abu Huzaifa. Hazrat Salim used to lead the prayers, when early Muslims emigrated to Medina. He was a Qari and was amongst the four companions about whom the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) had stated that one should learn the Qur’an from them.

Once Hazrat A’isha (Allah be pleased with her)

arrived a little late to see the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him). When asked her why she was late, she replied,

*“A Qari was reciting the Holy Qur’an with extraordinary beauty. I began listening to his recitation of the Qur’an, and thus got late.”*

The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) put on his cloak and went outside and saw that it was Hazrat Salim who had been reciting the Holy Qur’an. Observing this, the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) proclaimed,

*“I thank God Almighty, Who has granted my people such a beautiful Qari as yourself.”*

Hazrat Salim relates that the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said,

*“On the Day of Judgement, a particular group of people shall be called upon who shall have as many good works as the mountains of Tihaamah. However, when these good works are presented before God, He shall reject them and shall cast these people into the fire.”*

Upon hearing this, Hazrat Salim said,

*“O Messenger (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) of Allah, may my parents be sacrificed for you! Please specify the characteristics of such people so that we may recognise them! I swear by that God Who has raised you as a Prophet that I fear becoming among these people.”*

On this, the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of

Allah be upon him) said,

*“their good deeds will be rejected because they will freely partake forbidden/unlawful things as presented before them....”*

On the day of Yamammah, Hazrat Salim was the flag bearer of the army. During the battle, when his right hand was severed, he held the flag in his left. When his left hand was severed, he held the flag between his neck and recited the words, *“And Muhammad is only a Messenger, and many a Prophet there has been beside whom fought numerous companies of their followers”*. He was later martyred. When martyred, people said that they lost one fourth of the Qur’an as he was one of four scholars from whom the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) instructed to learn the Qur’an from.

Hazrat Itbaan bin Malik belonged to the Banu Salim bin Auf branch of the Khazraj. The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) established a bond of brotherhood between him and Hazrat Umar (peace be upon him). He participated at Badr, Uhud and Khandaq. He began to lose his eyesight during the lifetime of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) and passed away during the reign of Hazrat Muawiyah.

According to one narration, when he lost his eyesight, he sought permission from the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) to be excused from attending the mosque for congregational prayer. The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) asked him whether he could hear the Adhan, to which he said yes. The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) did not grant him permission to be excused. He was later granted permission. If people cannot get to the Mosque because of extreme weather conditions and difficulties, it is permissible to offer prayers at home on the condition that the prayer should be offered in congregation and there is no excuse for this. Thus, this should always be borne in mind. Here in these countries, if the mosque is at a distance and there is also no means of transportation, then you should offer your homes as *Salat* centres where the local neighbouring Ahmadis can gather and offer their prayers in congregation.

### 3. SERMON 5.4.19 MEN OF EXCELLENCE

After reciting the *Tashahhud*, *Ta’awwuz*, and Surah Al-Fatihah, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V stated:

Hazrat Khiraash belonged to the Banu Jusham branch of the Khazraj. He participated at Badr and Uhud. He was among the skilled archers of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him).

Hazrat Ubaid bin Tayyihan was among the confederates of Banu ‘Abdil Ash’al. He participated in *bai’at-e-Aqabah* along with 70 Ansar. He participated at Badr along with his brother Hazrat Abul Haitham. He attained martyrdom at Uhud.

Hazrat Abu Hannah Malik bin ‘Amr was among those who took part in the Battle of Badr.

Hazrat ‘Abdullah Bin Zaid bin Tha’labah participated in the *bai’at* at ‘Aqabah along with 70 Ansar. He participated at Badr, Uhud, Khandaq and other Battles. On the Victory of Makkah, he carried the flag of Banu Harith bin Khazraj. He was proficient in writing Arabic prior to his acceptance of Islam. He was told the words of the *Adhan* in a dream. Hazrat Mirza Bashir Ahmad Sahib writes,

*“Until now there was no arrangement for a call to Salat, or Adhan etc. Upon the construction of Masjid-e-Nabawi, the question as to how Muslims would be congregated at the appropriate time was felt even more. One Companion proposed the use of a bell, like the Christians. Someone proposed the use of a trumpet, like the Jews. Hazrat Umar (peace be upon him) proposed that an individual be appointed to announce the time for Salat. The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) approved this proposal, and appointed Hazrat Bilal to perform this duty. Sometime afterwards, the words of the current Adhan were taught to Hazrat ‘Abdullah bin Zaid in a dream. The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said, ‘This dream is from Allah,’ and instructed ‘Abdullah to teach these words to Bilal. When Bilal called out the Adhan for the very first time, upon hearing them, Hazrat ‘Umar (peace be upon him) rushed to the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) and said, ‘O Messenger of Allah! Today, the words in which Bilal called out the Adhan were exactly those which I also saw in my dream.’”*

Hazrat Ayesha (may Allah be pleased with her) narrates,



*“A person came to the Holy Prophet and requested, ‘O Messenger of Allah! By God, you are undoubtedly more beloved to me than my own self, my family, and my children. I was at home thinking about you, and I could not hold myself back to the point that I just had to come and meet you and now I am looking at you. When I thought about the idea of you and I was passing away, I realised that after entering paradise, you shall be exalted along with other Prophets. So, I became afraid that when I enter paradise, I will not be able to find you.’ The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) did not respond to this person until the angel Gabriel descended with the revelation of the following verse,*

*‘And whoso obeys Allah and this Messenger of His shall be among those on whom Allah has bestowed His blessings, namely, the Prophets, the Truthful, the Martyrs, and the Righteous. And excellent companions are these.’” (4:70)*

Hazrat Mu’az bin ‘Amr bin Jamoo participated in the second *bai’at* at Aqabah as well as at Badr and Uhud. He participated in the killing of Abu Jahl during the battle of Badr. According to some narrations the two sons of Afrah, Mu’az and Mu’awwiz, attacked Abu Jahl to the extent that he was taking his last breaths. After this Hazrat Abdullah bin Masood severed his head. Hazrat Abdullah bin Masood found Abu Jahl when he was on the brink of death. Hazrat Abdullah bin Masood put his leg on Abu Jahl’s neck and said, *“O enemy of God! God Almighty has humiliated you!”* Abu Jahl replied arrogantly, *“I have not been humiliated! Have you ever killed a person greater than myself?”* Meaning that he did not feel any humiliation and then asked who had been victorious in the battle. Hazrat Abdullah bin Masood replied that God and His Messenger were victorious.

According to another narration it is stated that Abu Jahl said, *“I was his [i.e. Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him)] enemy all his life and even today, my enmity has not subsided in the slightest.”* Hazrat Abdullah bin Masood then severed his head and brought it to the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him). The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said,

*‘Just as I am the most beloved and revered of God from among all the prophets and my people are*

*the most revered from all other nations, similarly, Abu Jahl is the most severe and violent Pharaoh of all those who had pharaoh like traits. For this reason, it is mentioned about him saying, “till, when the calamity of drowning overtook him, he said, ‘I believe that there is no God but He in Whom the children of Israel believe.’” The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said that the Pharaoh of this era, is the gravest in terms of enmity and disbelief, and this can be seen from the last words of Abu Jahl.’*

Hazrat Mu’az bin Amr bin Jamoo passed away during the Caliphate of Hazrat Uthman (Allah be pleased with him). The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said, *“Mu’az bin Amr bin Jamoo was an exceptional individual.”*

#### **4. SERMON 12.4.19 MEN OF EXCELLENCE**

After reciting the *Tashahhud*, *Ta’awwuz*, and Surah Al-Fatihah, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V stated:

Hazrat Hussain bin Haris belonged to the Banu Muttalib bin ‘Abdi Manaaf tribe. The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) established a bond of brotherhood between Hazrat Hussain and Hazrat ‘Abdullah bin Jubair. Hazrat Hussain participated in all battles alongside the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him). The two brothers of Hazrat Hussain - Hazrat ‘Ubaidah and Hazrat Tufail - also participated at Badr.

Hazrat Safwan’s father’s name was Wahab bin Rabi’ah. He belonged to the Banu Haris bin Fehr tribe.

Hazrat Mubashir bin ‘Abd-il-Munzir’s father’s name was ‘Abd-ul-Munzir and his mother was Nasiba bint Zaid. He participated, and was martyred, at Badr.

Hazrat ‘Abdullah bin ‘Amr relates,

*“I saw a dream before the battle of Uhud that Hazrat Mubashir saying to me that I will join them in a few days. I asked him, where are you? Upon this, he said: ‘We are in heaven. We eat and drink wherever we desire.’ I asked him, was he not martyred during the battle of Badr? He replied: ‘Indeed, I was certainly martyred, however, I was revived once again.’” This companion mentioned this dream to the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him), upon which the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon*

*him) said: "O Abu Jabir! This is the reality of martyrdom. A martyr returns to Allah and roams around freely."*

With the support of authentic narrators, Tibrani has related an incident on authority of Ibn Mas'ud in which he stated,

*"God will most certainly place the souls of the companions of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) that were martyred on the day of Badr among the green birds in heaven and they will eat and drink therein wherever they please. They will be in this very state when their Lord will appear before them and say to them, 'O My servants! What do you desire?' Upon this, they will say 'O our Lord! Is there anything greater than the fact that we have already entered heaven?"*

*God Almighty will then ask,*

*"What do you desire?" On the fourth occasion of asking, the companions would say, "Return our souls to our bodies, so we can be martyred again in the same manner as we were martyred before."*

Hazrat Warqa bin Ayas's father's name was Ayas bin Amr. He was from the Banu Lozaan bin Ghanam clan of the Khazraj. According to a narration by 'Alama bin Ishaq, Hazrat Warqa had the opportunity to participate at Badr along with two of his brothers - Hazrat Rabee' and Hazrat Amr. Apart from Badr, Hazrat Warqa participated at all other battles alongside the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him). He was martyred in 11 AH, at Yamama during the Caliphate of Hazrat Abu Bakr (Allah be pleased with him).

Hazrat Muhriz bin Nadhlah had a fair complexion and a beautiful countenance. He participated at Badr, Uhud and Khandaq. Salih bin Qisaan narrates,

*"Hazrat Muhriz bin Nadhlah said that I saw in a dream that the heavens were made to open up for me and I entered and reached the seventh heaven. Then I arrived at the Sidratul Muntaha. I was informed that this is your destination."*

Hazrat Muhriz states,

*'I mentioned this dream to Hazrat Abu Bakr*

*(peace be upon him) who was an expert in the interpretation of dreams. Hazrat Abu Bakr (peace be upon him) stated, 'Rejoice at the glad tidings of martyrdom.'"*

After this dream, he attained martyrdom, and he was close to thirty-seven or thirty-eight years of age at the time of his martyrdom.

Hazrat Suwaibit bin Sa'd, also known as Suwaibit bin Harmala, was from amongst the early Muslims. He migrated to Medina and stayed at the house of Hazrat Abdullah bin Salma Ajaani. He took part at Badr and Uhud.

Having narrated the incidents of the Companions, Huzoor spoke briefly about the revelation of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) ["enlarge your abode"]

The Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) was vouchsafed this revelation at different times. When God Almighty instructs his prophets by way of revelation to carry out a certain task, it means that God Almighty would assist them with Divine succour and support. The history of the Jamaat is proof of how God Almighty fulfilled this prophecy with full grandeur and glory, and how He continues to fulfil the prophecy to this day.

When Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV (Allah have mercy on him) migrated here, God Almighty immediately showed a miraculous sign of His Divine support and enabled the Jamaat to purchase 25-acres of land, named Islamabad. Subsequently, a further six acres was later added to this. I remember when I came here in 1985, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV (Allah have mercy on him) especially said to me that God Almighty has granted us an excellent site, which is even sufficient enough to serve as the headquarters. Although these were not his exact words, however he said words to this effect. Furthermore, there are some other evidences which also indicate this, and I am convinced that it was the wish of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV (Allah have mercy on him) to make the headquarters in Islamabad.

Nevertheless, God Almighty has appointed a time for everything. A purpose-built mosque has been constructed; along with a residence for Khalifatul Masih; houses for life devotees and Jamaat workers have been built and more will be built in due course.

Owing to the Islamabad redevelopment, God Almighty has granted the Jamaat a large two storey building in Farnham, situated two to three miles away.



Aside from this, Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya UK have also bought a large building there. Prior to this, God Almighty enabled us to purchase Hadeeqatul Mahdi which spans over 200 acres. In addition, Jamia Ahmadiyya UK also moved nearby. All of these places are situated at a 10 – 20-minute drive from Islamabad. There was no plan in place to purchase all these sites rather, it was God Almighty who provided us with all of these close to one another.

May God Almighty enable us to propagate the message of Islam from Islamabad more than before.

### 5. SERMON 19.4.19 MEN OF EXCELLENCE

After reciting the *Tashahhud*, *Ta'awwuz*, and Surah Al-Fatihah, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V stated:

Hazrat Ibn Abbas narrates that once while the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) was sitting in the courtyard of his house in Makkah, Hazrat Usman bin Maz'oon passed by. He smiled as he saw the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him). The Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said to him, *"Would you not like to take a seat?"* Hazrat Usman replied, *"Indeed, why not!"*. Thus, he came and sat down in front of him. Whilst in conversation, the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) suddenly looked up. He looked at the sky for a moment and then began lowering his gaze slowly, until he was looking continuously towards his right.

He turned his face away from Usman bin Maz'oon, who was sitting before him and started looking towards the other direction. Then he lowered his head. During this incident, the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) was nodding his head so as to indicate as if he was trying to understand something. Usman bin Maz'oon, who was sitting next to him, observed all of this. After a short while, when the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) emerged from this state he was in at that time and whatever was being said to him came to an end - something was apparently being said to the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him), although Hazrat Usman was unaware of what was being said. Once the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) had understood what had been said to him, his eyes rose towards the sky once again as it

did before. His gaze was following something until that object disappeared from the sky. After this, the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) turned to Usman Bin Maz'oon like before. Hazrat Usman said, *"I have never seen you doing what you were doing today."* The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said, *"What did you see me do".* Usman Bin Maz'oon replied, *"I saw your eyes rising towards the sky. Then you looked towards your right and fixed your gaze in that direction, taking no notice of me. You then began nodding your head, as if you were trying to understand what was being said to you."* The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) asked, *"Did you really observe this?"* Usman bin Maz'oon replied in the affirmative. Upon this, the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said, *"While you were sitting next to me, a messenger from Allah came to me and brought me a message."* Usman bin Maz'oon asked, *"A messenger from Allah?"* The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) answered, *"Yes."* Usman asked, *"What did he say?"* The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) replied, *"He said,*

*Verily, Allah enjoins justice, and the doing of good to others; and giving like kindred; and forbids indecency, and manifest evil, and wrongful transgression. He admonishes you that you may take heed."* (16:91)

Usman Bin Maz'oon says, *"This was the time when faith was truly embedded in my heart and I began to love Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him)."*

According to Ibn Ishaq, he accepted Islam after thirteen individuals. He and his son, Sa'ib, participated in the first migration to Abyssinia. When he heard the false news that the Quraish had accepted Islam, he returned to Makkah with other migrants. When they reached near Makkah, they learnt the truth of the matter. At that moment, travelling back to Abyssinia appeared too difficult a task for them. Anyway, some people did return, fearing entry into Makkah without coming under someone's tribal protection. Nonetheless, others took the tribal protection of a local person before entering Makkah – they waited until someone from Makkah gave them refuge and safe entry to come back. Hazrat

Usman bin Maz'oon came under the protection of Waleed bin Mugheerah. Ibn Ishaq relates,

*“Hazrat Usman saw that the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) and his companions were enduring great troubles – that people were being beaten and great cruelties inflicted upon them, all the while he [i.e. Hazrat Usman] spent day and night in peace under the tribal protection of Waleed bin Mugheerah, (he was a non-Muslim chief among the chiefs of Makkah, and Usman had come under his protection). The deep love and bond Hazrat Usman bin Maz'oon had with the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) can be also be gauged from the following account. In one of the narrations it states that upon his demise, the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) kissed him and whilst doing so tears were flowing from his eyes. When the Holy Prophet's son, Ibrahim passed away, the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) stood next to his body and said, “May you be in the company of our righteous and dear friend, Usman bin Maz'oon (peace be upon him).”*

Hazrat Usman bin Maz'oon sought permission from the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) to lead a life in complete seclusion from the world and become celibate. However the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) prohibited him from doing this.

Hazrat Usman bin Maz'oon narrates that on one occasion Hazrat Umar (Allah be pleased with him) walked past us whilst we were sitting in the company of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him). The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said, ‘this individual is *Ghalaqal Fitna*’ i.e. he is a barrier against dissention. The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) then indicated that he is a door between us, and the dissention and that this door will remain sealed shut until he remains among us. This meant that whilst Hazrat Umar (Allah be pleased with him) was alive there would not be any discord or dissent within Islam. This is corroborated by the events of history as the main disturbances began after this. Hazrat Umar (peace be upon him) knew that after him the dissention and discord would begin.

Hazrat Usman bin Maz'oon was the first among the Muhajireen to pass away in Madinah in 2 AH. According to some narrations he passed away 22 months after the Battle of Badr, and he was the first person to be buried in Janatul Baqi.

## 6.SERMON 26.4.19 MEN OF EXCELENCE

After reciting the *Tashahhud*, *Ta'awwuz*, and Surah Al-Fatihah, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V stated:

In the previous sermon, while narrating the account of Hazrat Usman Bin Maz'oon, I concluded by saying that he was the first person to be buried in Jannatul Baqi'. The following details have been found regarding the foundation and establishment of Jannatul Baqi'.

At the time of the arrival of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) in Medina, there were many graveyards belonging to various tribes and Jews. Among other graveyards, there was the graveyard of *Banu Sa'aadah*, *Baqi-ul-Gharqad* was the oldest and most famous amongst all these graveyards. *Baqi-ul-Gharqad* used to be called *Baqi-ul-Kahbkhahah* in those days. In Arabic *Baqi* is a place in which there is an abundance of trees. This place was known in Medina as *Baqi-ul-Gharqad* as the *Gharqad* trees there were plentiful. Once the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) chose it as the graveyard of the Muslims, it has since had a unique and prominent position, which remains till today and shall always do so.

The first person to be buried there was Hazrat Usman bin Maz'oon. The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) placed a stone at the head of the grave as a marker saying, ‘*He has preceded us*’. Thereafter, whenever someone passed away, people would ask the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) where they should be buried. The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) would answer, “*Near Usman bin Maz'oon, who has preceded us*”. When the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him)'s son, Ibrahim passed away, the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said, “*May you join the company of the pious individual, Usman bin Mazoon, who has passed away.*”

Hazrat Umme 'Alaa, who was amongst the ladies from the Ansar and had pledged allegiance to the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him), narrated that when Hazrat Usman bin Mazoon passed away, she paid her respects and stated,

*“I bear witness that Allah has certainly honoured you.”*

When the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) heard this, he enquired,



*“How have you come to know that God Almighty has most certainly exalted him?”*

She responded,

*“O Messenger (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) of Allah! May my parents be sacrificed for your sake, I am not certain about this, but this is how I felt. Hence, I was expressing my feelings.”*

Upon this, the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) responded,

*“As far as Usman is concerned, he has passed away and I hope for his prosperity (and that may God Almighty honour him). However, by God, even I do not know what will happen to Usman.”*

Then Hazrat Umme Alaa stated,

*“This made me sorrowful and I fell asleep in this state. That night I saw in a dream that there is a flowing fountain which belongs to Hazrat Usman. After seeing this dream, I visited the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) and narrated my dream to him. The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) responded, ‘Such was his actions.’”*

Hazrat Wahab bin Sa’ad bin Abi Sarah participated at Badr, Uhud, Khandaq, Hudaibiyah and Khaibar and he passed away in Jamadi al-Oola 8 A.H. at the Battle of Mautah. The Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) sent Harith bin ‘Umair with a letter as a messenger to the King of Busrah. When they reached the place called Mautah, they met with Shurahbeel bin Amr Ghassaani, who was one of the governors of Syria appointed by the Romans. He stopped and martyred them. When news of this tragedy reached the Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him), he gathered an army of 3000. The Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) selected Zaid bin Haritha as the leader advising,

*“Go to the place where Hazrat Harith bin ‘Umair has been martyred and invite the people to Islam. If they accept, then fine, but if they do not, then seek Allah’s help against them and engage with them in battle.”*

He said,

*“If Zaid is martyred, then Ja’far will be your leader, and if he is also martyred, then ‘Abdullah bin Rawaahah shall take his place.”*

This group of men was also known as the Infantry of Leaders. A Jew who was sitting nearby, heard what the Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) had just uttered and approached Hazrat Zaid saying,

*“if Muhammad is true then none of the three of you shall return from the battle alive.”*

At this, Hazrat Zaid replied,

*“Whether I return from this battle alive or not, this is an incontrovertible fact that the Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) is a true Messenger and a truthful Prophet of God.”*

The information about the martyrs of this battle was conveyed through divine revelation to the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him). Regarding this there is a narration, in which Hazrat Anas bin Malik relates that the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) stated,

*“Zaid held the flag and was martyred, after which Ja’far took hold of it and he, too was martyred, and after this, Abdullah bin Rawaahah took hold of the flag and he was also martyred.”*

While telling this to the people, tears were flowing from the eyes of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him). After this the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) went on to say,

*“After this, Khalid bin Waleed took hold of the flag and they were granted victory.”*

## 7. SERMON 3.5.19

### MEN OF EXCELLENCE

After reciting the *Tashahhud*, *Ta’awwuz*, and Surah Al-Fatihah, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V stated: Hazrat ‘Ubaid participated at Badr, Uhud and Khandaq alongside the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him).

Hazrat ‘Abdullah bin Nu’man bin Baldama

participated at Badr and Uhud.

Hazrat 'Abdullah bin 'Umair participated at Badr.

Hazrat 'Amr bin Harith accepted Islam in the early days in Makkah and participated in the second migration to Abyssinia and was at Badr.

Hazrat 'Abdullah bin Ka'ab participated in all the battles alongside the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him).

Hazrat 'Abdullah bin Qais participated at Badr and was martyred at Uhud.

Hazrat Salama bin Aslam participated alongside the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) in all the battles. He was martyred during the caliphate of Hazrat 'Umar (peace be upon him) in the battle of *Jisr*, which was fought at the river bank of the Euphrates.

Hazrat Uqbah bin Usman participated at Badr and Uhud.

Hazrat Abdullah bin Sahl participated at Badr and was martyred during Khandaq when an individual from the Banu Awaif tribe caught him with an arrow. He also took part in the pledge that took place at Aqabah.

Hazrat Abdullah bin Sahl and Hazrat Rafi bin Sahl were brothers from the Banu Abdil Asha'al tribe. Upon returning from the Battle of Uhud, they were both severely injured. However Hazrat Abdullah had sustained more injuries. When they heard about the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him)'s instruction to go for the Battle of Hamraa-ul-Asad, one of them said to the other,

*'By God! We shall be greatly deprived if we are not able to take part in this battle alongside the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him).'*

They had no transport, so decided to walk. Hazrat Abdullah said to his brother, *'come along, we shall walk slowly and head in the direction of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him).'*

Thus, they both set off, staggering along the way. They walked, at times, they had to carry each other because of extreme tiredness and illness, but they continued to walk in this way until they reached the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) in the evening. At the time, the companions had camped for the night and were lighting a fire. They both came before the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him), who greeted them and gave them a glad tiding of a great reward for this struggle and sacrifice.

The name of Hazrat Utbah bin Rabea is found among the names of those *Amirs*, who gathered for

the Battle of Yarmouk. There are varying opinions as to which tribe Hazrat Utbah (peace be upon him) belonged to. The details of the Battle of Yarmouk are that upon returning to Medina from Hajj in 12AH, Hazrat Abu Bakr (Allah be pleased with him) sent Muslim armies towards Syria in the early part of 13AH. Initially, Hazrat Abu Bakr (peace be upon him) appointed Khalid bin Sa'd as an Amir but later replaced him with Yazid bin Sufyan (may Allah be pleased with him). They left for Syria with an army of 7,000 men. Heraclius himself marched to Homs and prepared a large army from the Byzantine forces. He appointed a leader for each of the Muslim leaders. Then, it was decided that all of the Muslim armies would gather at Yarmouk. Hazrat Abu Bakr (peace be upon him) sent a message saying,

*"Even though you are fewer in number, you will never be defeated if you remain faithful and united because you are fighting in the cause of God Almighty... Therefore, safeguard yourselves from sins, purify yourselves, become united and fight together in Yarmouk. Every single Commander from among you should offer prayers with their infantry."*

The Muslims encircled the Byzantine army from Safar 13 Hijri until Rabe'ul Thani, but they were not successful. Hazrat Abu Bakr (may Allah be pleased with him) then ordered Hazrat Khalid bin Waleed to travel to Yarmouk from Iraq as reinforcement. It is stated that the total number of soldiers for the Byzantine army was between 200,000 and 240,000 as opposed to the Muslim army which was between 37,000 and 46,000. In comparison, the size of the Muslim army was almost one fifth of the opposing army. Hazrat Khalid divided the Muslim army into groups of 36 to 40 men, but everyone was fighting under one Commander.

Hazrat 'Utba bin Rabe'a was the leader of one of these groups. Hazrat Khalid realised that the Muslim army was fewer in number. However, owing to this tactic, to the enemy it would appear that the Muslim army was greater. The Muslims remained steadfast and fought valiantly until the evening, at which point the Byzantine army began to flee. In this battle, over 100,000 Byzantine soldiers died compared with a total of 3000 Muslim casualties. Among those martyred was Hazrat Ikramah bin Abu Jahl. After the victory at Yarmouk, the Muslim army quickly spread throughout Syria, capturing Canisarein, Antakya, Juma, Sarmin,



Tezein, Korus, Tal A'zaz, Zaluk and Raban, among other places.

## 8. SERMON 10.5.19 RAMADHAN AND OUR RESPONSIBILITIES

After reciting the *Tashahhud*, *Ta'awwuz*, and Surah Al-Fatihah, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V recited verses 184-187 of Surah al-Baqarah and read the translation as follows,

“O ye who believe! Fasting is prescribed for you, as it was prescribed for those before you, so that you may become righteous i.e. to abstain from sin and increase in spirituality. The prescribed fasting is for a fixed number of days, but whoso among you is sick or is on a journey shall fast the same number of other days; and for those who are able to fast only with great difficulty is an expiation — the feeding of a poor man, providing they have the capacity to do so. And whoso performs a good work with willing obedience, it is better for him. And fasting is good for you, if you only knew. The month of Ramadan is that in which the Qur'an was sent down as a guidance for mankind with clear proofs of guidance and discrimination. Therefore, whosoever of you is present at home in this month, let him fast therein. But whoso is sick or is on a journey, shall fast the same number of other days. Allah desires to give you facility and He desires not hardship for you, and that you may complete the number, and that you may exalt Allah for His having guided you and that you may be grateful. And when My servants ask thee about Me, say: 'I am near. I answer the prayer of the supplicant when he prays to Me. So they should hearken to Me and believe in Me, that they may follow the right way.'”

On one occasion, the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said,

*“If you knew the excellences of Ramadan and in which ways and how much God Almighty manifests His mercy, you would have wished that Ramadan were extended to the entire year so that you can gather the blessings of Allah the Exalted all year long.”*

The Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) has stated that through the practice of fasting, God Almighty desires for a person to decrease one form of nourishment and increase in another form of sustenance. A person observing the fast remains

occupied in the remembrance of God Almighty in order to develop a state of inclination towards God and detachment from the world.

The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) stated that God Almighty says that,

*“every deed of a person is for his own sake, except for observing fasts. In fact, the fast is observed for My sake.”* He also stated that *“fasts are a shield and if anyone of you is observing a fast, he should not utter anything which is indecent and foul.”*

The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said,

*“by God, in Whose hand lies Muhammad's life, the smell of the mouth of an individual observing the fast is more pleasant to Allah the Exalted than musk.”*

The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said,

*“There are two joys for an individual who observes fasts and that bring him happiness. Firstly, he rejoices when he breaks the fast in that Allah the Exalted made provisions for him to break the fast. Secondly, when he will meet his Lord, he will rejoice due to the fasts as Allah the Exalted states that I Personally become the reward for one who fasts.”*

Then, in the next verse, God Almighty also describes those conditions in which one may be excused from fasting. However, before elaborating upon this, God Almighty explains, saying that since I Myself am the reward for the one who fasts, and I personally provide believers the means to secure their forgiveness, therefore the thought should not arise in anyone's mind that we are making a great sacrifice by fasting, as a result of which Almighty Allah has granted us His favours, forbearance and forgiveness.

Hence, those afflicted with temporary illnesses can also give the *Fidya*, so that they get well and can fast. And then, at the end of one's journey and upon recovering from sickness, it is also compulsory to fast. Even if one has paid the *Fidya*, he still needs to make up the missed fasts after Ramadan. These missed fasts can be kept at any time in the year.

Then, God Almighty states in this verse that whichever good work you carry out with the utmost

**“The progress of the Ahmadiyya Jama’at is a result of the blessings of God Almighty. Neither can any worldly government halt the progress of the Jama’at, nor is Ahmadiyyat in need of support from any worldly government. As long as we follow the commandments of God Almighty, and as long as we endeavour to acquire His pleasure, we will continue to be the recipients of the blessings of God as well as a part of these progresses. Hence, we should continue to assess our conditions.”**

obedience, even if you don’t want to do it, you still do it because it is a command of God, and subsequently God Almighty shall reward you with even more.

Then, in the following verse, God Almighty states, We caused the Qur’an to descend in this month, which is a means of guidance for you, and contains within itself clear and illuminating signs. The Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) says,

*“When reciting the Holy Quran, when someone comes across a portion in which there is mention of the Mercy of God Almighty, then at that moment one ought to seek mercy from God Almighty. And when one recites a portion in which the Quran refers to punishment of a particular people, at that point one ought to seek protection from God Almighty through repentance and seeking His forgiveness. One should ponder and reflect over the Holy Quran and act according to its teachings.”*

The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) has stated that the first ten days of this month are to attain God Almighty’s mercy, the middle ten days are to seek His forgiveness and the last ten days one seeks to be saved from the hellfire.

## **9. SERMON 17.5.19**

### **INAUGURATION MASJID MUBARAK**

Upon entering the Mosque, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V stated:

As-salam-o ‘alaikum wa rahmatullah I have just unveiled the plaque to commemorate the opening of the mosque and the inauguration has now taken place. Usually, the tradition has been that whenever I unveil a plaque for an inauguration, we offer silent

prayer. However, today, keeping in line with that practice, instead of a *du’a*, I will perform *sajdah-e-shukar* and all of you should join me for God Almighty has granted us this modest headquarters (markaz) and also this mosque. Following this, the Friday sermon shall commence. After this brief announcement, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V recited the Tashahhud, Ta’awwuz, Surah Al-Fatihah and verses 30-32 of Surah al-A’raf and then stated:

Say, ‘My Lord has enjoined justice. And fix your attention aright at every time and place of worship, and call upon Him, making yourselves sincere towards Him in religion. As He brought you into being, so shall you return.’ Some has He guided, and as for others error has become their desert. They have taken evil ones for friends to the exclusion of Allah, and they think that they are rightly guided. O children of Adam! look to your adornment at every time and place of worship and eat and drink but exceed not the bounds; surely, He does not love those who exceed the bounds.

All Praise belongs to Allah, today God Almighty has granted us the opportunity to offer the Friday prayers at this mosque in Islamabad. This complex has the capacity for congregational prayers, meetings, teaching and training sessions and ample office space. This mosque, which I have named ‘*Masjid Mubarak*’, is significant because the residence of the Khalifa is located here. Similarly, for those serving the Community, there is adequate residence for approximately 29-30 families. May Allah the Exalted enable this mosque to be a reflection of Masjid Mubarak (in Qadian). May it attract and attain the blessings of Allah the Exalted and may it be blessed in every regard.

I have named this mosque based on a Divine revelation of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him). The translation of this in the very words of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) is that this mosque is the source and recipient of blessings and every blessed deed will be performed therein. May Allah the Exalted enable the prayers of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him), which he offered in Masjid Mubarak in Qadian, as well as his desires and yearnings for Islam to spread across the world and become victorious, be received by this mosque as well. And may this mosque and this centre always remain established, through which the unity of Allah and the message of Islam will be spread across England, Europe and the entire world. May the move of the headquarters here prove to be a blessing in every regard. The progress of the Ahmadiyya Jama'at is a result of the blessings of God Almighty. Neither can any worldly government halt the progress of the Jama'at, nor is Ahmadiyyat in need of support from any worldly government. As long as we follow the commandments of God Almighty, and as long as we endeavour to acquire His pleasure, we will continue to be the recipients of the blessings of God as well as a part of these progresses. Hence, we should continue to assess our conditions.

God Almighty has provided us with guidance in the Holy Qur'an in relation to mosques as well. In short, the essence of the principles of worship are that one ought to stand before God as if they are beholding Him or that God is watching them. He should be free from all types of impurities and *shirk* (associating partners with God) and should keep in mind God Almighty's grandeur and providence. One should seek forgiveness and repent often and express one's weakness over and over so that the soul may be purified. Also, so that one may develop a true bond with God Almighty and that they may be submerged in His love. Thus, in offering our gratitude at the establishment of the new headquarters here, we should raise the standard of our worship and also our moral conditions.

When a worldly person witnesses the scale of the mission of our community, they are left astonished. However, they are even more astounded when they learn that this is all happening purely due to the blessings of God Almighty and the sacrifices of the members of the Jama'at – because in reality we are a very small community whose resources are extremely limited. Such people then realise that the Living God exists even today, and grants help and succour to whomsoever He wills.

God Almighty has granted us the opportunity to inaugurate this mosque in the month of Ramadan. I am not aware during the era of any previous Khalifa, however, in my time, this is the first occasion in which I have inaugurated a mosque in the month of Ramadan.

I will also speak briefly regarding the mosque and the construction project overall. By the grace of Allah, in this mosque, the prayer hall is approximately 314 square meters and can accommodate approximately 500 worshippers. Similarly, adjacent to this there is a hall which can accommodate 1200 people and another place in which 110 people can offer their prayers. In addition to this, there is a covered area in front of the entrance to the hall in which a further 300 people can offer their prayers. Combining these, 1200 and 300 makes it 1500 worshippers, but the total number of people who can offer their prayers here is over 2000 people.

Furthermore, solar panels have been installed and they have tried to install all present-day facilities in order to provide ease.

Nonetheless, may God Almighty continue to shower His blessings. May He enable us to complete all the projects currently under construction and may He enable us to continue with more projects in the future.

May God Almighty reward everyone and bless their wealth and offspring.

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## EIDUL-FITR CELEBRATIONS



Eidul Fitr took place on 5<sup>th</sup> June this year and celebrated all over the UK. Thousands gathered at Baitul Futuh on the day to listen to Huzoor's sermon. Huzoor spoke about the significance of Eid and stated that by bringing people together, it served as a source of joy and celebration.

Hazrat Amirul Momineen stated that in the modern day, people have become fearful of the term of '*Allahu Akbar*' or consider Islam as a violent and extremist religion. Thus, it was the foremost duty of members of the Jama'at to show the true and altogether positive connotations and meaning of '*Allahu Akbar*' and to manifest the peaceful teachings of Islam to the wider world.

Huzoor Aqdas said it was the responsibility of Ahmadiis to bring mankind towards God Almighty and a true celebration would occur on that day when the earth was filled with people who praised God Almighty and invoked blessings upon the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him).

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V explained the correlation between human happiness and social gatherings and said the two were '*intrinsically linked*' and that

congregating at joyous occasions was a part of human nature.

Huzoor Anwar said that Islam is a '*religion of human nature*' and it therefore gathers people together in a large gathering on the jubilant occasion of Eid, in order to further increase the joy.

Hazrat Amirul Momineen added that the true Eid is one where all of mankind will be united – a purpose for which God Almighty had sent the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him).

*"The greatest Eid can only be on that day in which the largest of gatherings takes place. The foundation of the greatest gathering of people was laid on the day when a beloved man of God, the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him) proclaimed, 'O mankind! truly I am a Messenger to you all from Allah!'"*

Huzoor explained that whilst all prophets of God called people together, they had come only for their own nations, whereas the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) on the

other hand, was sent for the entirety of mankind.

Huzoor Aqdas stated,

*“If there was ever a ‘great Eid’ in the world, it was on the day when Allah the Almighty instructed a most beloved one of His to call and gather together the entirety of mankind... He was commanded to announce to the world that it should hearken to the call of the Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him) so that it may benefit from the blessings he has been granted by God Almighty.”*



Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V said that God Almighty desires that mankind becomes unified and it is for this reason that God Almighty sent the Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him) into this world with the unifying message found in the Holy Qur’an. He said,

*“The day when all mankind shall join in one faith will be the day of the true and great Eid and Allah the Almighty has given us the responsibility to bring about that Eid.”*

Huzoor Anwar instructed,

*“Thus Ahmadi Muslims must pay attention and focus on how they shall bring about such a gathering of people that ushers in the true Eid whereby all of mankind comes together upon the Word of God.”*

Hazrat Amirul Momineen explained that people make many preparations including the buying of clothes and preparing food for the annual Eid, but that greater attention must be paid towards the greater Eid when mankind will come together in Islam.

Hazoor spoke about the unfounded fears the world has of Islam and urged Ahmadi Muslims to do all they can to counter these misunderstandings.

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V gave the example of the term ‘Allahu Akbar’ and how it has become a term associated with terror and a phrase the world has come to fear.

Hazrat Amirul Momineen opined,

*“The actions of some Muslims are such that people fear the term ‘Allahu Akbar’ and fear the*

*Islamic creed. However it is our task to open unto the world the beauties of this term in a manner that people from every nation desire to recite the Islamic creed ‘I bear witness that there is none worth of worship except Allah, and Muhammad is his Messenger’ and feel joy and comfort in it. Rather than insulting him, may the entire world become immersed in praying for the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him). Rather than defaming the name of God, may mankind become such that it raises the slogans of ‘Allahu Akbar.’”*

And continued,

*“It will happen and most certainly come to pass one day, that the entirety of mankind will pray and invoke salutations upon the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him). This is neither the dream of a madman nor the thoughts of a child, rather, this is the reality of the promises of God which will come to pass one day.”*

Huzoor concluded his faith inspiring sermon by praying for all those in need and advised members to pray for the attainment of the true Eid.

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*(Adapted from a press release issued from the Central Office of the Jama’at for Press & Media)*





## OPENING OF THE MUBARAK MOSQUE AND RECEPTION AT ISLAMABAD *(By Waleed Ahmad)*

Hazrat Amirul Momineen Khalifatul Masih formally opened the Mubarak Mosque in Islamabad on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2019. Prior to proceeding for Friday prayers, Huzoor uncovered a plaque and then after entering the Mosque, instructed everyone to join him in a prostration of gratitude to Allah for this wonderful blessing He had endowed the Jama'at. Huzoor also announced that the mosque was named Mubarak after much thought and that this Mosque was an extension of its namesake in Qadian. When naming that Mosque the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) had said,

*'This mosque is the source and recipient of blessings and every blessed deed will be performed therein.'*

Later on 29<sup>th</sup> June, a special reception was held to mark the opening of the Mubarak Mosque and the new international headquarters of the Jama'at. It was attended by numerous councillors, politicians and neighbours. It was an exceptionally hot day with temperatures exceeding 30c. The 300 plus guests began arriving at 5pm and were provided with cool refreshments. An elaborate exhibition had been put

up with displays from Humanity First, IAAAE, Majlis Ansarullah UK, Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya UK, *The Review of Religions*, Voice of Islam, and a special exhibit charting the reconstruction of the site at Islamabad. Tours were provided ably assisted by guides specially trained for the purpose from Jamia Ahmadiyya.

Huzoor led the Asr prayers before meeting some of the guests separately.

Formal proceedings began with a recitation from the Holy Qur'an by Mr Mahmud Wardi Sanusi. Translation was by Mr Jonathan Butterworth. The Amir UK welcomed the guests. In his address he explained the objectives fulfilled by Mosques and their place in society. He said,

*"The mosques of the Ahmadiyya Muslim community wherever they may be play a crucial role in building cohesion and harmonious relationships with its local population. The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community continues to play its part in the promotion of interfaith harmony."*

Former Attorney General Sir Dominic Grieve MP next addressed the audience in which he personally





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***‘I personally pledge that I will uphold and honour your rights and strive to care for all of you and I will continually urge the members of our Community to do the same.’”***



**Rafiq Hayat - Amir UK**



**Sir Dominic Grieve**



**Councillor Keith Budden**

complimented Huzoor Aqdas for the work of the Jama’at and its efforts in fostering peace and greater social cohesion. He said,

*“The particular work, that you yourself have done, and indeed the community has done, the interfaith work and in trying to reduce extremism in all its forms is something which is much appreciated and which we all know the world we all live in so badly needs if human beings are to flourish.”*

Mr Grieve continued,

*“I hope that this place continues to radiate that love of humanity which is at the absolute core of the practice of Islam.”*

Local Councillor, Keith Budden of East Hampshire, was also invited to speak. He said,

*“It gives me a real pleasure Your Holiness to welcome you to Tilford and to have had an opportunity this afternoon to have a look around this fantastic site you have developed here, and*

*especially the mosque. I think there are seldom occasions when you look at a building and it actually takes your breath away. But for me, the new mosque does and I think everyone should be congratulated on such a great achievement.”*

The keynote address was given by Hazrat Amirul Momineen Khalifatul Masih V. Huzoor began by expressing his gratitude and appreciation to the guests in attendance and to the neighbours of the Jama’at’s new headquarters in Islamabad.

*“I wish to offer my heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to our neighbours and to all the local residents in this area, as well as to the local Council members who have shown immense generosity and proved that they are tolerant and open-minded by enabling us to redevelop this complex.”*

Hazrat Amirul Momineen spoke about the Jama’at’s historical ties to the site and explained that the 25-acre site (now 33-acres) was purchased in 1985. The site had previously been used as a boarding school, which had closed in 1977 and remained unused until

the Jama'at acquired and renamed the property as Islamabad.

A key aspect of Huzoor's address was to emphasise the importance of treating one's neighbours really well, in accordance with the teachings of the Holy Qur'an. Huzoor explained,

*"Chapter 4, verse 37 of the Holy Qur'an imposes a code of moral values which true Muslims must adopt and live their lives by and it guides them about how to interact with other members of society. Where on the one hand, the verse states that Muslims must worship Allah the Almighty alone and not associate any partners with Him, it also commands them to show compassion and love to all mankind."*

And continued,

*"The verse then categorically states that Muslims must fulfil the rights of their neighbours, including those with whom they have personal relations and those with whom they do not. Fulfilling the rights of neighbours means that Muslims must treat their neighbours with grace and compassion and be ever ready to help them in their times of need and times of grief. It means to respect them and to hold them in the highest regard."*

Hazrat Amirul Momineen further explained the concept of what constituted a neighbour according to the teachings of Islam saying,

*"According to Islam, the definition of a neighbour is extremely far-reaching. The Founder of Islam, the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him) stated that a person's neighbours are not just those who live in the immediate vicinity but include at least the nearest 40 houses. In light of this, we consider all of the people living in this area and even those who may travel on the roads near this site as our neighbours."*

Huzoor Anwar informed the audience that he had instructed Ahmadi Muslims to treat all locals and neighbours of Islamabad with the utmost courtesy and respect at all times.

*"It is incumbent upon all Ahmadi Muslims, whether they live here at Islamabad, whether they*

*live locally or even if they just travel here to attend the prayers, to follow the laws, to be considerate at all times and to fulfil the rights of our wide circle of neighbours and to try to ensure that no distress or disturbance is ever caused to them."*

Leading by example, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V himself made a telling promise to the local residents and neighbours of the Islamabad site stating,

*"I personally pledge that I will uphold and honour your rights and strive to care for all of you and I will continually urge the members of our Community to do the same."*

Huzoor explained that Muslims are instructed to fulfil the rights of God in the form of worship, but also to practically and pragmatically fulfil the rights of their fellow human beings as well.

*"Allah the Almighty has commanded Muslims that it is not enough for them to merely worship in the Mosque but they must serve their local communities and constantly strive to help those who are in need. In fact, Allah the Almighty states that the prayers of those who fail in their duties to mankind are worthless and will never be accepted by Him."*

Hazrat Amirul Momineen spoke about the Jama'at's Mosques around the world. He explained that wherever the Jama'at builds mosques, serving humanity and the local community becomes an integral part of the Mosque and the presence of the Jama'at.

Huzoor Aqdas outlined the humanitarian projects carried out, particularly in remote and impoverished parts of the world.

*"We seek to feed the hungry and to aid those mired in poverty. We seek to provide inexpensive, and wherever possible free medical treatment to people who would otherwise have little or no access to healthcare. Thus, we have built many hospitals and established medical camps and clinics in Africa and other disadvantaged parts of the world."*

In addition to these initiatives, Huzoor Anwar mentioned various educational and sustainability projects established by the Jama'at and spoke of his

own personal experiences as well. He stated,

*“I have personally lived in Africa and so I have witnessed the intense levels of poverty and destitution of the local people first hand. I have seen school-aged children walking for miles on a daily basis with large vessels rested on their heads in search of water for their family use.”*

And continued,

*“Given the abject poverty they face and their desperate living standards, you cannot imagine the joy and excitement on the faces of those children and their families when we install pumps that provide them with clean and safe water from which they can drink and utilise for their domestic needs. You cannot imagine their sheer delight when they see water flowing from a tap at their doorsteps for the very first time.”*

Hazrat Amirul Momineen made it categorically clear, that the humanitarian efforts of the Jama'at are motivated solely by compassion and sincere love for humanity. There is no desire or expectation of praise, or any other reward or recompense in return. Huzoor clarified,

*“All of the humanitarian and relief services rendered by our Community are provided irrespective of religion or belief. It makes no difference if the people are Muslims, Christians, Hindus, Sikhs, Atheists or of any other faith or belief. Our only aspiration and motivation is to eradicate the suffering of innocent and defenceless people and to enable them to live their lives with dignity.”*

And continued,

*“We seek no praise for this and nor do we restrict our assistance to certain people or groups. Thus, let it be clear that all of our efforts are rendered irrespective of caste, creed or colour. This is our mission. This is who we are. This is Islam.”*

Turning his attention to the true and real meaning of ‘integration’ Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V explained,



*“Certainly, we have no desire to live an isolated existence, rather we desire to integrate and to be responsible citizens who serve and benefit the local community. Indeed, this is what I believe to be the definition of true integration – to be entirely loyal to your country of residence, to uphold the laws of the land, to serve your local community and to use whatever skills or capabilities you have for the betterment of your nation.”*

Thanking the audience, Huzoor concluded his address with the following words of assurance,

*“I am certain that you will come to see with your own eyes that this Mosque and Centre proves to be a glorious symbol of peace and service to mankind. It will prove a beacon of light illuminating the skies above with a spirit of love, mutual respect and compassion.”*

The formal session was closed with a silent prayer led by Huzoor Aqdas after which dinner was served. All guests were later given the opportunity to meet with Hazrat Amirul Momineen personally. A queue of guests was formed leading up to the stage where these short meetings took place. The feedback was extremely positive with many guests expressing their appreciation to members of the Jama'at before they left.

*(Huzoor's quotes taken from a press release issued by the Press & Media Desk of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at.)*





- Purchase Date – April 1984
- Islamabad Means – ‘An Abode of Peace’.
- Originally 25 acres were purchased.
- Additional tracts were later purchased to bring it up to 31 acres.
- The site consisted of a paddock, kitchen, dining hall and 33 residences in a number of barrack style buildings.
- In the past the site used to be Sheepatch School. It was utilised:
  - a) Initially as a wartime evacuation centre in 1939.
  - b) After the war as a rural centre for problem children.
  - c) Regular boarding school until it was closed down in 1977.
- Plans were submitted for a revision of the site to Waverley Council including a new mosque and other facilities in early 2015.
- Approval given for new offices with better amenities, a purpose-built mosque along with a residence for Khalifatul Masih; houses for life devotees and Jama’at workers have been built and more will be built in due course<sup>1</sup>. Essentially it is the original 33 original residences that have been renovated and modernised.
- Architects for the mosque were Sutton & Griffin.
- The area of Islamabad is a part of the green belt and all planning and strategy was developed within the confines of maintaining utmost respect and responsibility to respect this status. In addition, the objective was to replace the existing buildings with highly sustainable modern structures which were to be appropriately designed for this context and perform exceptionally in terms of environmental and energy criteria.<sup>2</sup>
- New residential accommodation was formed in the location of the existing terraces, stepped into the falling topography on the site of the existing residential chalets and overlooking the areas of existing open space within the site. Parking was integrated in small landscape zones.<sup>3</sup>
- It was crucial that the site retained its natural residential and operational halves, with all buildings

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forming a ‘campus environment’ similar to a small school or university with buildings being constructed using a modern vernacular and clad with timber to help it blend in to its woodland context.

- This complex now has the capacity for the congregational prayers, meeting, teaching and training sessions and ample office space.<sup>4</sup>
- The mosque was formally opened on 17th May 2019 by Hazrat Khalifatul Masih and its reception with dignitaries and neighbours took place on Sat 29th June 2019.
- The mosque was named ‘Mubarak’ by Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V (may Allah be his Helper). It means a blessed place. Huzoor said:

*‘I have named this mosque based on a Divine revelation of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him). The translation of this in the very words of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) is that this mosque is the source and recipient of blessings and every blessed deed will be performed therein.’<sup>5</sup>*

- The mosque prayer hall is approximately 314 sqm and can accommodate approximately 500 worshippers.
- In the adjacent hall, 1200 people can be accommodated with another place that can hold 110 worshippers.
- The covered area in front of the entrance to the hall is where a further 300 people can offer their prayers.
- Combining these, the total number of people who can offer their prayers here is over 2000 – 2,110 to be exact.
- Other facilities include 3 office blocks accommodating several offices and space for MTA studios etc. Ablution facilities and washrooms are aplenty.
- All the properties have been built with solar panels to provide in the main, alternative energy with grid network also in place when needed. All materials and building works have met with full approval of the local Council.
- The multi-purpose sports hall has a unique green roof with its own ecological system ensuring foliage

all year round.<sup>6</sup>

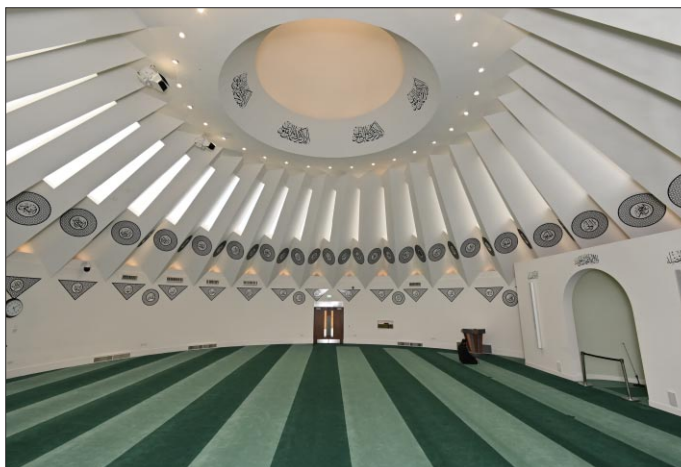
- The minaret was to include wind turbines to serve all the power needs for the Mosque but had to be withdrawn as it would interfere with the bird and insect populations in the environment.

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The late Maulana Usman Chou, a retired missionary and one of the first residents in Islamabad since its purchase was appointed by Huzoor Aqdas (who was on a tour of Canada at the time), to lay the Foundation Stone of the Mubarak Mosque in October 2016.





## An Ode to Beloved Huzur

The soulful lights  
Shine less brightly tonight  
Their lustre tinged by sadness  
That only true love can know.

The mosque, that brimmed  
With supreme spiritual radiance  
Now stands firm with veteran pride  
Deep in reflection.

As the night dew trickles  
Like tears, down its hallowed walls  
It beseeches the heavens for solace  
A timeless epitome of dignity, grace and hope!

The muezzin calls  
The faithful gather  
In remembrance and prayer  
In unyielding obedience to God and the command of the Caliph.

The divine lamp, to which our hearts are beholden  
Now blazes from afar, sanctifying the abode of peace  
Destined to deliver victory upon victory  
With unmatched vigour and glory.

And here, our affirmations remain  
As unshaken as ever, emboldened in submission  
For the spirit is strong, and the passion relentless  
To live for just one purpose – to serve through sacrifice.

As one era ends, and a new one dawns  
In our hearts, our prayers and our life  
We are resolute, we are united, we are ready  
And, as always, we are with you Oh Masroor!

(Fareed Ahmad, 15 April 2019)



# MAJLIS SHURA UK

The 40<sup>th</sup> Majlis Shura UK took place on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

Proceedings began promptly at 10 am with a recitation from the Holy Qur'an by Hafiz Fazle Rabbi and translation by Mr Abdul Ghaffar Ahmad. Mr Rafiq Hayat, Amir UK led everyone in a silent prayer.

Next the General Secretary UK, Maulana Rana Mashhood Ahmed, made certain announcements after which relevant national secretaries read out their implementation reports on those recommendations approved by Huzoor Aqdas. They were Messrs Ibrahim Ikhlaaf (Tabligh), Jonathon Butterworth (Tarbiyyat & Waqfe Jadid for new Ahmadis), Noman Raja (Talim) and Sultan Lone (Finance).

The General Secretary was then called to report on all those proposals that had been received but not included in the agenda of the Shura.

In his first address for the Shura, the Amir UK welcomed the delegates and proceeded to describe the achievements of the Jama'at during the year commenting on the work accomplished by various departments. He emphasised the need to be ever loyal to the institution of Khilafat and to remind ourselves of its importance at all times.

Amir Sahib then called for names to be suggested for Sub Committees. There were four including, Tabligh, Finance, Tarbiyyat and Ummore Kharija. Chairmen and Secretaries were appointed and the session broke for lunch and prayers.

The election of the Amla was conducted after lunch under the chairmanship of Maulana Ataul Mujeeb Rashed. Voting took place with the results to be submitted to Huzoor Aqdas for approval.

The sub-committee deliberations were convened at the pre-allocated venues. There was a break for dinner at 8.45 pm for these to resume later on after Mughrib and Isha prayers.

On the next morning proceedings began early at 9 am with a recitation from the Holy Qur'an by Maulana Aatur Rehman Khalid and its translation by Maulana Tahir Selby. Amir Sahib led everyone in a silent prayer.

The sub-committee chairmen presented their reports in turn and recommendations were discussed and agreed upon. There was an additional discussion on the Ayesha Academy. A standing committee was formed in this respect which is to investigate and report within one month.

In his concluding address Amir Sahib commented on the maturity of the Shura members and how representations were made in a reasonable and constructive manner. He

thanked the outgoing Presidents and Regional Amirs for their contributions and wished the new incumbents well in their roles. Amir Sahib once again reminded the participants of their responsibilities as members of the Jama'at and of the Shura. He further emphasised the importance of Khilafat and, not to take the blessings we share for this Divine institution in our midst, for granted.

Amir Sahib brought this session of the Shura deliberations to a close with a silent prayer.

The highlight of the weekend was the arrival of Hazrat Amirul Momineen Khalifatul Masih V.

This session was opened with a recitation from the Holy Qur'an by Mr Ibrahim Ikhlaaf and translations by Mr Jonathan Butterworth. Huzoor then addressed the delegates in which he reminded the delegates of their responsibilities. Quoting extensively from the guidance given by Hazrat Musleh Ma'ud, Huzoor advised how it was vital to place Taqwa at the heart of our deliberations and to be fully mindful of our responsibilities.

In his address, after reciting *Tashahud*, *Ta'awuz* and Surah al-Fatihah, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V said that he was confident that all members of the Shura, in their individual capacities, will have taken full part in the proceedings of the Shura.

Huzoor said that initially, some of the members will have given suggestions in their respective sub-committees, and after having discussed them, they will have been presented to the full house.

Huzoor said that in the concluding session, he would elaborate on the responsibilities of Shura members in light of a speech given by Hazrat Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmud Ahmad, Musleh-e-Maud (Allah be pleased with him), in a Majlis-e-Shura.

Hazrat Musleh-e-Maud (Allah be pleased with him) said that Shura members should inculcate the fear of Allah in them. No matter how eloquent or well-spoken a person is, this cannot be a criterion for their success in life.

True success and victory in this life and the Hereafter demands that we live our lives with the belief that our Lord is Allah. Huzoor then quoted a verse of the Holy Qur'an:

رَبَّنَا إِنَّا سَبَعْنَا مُنَادِيًا يُنَادِي لِلدَّيَّانِ  
أَنْ آمِنُوا بِرَبِّكُمْ فَآمَنَّا رَبَّنَا فَاغْفِرْ لَنَا ذُنُوبَنَا  
وَكْفِّرْ عَنَّا سَيِّئَاتِنَا وَتَوَفَّنَا مَعَ الْأَبْرَارِ

“Our Lord, we have heard a Crier calling [us] unto faith, ‘Believe ye in your Lord,’ and we have believed. Our Lord, forgive us, therefore, our sins and remove from us our evils, and in death, join us with the righteous.”

(*Surah Al-e-Imran, Ch.3: V.194*)

With this, Huzoor said that we Ahmadi Muslims should endeavour to live our lives in this way with true righteousness. If we do not, then we should ask ourselves what our worth is.

Today, when our Jama’at has millions of members across the world, the truth remains that we represent a very small proportion of the world’s Muslims. Our Jama’at’s population is, in contrast, a mere drop in the ocean. Our Jama’at is, thus, seemingly insignificant.

However, there is one thing that we can take pride in; that we have heard the cry of a caller and that we listen, and we obey. This is our true value and a great blessing that should remain at the forefront of our minds. It should remain embedded in our hearts at all times.

As members of the community of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him), Huzoor said that our views and opinions and beliefs should be rooted in the fear of Allah the Almighty.

The fear of Allah should take precedence in every sphere of our lives. Thus, every decision we make in our lives should be made with the fear of Allah.

If, in the world today, people perceive our truth and significance, it is only due to the fact that we are a united community that stands together in all circumstances at the hand of Khalifatul Masih. They attest to the fact that we live our lives according to the true teachings of Islam, that are peace, love and humanity. We are the group that preaches the true Islam as taught by the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him). Many people, as a result of this, are drawn to the Jama’at each year. Thus, all Shura members have an immense responsibility on their shoulders.

Another profound point made by Hazrat Musleh-e-Maud (Allah be pleased with him) was that if a person makes a wrong decision, it would not be detrimental to the Jama’at so long as a person made it with the best intention and fear of Allah. On the contrary, if a person makes a good decision and they do not have the true fear of Allah in their hearts, it will lead to harmful and negative consequences. If we make an error of judgement whilst having the fear of Allah in our hearts, Allah will rectify the mistake Himself. Through His grace and mercy, He will forgive us and lead us towards success.

Huzoor said that some people may query this statement as to how a correct decision can lead to harm or a negative decision can have positive results. In answer to

this, Hazrat Musleh-e-Maud (Allah be pleased with him) said that once the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) saw in a dream that he was performing the *tawaf* [circuit] of the Holy Ka’bah and thus, he set out for the Holy Ka’bah. This was not done for any personal benefit or to increase his own personal influence among people. The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) did this with the best of intentions, yet as it was not the decree of Allah, it was an innocent mistake. The decision was made with the complete fear of Allah. As a consequence, in Chapter 48, verse 2 of the Holy Qur’an, Allah the Almighty states:

إِنَّا فَتَحْنَا لَكَ فَتْحًا مُّبِينًا

“Verily, We have granted thee a clear victory.”

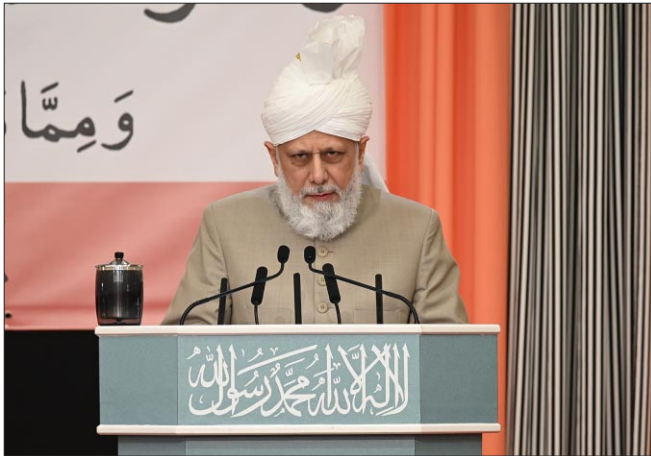
Allah the Almighty stated that instead of causing harm, this decision would result in the progress of Islam. Through this, the entire world saw how the innocent mistake foreshadowed a glorious victory of Islam.

At the Battle of Uhud, the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) stationed a group of Muslims at a certain place. He instructed them that they were not to leave their assigned posts under any circumstances. However, when the enemies of Islam were in a state of defeat and retreat, the Muslims disregarded the instruction of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) and left their posts. True obedience, however, required that they followed the instruction, no matter the circumstances. Thus, the victory of Muslims turned into the defeat of Muslims.

Huzoor said that he wished to remind each member of the Shura that they must always remain true to themselves and Allah at all times. The members should be ever ready to live their lives for the sake of the cause of Islam and they should never be motivated to desire the praise of others. For instance, when giving Chanda or giving other financial sacrifices, they must ensure that it is done for the sake of Allah and not to impress others.

The work of a spiritual community is far greater than worldly companies. The goals of a worldly company are limited and remain focused on limited areas. However, if the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) or his Khulafa had followed such worldly goals, our tabligh would have stopped long ago. For example, if it was ever decided that funds could only be used in the area they were raised, then success would never have been seen in the Jama’at.

If it was decided that we should stop building mosques in order to save money, then we would see that our spiritual success would come to a halt and we would no longer witness the blessings of Allah the Almighty.



### ATTENDANCE AT THE SHURA 2019

CATEGORY	ATTENDED	INVITED	PERCENTAGE
Majlis Amila	36	36	100%
Missionaries	26	27	96%
Office Misssionaries	2	2	100%
Delegates	402	420	96%
Special Invitees	11	11	100%
Lajna Delegates	10	10	100%
Special Invitees	1	2	50%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>490</b>	<b>508</b>	<b>96%</b>

The national budget should be drawn in a way that enables the work of the Jama'at to be fulfilled. Above all else, before allocating resources and making plans, the fear of Allah should be at the centre of our minds. If plans are made with the fear of Allah and according to the desire of Khalifatul Masih, then we will be successful. The budget should be used to help all needy people. If we look at the budget, however, one marvels on how this can be possible.

The Jama'at's budget is different to worldly organisations. Where worldly groups gather huge sums of money, the Jama'at is able to achieve huge tasks with minimal resources.

Huzoor added that Shura members should set the best example for people to follow. Only when this has been achieved can others be inspired to better their examples, increase in financial sacrifice and offer time for the Jama'at.

Shura members should recognise that their duties do not end after walking out of this hall but remain throughout the year. As Shura members, it is an obligation to remind members of the Jama'at about the importance of financial sacrifice so that the tasks of the Jama'at can

be achieved. Members of the Shura must remember that our opponents are taking all possible measures to impede the growth and success of the Jama'at. Around the world, schemes are being hatched to achieve this. Despite their cruel and unjust endeavours, Allah grants us unending success.

Many of the members migrated here from abroad, while others were born and raised here. Allah has, in any case, granted everyone the opportunity to represent their respective Jama'ats at the Shura. It is up to the members, Huzoor said, that they prove not only as representatives in name but through their conduct and righteous examples too.

A true Shura member is he who talks truthfully and sincerely for the betterment of the Jama'at.

Another element of fulfilling the duties of representing the Jama'at is to be a righteous example for members of their respective localities and encourage them to take part in Jama'at events and activities.

At the end, Huzoor reiterated the fact that the duty of all representatives would continue throughout the year and if the decisions of the Shura were approved by Huzoor, then every effort must be made to fulfil these



decisions and others should be motivated to do so.

Huzoor prayed toward the end that the fear of Allah remains firmly ingrained in the hearts of members of the Shura and that they strive to fulfil their obligations as members of Majlis-e-Shura.

Thereafter, Huzoor led the congregation in dua, after which group photos were taken with the delegates.

Huzoor then proceeded to examine the construction work of the new complex at Baitul Futuh, after which he led congregational prayer at Baitul Futuh Mosque.

Following Huzoor's address and dua, photographs were

taken of Huzoor Aqdas with the National Amla, then with all the Presidents, Regional Amirs and missionaries with the final being with all the delegates. Dinner then followed after which Huzoor Aqdas led the Zohr and Asr prayers. Huzoor, also inspected the construction work of the new complex at Baitul Futuh after prayers.

*(Details of Huzoor's address taken with thanks from Al Hakam)*

## KHILAFAT DAY 27th May 2019 at Baitul Futuh

This year, once again Khilafat Day was celebrated all over the country. At Baitul Futuh a large number of people gathered to commemorate 111 years of this blessed institution on the 27<sup>th</sup> of May. The event was chaired by Maulana Ataul Mujeeb Rashed, Imam of London Mosque.

Proceedings started with the recitation of the Holy Qur'an by Maulana Mahmud Ahmad Wardi, who recited Chapter 24 Verses 54-57. This was followed by a poem recited by Mr Hamid Moeed.

The first speaker was Mr Tommy Kallon who spoke on the subject of "*Khilafat - a Blessed Institution.*" He began by reading the translation of the verses of the Holy Qur'an that had been recited earlier viz:

"Allah has promised to those among you who believe and do good works that He will surely make them Successors in the earth, as He made Successors from among those who were before them; and that He will surely establish for them their religion which He has chosen for them; and that He will surely give them in exchange security and peace after their fear: They will worship Me, and they will not associate anything with Me. Then whoso is ungrateful after that, they will be the rebellious. And observe Prayer and give the Zakat and obey the Messenger, that you may be shown mercy."

*(Surah Al Nur, verses 54 - 57)*

Explaining that the institution of Khilafat is a unique Divinely established system he said:

*"Allah has ordained it so that His creation is never deprived of the blessings of prophethood"*

He then explained that prophets, being human cannot

live for ever, and so when they pass away, the enemies rejoice, but their celebrations are short-lived when God manifests His Glory once again and a bright moon in the form of Khilafat appears that brings comfort to the believers

Mr Kallon briefly touched on the achievements of Khilafata-Rashida - the period of about 30 years of the rightly guided Successors - the golden era in the history of Islam. Sadly, this golden era came to an end when "*internal disputes culminated in the martyrdom of Hazrat Ali (may Allah be pleased with him), the fourth and final Khalifa of this period. That brilliant beacon of guidance and unity, that glorious fountain of blessings and mercies was lost to the Muslims.*"

He said, "*there is an old African proverb which says the value of a shade is not known until the tree is cut down.*"

He continued that following the period of Khilafata Rashida the system of monarchy appeared, devoid of all spiritual glory. Muslims prospered under various dynasties over many centuries, but then they gradually weakened with civil wars and internal feuds. Today Muslims, realising the importance of Khilafat, attempt with brute force to re-establish Islam's supremacy. They do not realise that "*Khilafat is a spiritual Dominion of Allah Almighty and its establishment is never brought about by any political or pseudo religious movement. Khilafat is established by divine design it has always been through a prophet of Allah.*"

The advent of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) was prophesied by the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) and his mission was to rejuvenate Islam. Sadly, he too had to depart, but as prophesied, his departure was followed by the blessed institution of Khilafat. And so, "*the blessed institution of*

*khilafat was once again established on the earth”.*

Mr Kallon concluded with the words,

*“The new Khilafat has always has been blessed with immense divine help and protection. It is a beacon of hope that is destined to guide the entire Ummah towards the right path. Ahmadiyyat has been established in every corner of the world. Despite severe persecution Allah has remained true to his promise and granted the Khulafa success upon success”*

After this, Maulana Naseem Ahmad Bajwa spoke in Urdu on the subject of ‘*Khilafat a sign of the Truth of Ahmadiyyat*’. He started his speech by posing the question that there are 73 sects of Islam - all claiming to be the true sect, so how can one determine who is right? Only one is right according to the Hadith of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him).

One way to prove the identity of the right sect is through Khilafat. Bajwa Sahib emphasised that every Ahmadi must become familiar with the verses 24:54-57 where Allah promises to those who believe and do good works that He will establish Khilafat for them. Now you can ask members of each sect, he argued, if they have Khilafat and are among those who do good works. Only in Ahmadiyyat will they find Khilafat. Today we are blessed with the 5th Khalifa who is Hazrat Masroor Ahmad (May Allah be his Helper). Many worldly institutions like various parliaments etc have requested our Khulafa to explain Islam to them. This honour granted to Ahmadiyyat is because of Khilafat.

The speaker explained that the Jama’at has mission houses and mosques throughout the world which is also due to the blessings of Khilafat. No other sect of Islam has Khilafat, so it is important to understand this verse of the Holy Qur’an so you can present it as proof of the truth of Ahmadiyyat.

Bajwa Sahib then related a well-known Hadith in which the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) mentions the phases through which Islam will go through. First is mentioned that after his death, Khilafat will be established. Then it will be replaced by monarchy and this will continue until Allah wills. Then will follow tyrannical rule which will also continue until Allah wills. Then Allah will re-establish Khilafat on the precepts of prophethood. The important point to note is that the first Khilafat will be temporary, whereas the Khilafat to come would be permanent.

The Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) wrote in Al-Wassiyat that it is always the way of Allah that after the first manifestation, He always sends the second

manifestation. This manifestation (i.e. Khilafat) will continue till the end. After this speech Mr Muddasir Ahmad Tahir recited an Urdu poem.

The final speaker was Maulana Ata-ul Mujeeb Rashed. He began in English, by saying that we are fortunate to hold this event on exactly the same day that Khilafat started exactly 111 years ago. The promise of Khilafat, he explained is based on two things: – belief in Allah, and the doing of good works. Therefore, it is a requirement for this Community to follow these two conditions. This Khilafat will remain till the Day of Judgement according to the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) and we must therefore direct our attention to ensure we can continue to fulfil the criteria for which this institution has been established.

Speaking in Urdu, Imam Sahib re-iterated the importance of Khilafat, saying that in Khilafat is the life of Ahmadiyyat. He said,

*“I would like to present before you a letter from a non-Ahmadi to Huzoor in which he asks for proof of how you can say that this Jama’at is established by Allah? Huzoor gave a brief but succinct reply saying that true Khilafat is nurtured under the protective shadow of Allah’s help. Secondly, he who Allah has made Khalifa, is given the power of the acceptance of prayer from Allah.”*

Anyone can listen to the second day proceedings of Jalsa Salana, where the annual report of the Jama’at’s progress is read out demonstrating how Allah helps at each and every stage. Starting from such humble beginnings when Qadian was an obscure village and people had difficulty tracing it. In that state of anonymity, Allah sent the revelation,

*‘I will cause thy message to reach the corners of the earth’*

From a lone voice in the wilderness calling people towards Allah – today that voice reverberates with grand glory throughout the corners of the world via the medium of MTA International TV! Huzoor’s Friday Sermons and speeches, are transmitted across the globe, simultaneously translated in so many different languages. Today, the Jama’at is established in 212 countries.

Recently, when Huzoor visited Philadelphia in America, he was presented with the key to the city. This is the same city where in the early days when Mufti Muhammad Sadiq Sahib was sent to America for Tabligh,

he was imprisoned and thrown in jail. Today, the key of that very city is being presented to the Khalifa. This is the sheer blessings of Allah that have descended on this Jama'at and testifies to its truth.

Regarding the second point of the acceptance of prayers of the Khalifa, one only has to study the lives of all the previous Khulafa, and the present Khalifa, to see how Allah answers their prayers. Imam Sahib proceeded to mention an incident of Hazrat Khalifa tul Masih I where a man came to him and said his wife was in prolonged labour and requested prayers. Huzoor prayed on a date and said ask your wife to eat it and let me know as soon as the child is born. When she ate it, her labour began to ease, and very soon a child was born. It was late at night, and the man felt rather than disturb Huzoor in the middle of the night, he will inform him of the good news in the morning. Next day at Fajr, Huzoor asked and the man replied that after eating the date, the child was indeed born. Huzoor said why did you not tell me straight away, because I was up all night praying for her!

Imam Sahib then mentioned other incidents of the acceptance of prayers at the hands of various Khulafa.

He related the incident of a doctor who had been applying for a job for a long time and had no offers. After some time, in desperation he wrote to Huzoor requesting prayer. Huzoor wrote back, *"Why are you so depressed, you have already got a job"*.

On receiving this, the man was confused and wondered whether someone else's letter had come to him. While in this state the phone rang and a company to whom he had applied some time ago asked him if he was available to work!

Imam Sahib concluded that Khilafat is indeed a blessing for us. We must listen to the Khalifa of the time and be ready to obey his every injunction. Today Huzoor is calling on us to establish our prayers. Then he has urged us to observe congregational prayers - especially Fajr and Isha and to attend our mosques and Salat Centres. He has directed us towards Tabligh, and towards spending in the way of Allah.

Imam Sahib urged all present to listen to the Huzoor's sermons attentively - these are replete with spiritual truths for us and is the source of our spiritual life. The meeting concluded with silent prayers.

## KHILAFAT DAY SOUTH REGION

Khilafat Day Jalsa was held by the South Region in Baitus Subhan Mosque Croydon on Monday 27th May 2019. The Jalsa was presided over by Acting Regional Amir Muhammad Idrees and Maulana Munawar Khursheed.

The proceedings started with Tilawat by Mr Mahmood Ahmad Hanjra and translation by and Mr Jahanzeb Butt. A nazm was then presented by Ch. Mansoor Ahmad. Speeches on Khilafat were delivered by Merrs Kaleem Ahmad Tahir (English), Ammar Ahmad (English), Mohammad Ahsan (Urdu), Daud Ahmad Khan (English) and special guest. Urdu speech was also delivered by the guest speaker Munawar Khursheed (Urdu). The closing speech was given by Maulana Raza Ahmad.

The event was attended by over 400 members and was concluded with a silent prayer followed by Iftari.





## BIG IFTARS IN THE UK



The Big Iftar - 15 May 2019



The Big Iftar - 25 May 2019

During the month of Ramadan, the Tabligh Department once again drew blessings from this blessed month by sharing the occasion of the opening of the fast with non Ahmadi and non Muslims in the wider community. This was the third year this was being done, and by Allah's Grace, every year has witnessed an improvement from the year before both in terms of quality of the events and the numbers attending. The Big Iftars were held all over the country.

This year Baitul Futuh hosted two such events. The first took place on the evening of 15th May and the second on the 25th.

Over 205 guests attended the event on the 15th which formally began after 8.00 pm with a recitation from the Holy Qur'an by Maulana Asim Hashmi after which Mr Nadim Vanderman welcomed the guests. This was followed by an introduction of the Jama'at covering who we are and some of our achievements especially those relating to the service of humanity. The next speech was by Mr Tahir Nasir who spoke about the whole subject of fasting. He explained aspects of its underlying objectives, ancillary benefits and of how it is so much more than just abstaining from food and drink. A good question and answer session followed which concluded just before the Azan. Everyone joined in the opening of the fast with Jama'at members proceeding to the Mosque for prayers and returning afterwards to share dinner with their guests.

An elaborate exhibition had been set up in the Tahir Hall with eye catching exhibits including translations of the Holy Qur'an and pop ups charting the teachings of Islam. Guests, who wished to, were treated to a tour of

the Baitul Futuh Mosque before the formal proceedings began.

The event required considerable preparatory work beforehand. An organising committee under the Chairmanship of Secretary Tabligh Mr Ibrahim Ikhlef and assisted by Messrs Nadim Vanderman and Danayal Zia was formed. Meetings were held at various levels to ensure maximum attendance.

A flyer for the event was produced and copies were posted to all Jama'ats. An electronic version was produced and distributed widely. A 'dignitaries team' was formed with the task of inviting community and religious leaders, academics, charity workers, teachers etc. Similar teams were formed for other groups.

A promotional video was prepared and distributed widely. Good use of social media was made on various platforms such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram with encouraging success. A press release was produced and issued to local newspapers. Surrey Comet published this before the event. As a result of this and other efforts mentioned above, there was significant increase in attendance. A post event press release was later published by the Wimbledon Guardian.

The Big Iftar held on the 25th of May was even a bigger success attracting over 400 guests. A full report of this event will be given in the next edition of the Bulletin.

As regards the Big Iftar of 15th of May the feedback received from guests was extremely positive. The overwhelming reaction was that they learnt a great deal about Islam, Ahmadiyyat and Ramadhan, and very much enjoyed the occasion. Some of the answers given

to questions asked of guests are shown below:

#### What did you like about today's events?

- The tour was fantastic and I really enjoyed learning more about the Muslim religion
- I got to know more about Islam and meet people from Muslim community
- Great people and I met interesting people
- The speech and explanation about Ramadan- it was quite informative.
- Sharing a special occasion with members of the local community and being welcomed in so well (also the delicious food).

#### What can we do better?

- Sometimes hard to hear speakers while on tour - background noise
- Allow more time for questions and answers or give information on where to ask
- More community events to promote inclusiveness and community spirit amongst non Muslims

- Keep promoting yourselves in the community so others can learn and society will hopefully become more tolerant.

#### How has the event helped you in understanding Islam in a new light?

- Yes, I have a clearer and more comprehensive understanding of the different sects of Islam
- Greatly, I had some understanding but I learnt a lot today
- Yes, I found out more about Islam, principles, rules and laws, how prayers in the Mosque look like and questions and answers session was very informative

#### Any final thoughts?

- Thank you so much for inviting us
- Looking forward to more community events
- A great event for broadening cultural relationships
- Would be great to see more women up on stage on the panel

## The Big IFTAR Baitus Subhan Mosque



As part of a national initiative, the South Region of the UK Jama'at held their #The Big IFTAR on Friday 24th May 2019 at the Baitus Subhan Mosque in Croydon where seventy five plus dignitaries and guests attended. The list of dignitaries included the new Deputy Mayor of Croydon Cllr. Maddie Henson, Steve Reed MP for Croydon North, Councillor Hamida Ali, Captain Derek Gregory MBE from the British Army, Rev Alan Bayes Head of the Anglican Church Interfaith group, Chad Caress representing the Poppy Appeal, Karen Ip of Age UK and Sawraj Singh Cheema. From the Jama'at Centre, the National Tarbiyyat Secretary Mr Nisar Orchard,



Maulana Ayyaz Mahmood Khan, Maulana Faiz Ahmad Zahid and Maulana Raza Ahmad were also present.

Proceedings of the evening started with a recitation from the Holy Qur'an and translation by Mr Nasar Ahmad, after which Mr Muhammad Idrees, acting Regional Amir South Region, welcomed the guests and gave a brief introduction to the programme for the evening.

Mr Nisar Orchard gave a detailed speech on Ramadan and its special significance as one of the pillars of Islam. He further introduced the process of fasting, prayers including Traveeh and Tahajjud,

Sehri and Iftari.

Speeches were delivered by many of the dignitaries who praised the Jama'at for all the charity and volunteer services that it provides and also praised the examples set by the Jamaat members and in particular our motto 'Love for All, Hatred for None'.

The concluding speech was given by Maulana Ayyaz Mahmood in which he discussed the brief history of the Jama'at and went on to explain the main teachings of Islam dispelling many of the erroneous views portrayed by the media.

After the speeches an open Question and Answer

session was held during which many thought provoking questions were asked and expertly answered by Maulana Ayyaz Mahmood.

After this Maulana Raza Ahmad explained the Iftari process and how Muslims break the fast with dates and water, offer Maghrib prayers and then have dinner. The guests were invited to observe the prayers should they wish to. Several took up the opportunity, and all guests joined members of the Jama'at afterwards where positive conversations took place over the dinner that was served.

## Stevenage Peace Conference

Fundamentals of establishing lasting peace, was the topic discussed at a successful peace conference held on Saturday the 27<sup>th</sup> of April 2019 at Marriotts School. The event was hosted by both Stevenage North and Stevenage South Jama'at.

By the grace of God, the event attracted 35 guests from

Jama'at, including our work with the Royal British Legion, blood donations, and the efforts made during the Christmas period to visit children and the elderly at the local hospital. Councillor Sharon Taylor further addressed the congregation, discussing religious persecution and division worldwide. She praised the community for their



different faiths. The guests were enlightened on the true characteristics of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) and how he would practice peace and tolerance. This was presented by Mr Arshad Ahmedi, who delivered the key note address. National Secretary Tabligh, Mr Ibrahim Ikhlaf chaired this event, and concluded by reminding everyone of the true purpose of religion, and our responsibilities on fulfilling the rights of God Almighty and of humanity.

A very interactive Q&A session was held, which generated much conversation and debate around the state of so called Islamic extremists, and injustice.

Local Mayor, Margaret Notley also addressed the congregation, discussing the efforts of the Stevenage

work in Stevenage.

During the event the local Jama'at had some new initiatives such as a video introduction of the Jama'at, along with the local Nasirat & Atfal presenting a short English Tarana entitled Love for All, Hatred for None, which was enjoyed by all. The Lajna held a "try on a hijab stall" breaking down the barriers and misconceptions surrounding the veil; their effort was praised by Councillor Sharon Taylor during her address.

The book *World Crisis and the Pathway to Peace* was gifted to each guest. The feedback from the guests was very positive, with all of them expressing the warmth of the Jama'at, and the need to keep spreading peace.



# STOP WORLD WAR III

## LAUNCH OF A TABLIGH LEAFLETING CAMPAIGN

On Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2019, hundreds of Ahmadiis gathered at Westminster for the launch of the leaflet campaign in support of Stop World War 3.

Around 300 people attended with the help of London Jama'ats, Ansarullah and Khuddamul Ahmadiyya. Special posters and banners were created containing the message of 'Stop WW3', 'WW3 is on the Horizon', 'Today the Fifth Successor Alerts Us Of WW3', 'We Stand On The Brink of WW3, One Man Tells Us How to Turn Back'. Members were given T-Shirts to publicise the message.

At 11am the campaign was launched with Tilawat followed by addresses by Messrs Farooq Aftab, Usman Ahmad, Shakil Butt and Ibrahim Ikhlaf (National Secretary Tabligh). In his address, Secretary Tabligh said,

*'It is our duty to advise mankind to establish a relationship with God, the Almighty and through this to establish justice.... The outcome of justice is peace.... We should reflect on the words of our Khalifa, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad (May Allah be his helper) who has been warning the world of the possibility of World War'.*

A silent prayer was then offered. After the formal session ended, members went to different areas to distribute the leaflets. Approximately 11,000 were distributed on the day. Feedback was generally good and the message was well received by the public. The leaflet campaign has since moved to cities and regions throughout the country.

There was media presence from MTA, Voice of Islam and the *Review of Religions*. In addition, the Pakistani television stations A1, AAJ and GEO were present.

The event was heavily promoted on social media with the StopWW3 hashtag. In order to get a trend 'Hazrat



Mirza Masroor Ahmad' was used since various quotes of Huzoor's speeches on the topic of looming world war were used as tweets with 'Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad' and #StopWW3 hashtags for the trend attempt.

By the sheer blessings of Allah Almighty, both of these terms/hashtags trended amongst the top topics in the UK and Pakistan. The topics started trending right away in Pakistan, while it started trending in the UK as soon as the event commenced in Westminster. It continued to trend for around 2 hours in the UK and for around 8 hours in Pakistan. Both the terms also were top two trends in London, Faisalabad, Karachi, Rawalpindi and Lahore. More than 40,000 tweets with the two terms were posted by 950 participants within 8 hours. Those participating included Murabbian from across the world. There was participation from UK, Pakistan, Germany, Canada, USA, India, Jordan and many more countries. The tweets were potentially viewed by tens of thousands of people around the world.

The Stop WW3 Campaign was launched in February



2019 by the National Tabligh Department with the guidance of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V. It is based on the warnings given by Hazoor that the world is heading towards World War III.

*“Every person, in every part of the world, needs to take individual responsibility towards establishing peace. Conflicts continue to ignite and burn throughout the world and so let us not be in any doubt that the shadow of a fateful war looms before us.”*

(Copenhagen Address, 2016)

Huzoor has delivered speeches at Capitol Hill, in the EU and UK parliaments, and has written numerous letters to world leaders. Through these speeches and letters he has appealed for a change in international and domestic policy towards peace, built on the foundations of honesty and justice.

*“Peace cannot be established without justice. And justice cannot be established without forming a relationship with the Higher Being. A relationship with the Creator of this World is a prerequisite for justice.”*

(UK Peace symposium Address, 2011)

*“Whilst some are saying that another World War is now unavoidable, I believe that even now there is time for the world to wake up to the stark reality it faces and to arrest this threat.”*

(8th Peace Symposium UK, 2015)

In this campaign the Jama'at is calling on members in the UK to take a stand, by petitioning Members of Parliament to change direction by endorsing this pathway to peace initiative.

This can be done by sending a letter to each local Member of Parliament through the dedicated website [STOPWW3.CO.UK](http://STOPWW3.CO.UK) and urging them to follow Huzoor's pathway to peace.

The Pathway to Peace initiatives has nine points:

1. *Establish Absolute Justice.*
2. *Recognise the Creator.*
3. *Foster Global Unity.*
4. *Seek Nuclear Disarmament.*
5. *Eliminate Weapon Profiteering.*
6. *Create Economic Equity & Eradicate Poverty.*
7. *Work for the Good of one's Nation.*
8. *Reject Extremism.*
9. *Instil Service to Humanity.*

To date the campaign has comprised:

- *Bill board adverts*
- *Newspaper advertising*
- *Social Media advertising and promotion*
- *Ad Vans*
- *Exhibitions*
- *Leafleting*

A tailor made web portal was created on the True Islam website and a bespoke leaflet has been written and printed.



## The Big IFTAR in Huddersfield South

On Saturday 25th May, the Huddersfield South Jama'at organised a "Big Iftar" for neighbours and guests. Included in those that accepted the invitation, were local tabligh contacts, a Church Minister and a representative from the Police.

Guests were welcomed with light refreshments. There was a short formal session where the local President Mr Fatihul Haq explained the importance of Ramadan and what believers try to achieve through fasting. He stated that the purpose of fasting is not just to abstain from food and drink during daylight hours but to teach us discipline and enable us to focus much more on spiritual sustenance. That spiritual sustenance lies in giving importance to the remembrance of our Creator, and also His creation by learning to live in a harmonious society and working to make it a better place for all regardless of peoples personal beliefs.

A presentation was then given by Maulana Sabahat Karim on the charitable work done by members of the local Jama'at. In particular the work of the youth was outlined under the banner of 'Service to Mankind' such as blood donation, homeless feeding, street cleaning, raising money internally and externally for various charitable organisations etc. The presentation was received well by the guests.

A Pakistani media outlet *Dunya* and local Urdu radio station *Radio Sangam* were invited to attend and record and take interviews with various guests.

At the end of the event guests were offered food at Iftar time. Small discussions took place over dinner that continued afterwards. In total 16 guests attended the programme.



## FREE FOOD STALL IN HUDDERSFIELD

Huddersfield South Jama'at organised a free food stall on 2nd June 2019 in Huddersfield Town Centre for members of the public that required it. Chicken Palau rice, fruits, snacks and clothes were offered to people. Over 50 members of the public, mainly the homeless and vulnerable took benefit of this stall and highly appreciated the effort.



## FEEDING THE HOMELESS IN LONDON REACHES A MILESTONE

In compliance with the Shura recommendations as approved by Huzoor Aqdas relating to the Jama'at's Centenary celebrations, the London Region has regularly engaged in providing meals to the homeless of the capital. This year that number exceeded 100,000 meals by the Grace of Allah.

This has been achieved by co-ordination with London Region Khuddam and Ansar teams, carrying out 800 meal runs to central London, on Tuesday evenings by Majlis Ansarullah and Friday evenings by Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya.






### Holy Qur'an Presentation

On 24<sup>th</sup> March Mayor of Pontypridd Lynda Davies visited the Bait-ul-Raheem Mosque, Sanatorium Road, Canton, Cardiff. She received a tour of the Mosque and appreciated the efforts of Jama'at members in their struggle for building a mosque and in their efforts to promote peace in the wider Welsh society.

She was presented the gift of the Holy Qur'an with English translation by Zaem Ansarullah Cardiff. She has committed to keep in touch and attend more Jama'at events in future.

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## 10 MOSQUES FUNDRAISING EVENT



The event began with recitation of the Holy Qur'an. After Tilawat, the Regional Amir of the London region, Naseer Dean gave an introduction to the event. He explained, at the 2006 Majlis-e-Shura, Huzoor instructed the UK Jama'at that we should build 25 mosques in the UK. Mosques have already been built in Hartlepool, Midlands region, Middlesex region and now the Cardiff mosque project is underway.

In 2011, Amir Sahib addressed the London region and stated that 10 mosques should be built in the London region. This was called the London-10 project. The Tajneed in 2003 in London was around 3,000 members with 8 Jama'ats. Today we have 55 Jama'ats in London and the Tajneed is around 16,000.

Within the first year we raised around £1million in promises and collections. We started to look at 40 sites in the London region but each time, for various reasons, we were unable to purchase any site.

In 2017, at the instruction of Amir Sahib, we started to look at industrial sites. By the grace of Allah, we found a site in Mitcham which we purchased for £600,000 which is the site of the old Baitul Ehsan mosque.

Today, only 14.5% of our London Tajneed have contributed so far to promises/collections of £1.2 million. So there are plenty of members who are still to make any contribution and they should come forward and make a promise.

Jaidad Secretary, Mr Irfan Qureshi then gave a presentation on the mosque project and explained that

there is a huge price difference between sites in the North and South of England. In Blackburn we recently purchased a site for £150,000. A similar site in the London region would cost between £1-2 million. So, going forward, we need to buy some more industrial sites for the London-10 mosque project.

Mr Sultan Lone, Finance Secretary then gave an overview of the finances. So far £1.36m has been raised for the London-10 project. Various regions across the UK are also contributing to this appeal, other than London A and London B. The UK

Tajneed is 32,000 and around 50% of this in the London region (ie. 16,000). If you only consider adult members, there will be around 11-12,000 adults in the London region, of which only 2,400 individuals in London A and B, have made a contribution so far to the London-10 project.

Dr Mujib-ul-Haq, Regional Amir London A, then addressed the meeting discussing the importance of mosques, which allow people to offer their prayers in congregation.

Maulana Naseem Bajwa followed with a speech in Urdu.

Amir Sahib UK gave the final address. In the 1960s, the UK only had one mosque – the London Mosque (built in 1926). In the winter we did not have enough money to heat up the mosque, so we used to pray in the living room in the mission house. Allah had planned the building of the London Mosque as he knew that Khilafat would be based here in the future.

Khilafat has been based in the UK for 35 years, which is almost the same time Khilafat was in Rabwah and also Qadian. People come from all around the world to London to meet Huzoor. The first UK Jalsa with Khalifa Rabbay took place in the Mahmud Hall (opening session) at the London Mosque in 1984. In 1985 we purchased Islamabad and held Jalsa there. The attendance was around 4,000 at the 1985 Jalsa. Islamabad then became too small for us and we purchased Hadeeqatul Mahdi in 2006. So we have seen the rapid growth of the UK Jama'at over the years.





We have witnessed many miracles, such as MTA which started from London. Now Khilafat has moved

to Islamabad where we have a beautiful Mosque (Mubarak Mosque) on Sheephatch Lane in Tilford. We can now operate more efficiently in Islamabad.

The responsibility of the UK Jama'at has become huge. So, first of all we must do the Tarbiyaat of our children. For this purpose we need mosques. There is an urgent need to build more Mosques in London for our children and Jama'at members where they can congregate.

The meeting ended with a silent prayer.

Rt Hon Ed Davey, MP also gave some concluding remarks offering his support to London-10 project.



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## UK Representation at

## JALSA SALANA Sierra Leone

Huzoor Aqdas graciously appoints members from the UK to participate at Jalsas held in other countries. In this respect Mr Kamal Alyad Barooja was instructed to attend the Jalsa Salana of Sierra Leone as a special guest. Regarding this visit he records,

‘I reached Sierra Leone on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2019. On arrival, I was taken to the Mission house in Lungi before being taken to cross the ferry to Freetown. The Central Mosque is situated just few yards from the ferry terminal at the western part of the city. All the offices of the Jama’at are there including MTA, the Jama’at Radio Station, Humanity First, the Mosque, Amir Sahib’s resident and the guest house.

‘The Jalsa venue was Bo a few miles away. One of my most vivid recollections of the visit was on meeting the locals and the amazing love they had for Khilafat. I had some photos of Huzoor Aqdas, and when these were distributed, they were received with absolute joy and tears. The deep affection that members there had for Khilafat was so moving. One recipient said you have given me paradise. I was very touched with the sheer love that people had for Huzoor Aqdas even though none of them had met him.

‘Another striking feature about this Jalsa which I have not witnessed at any other Jalsa was the attendance at Tahajud prayers which even exceeded those participating during the later proceedings of the day. In fact virtually everyone participated in Tahajud. The reason that attendance tended to be greater is because at that time even those who would be otherwise on Jalsa duty during the latter part of



the day were also able to participate.

‘The Jalsa itself took place on the 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> February. It was a very big success by the Grace of Allah. All the sessions of the three days Jalsa were fully attended. The speeches given were well presented and the audience listened attentively. The President of the country His Excellency Rtd. Brigadier Julius Mada Bio came for the inauguration and during the course of the three days ten Government Ministers, four members of Parliament, over 100 paramount chiefs, many Imams from different Muslim organisations, Christian priests and other dignitaries joined the proceedings.’



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Contact: Imran Yusuf on **07881 019 878** or email  
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There is a whatsapp group for members

Average attendance 12-20

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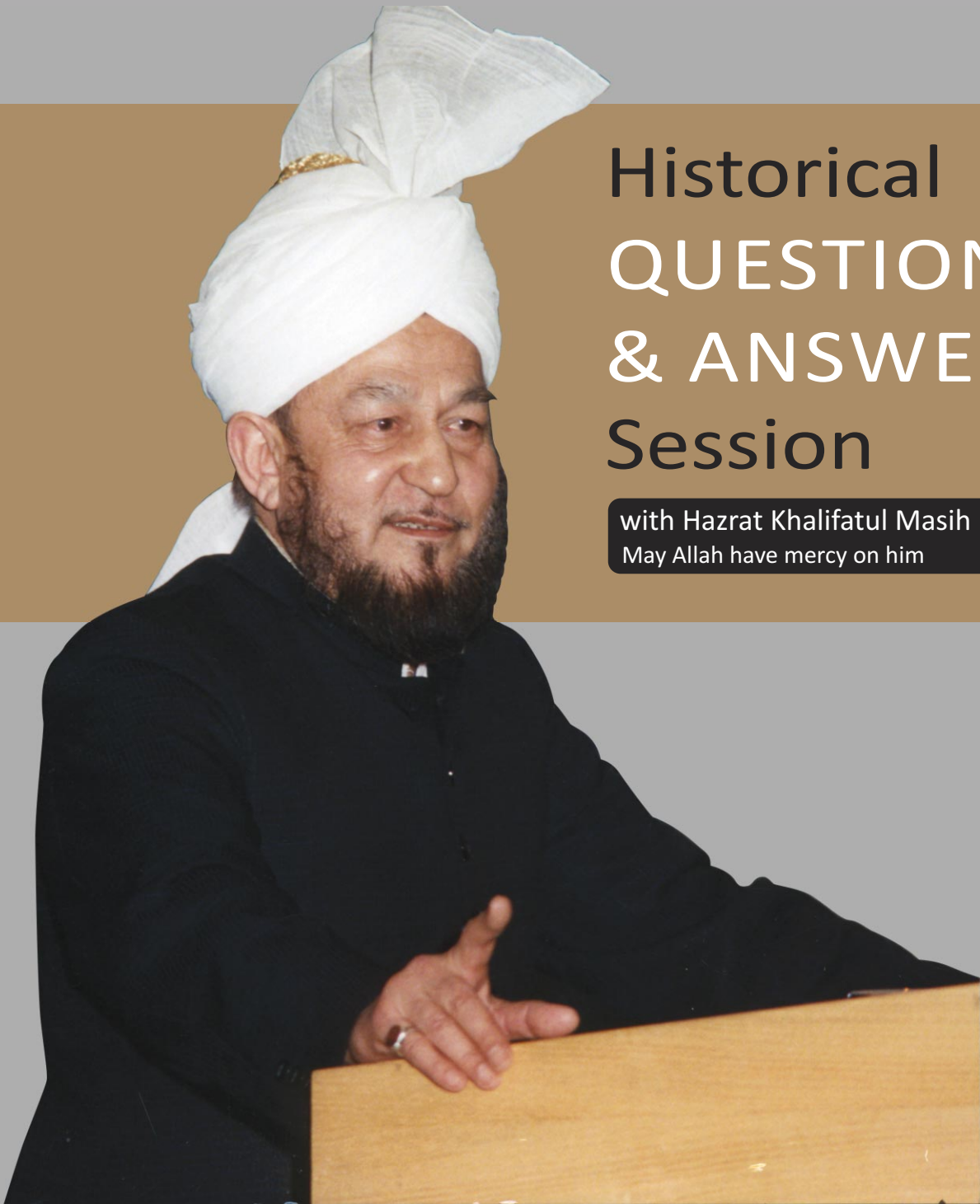
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# Historical QUESTION & ANSWER Session

with Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV  
May Allah have mercy on him

Question & Answer with Hazrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad, Khalifatul Masih IV (Allah have mercy on him) on 5th February 1994

## QUESTIONER:

What is the concept of heaven in Islam?



**Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih IV:**

*Janna* literally means a garden which is so thick in foliage that it casts a thick shadow over everything it covers. It has the connotation of covering so perfectly and so densely that underneath there is shade and peace. So *Janna* has the concept of cover and shade and peace. Now this cover of shade and peace is another name of religion. And the Holy Qur'an makes it specifically clear that when the Holy Qur'an speaks of that tree of evil as against that tree the fruit of which was permissible to Adam and Eve, it was not literally a tree – it was only an expression, an instruction, from Allah, the Word of God regarding do's and don't's. That which is understood to be the tree of goodness is that tree which relates to the injunctions of God – “*Do this, do that*”, and so on and so forth.

The other tree which is referred to as the tree of evil is the tree of that branch of injunctions where Allah says “*Do not do this, do not do that, beware, do not go near this*” – that is what is expressed in the beginning of the whole story. God told Adam to eat thereof as much as he wished and from wherever he pleased, but “*Do not go near this tree*”. *La takrabu* this *la takabu* that, this is the expression of the Holy Qur'an (see Al-Baqarah, 2:36).

Now the Holy Qur'an makes this issue more understandable for ordinary people who cannot go deeper into the meaning of things by lifting the veil of mystery from this tree. It says the example of a holy *Kalima* – a good word – is like that of a good tree and the example of a bad word is like that of a bad tree in the sense of *khabsa*, a very strong word which means something which is uncouth, that will defile you, so filthy. The Holy Qur'an says the likeness of a good word is that of a good tree which is pure and pious and the likeness of a bad word is that of an uncouth tree which bears bad fruits.

Then it further illustrates and expands the illustration by telling us that this good tree is that which is deeply and firmly rooted in the earth; its branches soar so high and reach the very heavens and they bear fruit at every season with the

blessings of Allah, with the permission and order of Allah. That is the example of believers who reside in the *Janna*; this is their tree which bears fruit with the blessings of Allah and under His command. It is not their own wishful thinking which creates the sense of vision, *Ilham*, or revelation as you call it. Whatever is borne on them is borne from Allah's order and His design. They are the pure people. *Kalima khabsa*, is that uncouth tree which has no roots; it is carried away by the winds from place to place, hither and thither; it is sheer waste.

This is the meaning of turning out of *Janna* – this order was not meant for Adam, because we have a very clear sign in the Holy Qur'an which makes us understand that God had forgiven Adam, so after forgiveness how could he be punished? This is one thing which people forget – Adam was never turned out of *Janna*. That is why instead of addressing Adam and Eve as “*You two leave Janna*”, the address was “*All of you leave Janna*”. It was those who had believed in Adam, and they were numerous, they had also erred and they had not sought forgiveness from Allah as Adam had. So it is the mention of only these two being forgiven – Adam and Eve – but not the rest. So sometimes the punishment of a people is also shared by their leaders, however innocent they may be. Like, as you know, the example of Moses – it was not he who had defied God's will, it was his people. So God said, “*All right, you go and roam without directions in the wilderness for another 40 years*”, i.e. Moses also suffered. And we know that sometimes the Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of Allah be on him, also suffered along with his people while he was innocent. This is my scenario of what happened and this scenario is based on the clear-cut instructions of the Holy Qur'an itself. Who was turned out was not Adam, it was his followers and he had to go along with them, like the followers of Moses.

So *Janna* is the Sharia, like the 4 walls of Allah's instructions – when you step out, you step out into the wilderness.

# Scientific Thought & the Holy Qur'an

(Adapted from Maulana Tahir Selby's Understanding Islam Course)

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God is the Creator of everything; therefore the *Word of God* must be in harmony with the *Hand of God*. In other words as God created everything, therefore, He knows how everything He created functions, so whatever He mentions in His Holy Books must be correct. Whilst science tries endlessly to disprove there is a God, in fact all it can really state is that there seems to be some power or energy which is responsible for creating things. Since scientists need solid facts to prove their theories and the belief in God is based on faith not facts, therefore, scientists will not say there is a God that they can scientifically prove, but they also cannot scientifically prove the absence of God.

The Holy Qur'an addresses such matters as the Big Bang Theory, evolution and whether it was by chance or planned. The Holy Qur'an explains about human embryology. How was it possible for the Holy Qur'an to mention all this 1400 years ago when scientists seem to have only recently discovered this knowledge? It proves that science actually supports and proves God's existence!

One of the attacks on religion by the scientists is the time span of the world. Accordingly to various holy

books including the Bible, it is suggested that the world was created in six days and then God rested on the seventh. It is further indicated that man has only been on this earth for around 6,000 years, but science has proved so far that it could not have taken only six days to create the universe and that man has been around on this planet for at least 3.5 million years not 6,000 years. Therefore, they dismiss the holy scriptures as fantasy and not reality.

The first point that needs to be addressed when considering such objections is the concept of a day. A 24 hour day is when the earth makes one full revolution around its axis as it moves around the sun. If the sun and earth have not been created, then how can we attribute a day to mean like our normal 24 hour day? It has to be understood differently.

It ought to be evident that when we are referring to one of God's days, then it means a period, that period can be a day, month, year or even thousands, millions or billions of years. The Holy Qur'an mentions about a day (Yaum) as "*a day with thy Lord is sometimes as a thousand years of your reckoning*" (Ch.22: 48) or "*The angels and the Spirit ascend to Him in a day, the measure of which is fifty thousand years*" (Ch.70:5).

“ ..we read about the story of Adam and Eve in the Bible where it mentions their sons Cain and Abel and how then Cain got married and lived in a city (Gen 4:17). The question that arises is where did his wife come from? Where did the people of the city come from? Surely this clearly indicates that there were other people around at the time. ”

So God's day refers to an indefinite period or a stage in the development of a thing.

Secondly, regarding the advent of man, we read about the story of Adam and Eve in the Bible where it mentions their sons Cain and Abel and how then Cain got married and lived in a city (Gen 4:17). The question that arises is where did his wife come from? Where did the people of the city come from? Surely this clearly indicates that there were other people around at the time. Thus Adam of the Bible could not have been the first man but the first Prophet. Moreover Prophets are sent for the reformation of humanity. If there were not people what was the prophethood of Adam going to serve. So although the advent of his prophethood was around 6,000 years ago, humanity could have existed well before and even 3 or 4 million years ago until it reached a stage in its development when it started living in communities and so requiring a Prophet to explain about God.

The fact is that the Holy Qur'an abounds with facts which were impossible to know 1400 years without the aid of a microscope or telescope.

Furthermore it has accurately prophesied future events. Some examples of these are related in the Holy Qur'an Chapter 81.

- Verse 4 – *And when the mountains are made to move* – this could relate to when mountains will be blown away by dynamite and roads will be made through them.
- Verse 5 – *And when the she-camels ten month pregnant are abandoned* – this could relate to the fact that camels were the mode of transport in those days, but more better, faster and powerful means of transport will have been invented.

- Verse 6 – *And when the wild beasts are gathered together* - this could relate to when animals will be collected in zoos.
- Verse 7 – *And when the seas are made to flow forth one into the other* – this could relate to the joining of two different seas, the Suez Canal joining the Red Sea with the Mediterranean Sea and the Panama Canal joining the Pacific Sea with the Atlantic Sea.

There are many verses in the Holy Qur'an like these which seem to point to modern day discoveries and inventions, for instance another interesting verse relates about the hidden treasures as the Holy Qur'an refers to them, in Chapter 99 verse 3 it states: *“And the earth throws up her burdens”*- it is wonderful to note that whenever man needs a new type of energy it discovers a hidden treasure like coal, oil and gas, which has been lying hidden since before mankind was on the earth. Then when man requires greater power he discovered the splitting of the atom, again the atom has been around before mankind. No doubt one can find that when humanity is in need for another source of energy, it will discover another hidden treasure which was there also before mankind!

Thus science, when applied objectively leads us to an understanding of nature – nature that is in complete harmony with religion. It needs to be because science uncovers the work of God exhibited through nature while religion conveys the word of God exhibited through revelation. Both originate from the same source and thus science can fully support the existence of God, Alhamdulillah Rabbi'l 'Alameen (All praise is due to Allah alone, Lord, Creator and Sustainer of all the Worlds).



## Lajna Bradford North Holds International Women's Day

By Mufleha Saleem Ahmad



Try a hijab on stall



Learning the sport of fencing

By the Grace of Allah, Bradford North Lajna held a women's day (an interfaith activity day) on 2nd March 2019, 11:00 to 14:00 at the Al Mahdi Mosque, Bradford.

The theme of this event was 'We may not have the same colour, religion, or the same culture: we may have nothing in common but we are all women and should promote sisterhood within us'. The event started with the recitation of the Holy Qur'an followed by its translation.

"Surely, men who submit themselves to God and women who submit themselves to Him, and believing men and believing women, and obedient men and obedient women and truthful men and truthful women, and men steadfast in their faith and steadfast women, and men who are humble and women who are humble, and men who give alms and women who give alms, and men who fast and women who fast, and men who guard their chastity and women who guard their chastity, and men who remember Allah much and women who remember Him — Allah has prepared for all of them forgiveness and a great reward".

(Ch.33:V.36)

This verse was chosen to highlight the equality of men and women portrayed in the holy book of Islam.

The recitation followed lots of activities, workshops and information providing stalls

An exhibition about 'Women in Islam' was on display. The posters had information about treatment, spiritual status, intellectual status, financial stature, and social status of women in Islam. There were separate posters explaining the rights and responsibilities of the 'mother', the 'daughter' and the 'wife' of Islam. The veil of Muslim women was cleared of any misunderstandings within the exhibition and by 'try on a hijab' stall (photo above). Throughout the day Lajna was available to answer any queries about Islam.

Several quotes were placed around the whole mosque complex about empowering women including quotes from the Holy Prophet of Islam (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him), the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) and Huzoor Aqdas. Quotes from notable famous women like Michelle Obama were also presented.

Artworks Creative Communities organised and ran two craft stalls: printing and dream catcher production. The women and children really enjoyed these. Children's Activity stall provided art activities for children including colouring and hand-coordination tasks.

The Hale Project members were present to check the blood pressure of ladies and give them advice on this during the course of the event. Cancer research advice was also given and a representative from the

charity was also at hand.

Refreshments were provided by the catering department throughout the event consisting of pakoras, sandwiches and chips. There was a tuck shop and a cake stall. The cake stall raised money for Women's aid charity – provides support for women and children facing domestic violence. They managed to raise £230, by Allah's Grace.

Beauty treatments including nail art, henna body art, hand massage, and facials were also provided to all participants. The event was attended by 81 women and children and was extremely successful. It was

concluded with a session of learning the sport of fencing.

Feedback received was very positive. Among the comments recorded were:

*"It was amazing. May Allah bless you and support your Imman. Thank you for everything"*

Marwah Jasim , Iraqi student at Bradford University

*"The atmosphere at the event was wonderful."*

Deborah Collett

## Bradford Lajna Book Club Studying The Economic Status of Islam

(by Mufleha Saleem Ahmad)

This event was organised by the Bradford North branch of Lajna Imaillah. It began with a recitation from Holy Qur'an by Mrs Nabila Malik. From the book Women in Islam by Chaudhry Muhammad Zafrulla Khan pages 23 to 26 was studied in preparation for this book club on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019. A comparison was made on a women's right to inherit in the West during modern times as opposed to Islam many centuries earlier. It was noted that Allah gave the right of inheritance to women in the following way,

*"For everyone leaving an inheritance We have appointed heirs, parents and near-relations, and also husbands and wives to whom you are bound by solemn covenants. So give all of them their appointed shares. Surely, Allah watches over all things". (Ch4:V.34).*

It was only some 1400 years later that some women were finally allowed to inherit in the UK. This point was discussed with respect to the following quote from the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him),

*"...obligations have been imposed upon men also in respect of their wives. These obligations are so burdensome that it looks like the woman was placed on the throne and the man commanded to serve her and be at her beck and call for the procurement of everything she needs."*

(Malfoozaat : vol.8 p.441)

Allah has given women the right to gain a dowry, acquire property independently of her husband and to keep her wage with no obligation to spend on the upkeep of the household.

The event concluded with a meal and fun games. Lajna enjoyed an arm wrestling competition for which the winner was Ms Mariya Choudhry. Lajna played a game of pool in which Ms Wardah Rehman won.



## The Importance of a Mosque

As every Ahmadi will know by now, a new and very beautiful mosque has been built in Islamabad, Tilford, and recently our beloved Khalifa, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, has made it the new headquarters of the Jama'at by moving there. Before that, Huzoor was staying at Masjid Fazl in Southfields, London, which had been the headquarters for the last 35 years.



**Question:** What is the name of the new mosque in Islamabad? Answer is given below if you don't know.

The main purpose of a mosque is for to offer five daily prayers there, known as *Salat*, where Muslims go to remember Allah, and give thanks to Him for all the blessings and favours that He has provided us. Muslims can offer their prayers at home, but the Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of Allah be on him, has said that a prayer offered in congregation is twenty-seven times better than that which is offered alone. He has also said the one who makes his ablutions (*Wudhu*) at home and then walks to a mosque for his prayers, every step he takes wipes away one of his sins, and every other step raises his status.

Friday is a very special day for Muslims. Allah says in the Holy Qur'an:

“O ye who believe! When the call is made for Prayer on Friday, hasten to the remembrance of Allah, and leave off all business. That is better for you, if you only knew” (Al-Jumuah, 62:10).

The Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of Allah be on him, has said that Friday is the best day of the week. On this day, Muslims come from far for the afternoon prayer, *Zohr*, during which the Imam of the mosque gives a sermon. The sermon can be on any subject which reminds Muslims of their duty to Allah and their fellow beings.

Apart from these, Muslims are encouraged to spend time in the mosque in between the prayers in quiet contemplation and silent prayers. It is said that the angels call down blessings on anyone who stays in the mosque after the main prayer is finished and pray,



“Allah forgive me; Allah have mercy on me.”

In the last ten days of the month of Ramadan, some Muslims will go and stay in the mosque day and night and occupy themselves in prayers, meditation and recitation of the Holy Qur’an all the time. They do not indulge in any other activities. This is called *Itekaf*. They are provided with their food and other necessities so that they can concentrate on their objective.

The inside of a mosque is quiet and peaceful; this makes it a very good place in which to study the Holy Qur’an. The mosque is often used for teaching children about Islam and the Holy Qur’an. Many mosques built in the early days of Islam had large libraries attached to them, so that people can go there and carry out many studies.

Islam has a strong tradition of providing good hospitality for travellers and mosques have always served as a resting place for them. They can rest there before continuing on with their journey, and the local community would provide food for them.

The mosque is used for other prayer services, such as the Eid prayers, wedding ceremonies and funeral prayer.

A mosque is therefore a very important part of a Muslim’s life, and whenever possible everyone must make the effort to come to their local mosque regularly, either for *Salat*, or for other functions.

### WORDSEARCH

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13	H	E	I	A	L	L	N	U	O	N	I	T	X	E	U
14	M	H	C	T	L	P	O	L	L	E	N	O	D	E	N
15	H	I	X	C	O	H	B	N	F	N	I	N	C	K	U

- Royal Jelly
- Drones
- Yellow
- Honey
- Black
- Wax
- Pollen
- Queen
- Worker
- Flowers
- Bee
- Hive
- Colonies
- Nectar
- Insect

This Bee Word Search puzzle has words which are connected to bees. See how many of them you can find.

### CALCULATOR MAGIC

Use your calculator to work out these sums, and then turn the calculator upside down, and you will get the answers to the clues!

1. A collection of animals: .....  $1.62 \div 81$
2. Plants grow in this: .....  $1421 \times 5$
3. Shoes must be of the correct one .....  $1890 + 1325$
4. A Musical Instrument .....  $9170 - 6090$
5. Shiny Paint .....  $13769 \times 4$
6. Farmyard birds .....  $29384 + 5952$
7. Grab .....  $45714 - 13579$
8. Turkey noise .....  $3409254 \div 9$

Answers: Royal Jelly (A1); Drones (C2); Yellow (O1); Honey (B4); Black (C5); Wax (A10); Pollen (F14); Queen (F8); Worker (H3); Flowers (I5); Bee (N12); Hive (B14); Colonies (G3); Nectar (M2); Insect (L8)

## EID DINNER IN CARDIFF (By Mr Munawar Mughal Nazim e Ala Wales & SW Region)

Majlis Ansarullah Cardiff held an Eid Dinner on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at Bay-Den Scout Hall Ferry Road, Cardiff. A total of 66 non-Ahmadi guests attended including Mr Vaughan Gething AM, Minister for Health & Social Services Wales, Mr Mohammad Asghar, Welsh Assembly Member, Rt Hon The Lord Mayor of Cardiff, Councillor Daniel De'Ath, Mayor of Caldicot, Councillor David Evans as well as Mr Gurmit Singh Randhwa MBE, President Gurdawara Cardiff. Councillor Huw Thomas, Leader of the Cardiff Council and Deputy Leader Cllr Sarah Marry were also among the attendees. Mr Lee Canning, Deputy Chairman Welsh Conservatives joined the event too. Four other Councillors including Cllr Norma Mackie, Cllr Dan Naughton, Cardiff Council, Cllr Carolyn Webster and Cllr Alan Davies from Bridgend and Monmouthshire Councils were also among the guests. Timothy Maj Crawshaw from Welsh Regiment Ministry of Defence Cardiff was also present.

The programme was started at 12 noon, chaired by Dr Mansoor Saqi, Naib Sadr Majlis Ansarullah UK, with the recitation of the Holy Quran by Mr Sultan Ahmed Sulmy with English translation. A welcome address was given by Mr Munawar Mughal, Nazim Ala Wales & SW region. This was followed by an introductory presentation to the Jama'at from its inception to the present day, which included, among many other activities the Charity Walk for Peace.

The Mayor of Caldicot, Cllr David Evans in his speech appreciated the charitable efforts of Majlis Ansarullah especially through the Charity Walk for Peace.

Cllr Daniel De, Ath Mayor of Cardiff, said that it was his first time attending one of the Jama'at's events and stated that it was doing excellent work for the community at large and really spreading the message of love and peace of the whole community and that it should keep up this good work.

Gurmit Singh Randhawa MBE appreciated the Eid dinner event which brought together many people under one roof for a good cause towards humanity and said that he will continue to support the Jama'at.

Cllr Huw Thomas Leader of the Cardiff Council in his brief speech said that he was pleased to come and expressed his good wishes for the Jama'at offering his full support on behalf of Cardiff Council.

Mohammad Asghar, Welsh Assembly Member in his speech said "Love for all" is not only a message for men and women but also for animals, environment and

forestry and that the Jama'at is the most peace loving community in the world and they celebrate their Eid with others throughout the world.

Vaughan Gething AM, Minister for Health And Social Services Wales, said in his speech that he was very pleased to attend an event like Eid dinner where people from different backgrounds and faiths put aside their differences and come and work together to promote tolerance and respect among each other and that we should continue to do so in the coming months and years.

Dr Mansoor Saqi, Naib Sadr Majlis Ansarullah UK gave the concluding address. He thanked all the VIPs and guests who attended the event and very briefly highlighted the Jama'at's activities in the UK specifically the charity walk and its charitable efforts all over the world. He also read an extract from the writings of Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) and sermons delivered by Hazoor Aqdas to convey the true teaching of Islam Ahmadiyyat.

In his vote of thanks Lee Canning Deputy Chairman Welsh Conservative, thanked all the guests and organisers for arranging such a wonderful event. He also said that we are all witnesses here today that the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community has done a great job to unite communities under one roof which shows their commitment towards breaking the barriers and working together for the good cause.

After the concluding session, a copy of the Holy Qur'an and Huzoor's book World Crises & Pathway To Peace were presented to The Lord Mayor of Cardiff and Mayor of Caldicot.

Dr Saqi then led everyone in a silent prayer to bring the formal programme to a close and the dinner followed. The event finished on time at 1.45 pm.

A large amount of free Jama'at literature was available to the guests. A Qur'an exhibition was also on display in 21 languages. A key aspect of this was the Welsh translation of selected verses of the Holy Qur'an and sayings of the Holy Prophet (peace be upon him) which were displayed for the benefit of the local Welsh speaking guests. These were greatly appreciated. The majority of the guests, including the VIPs, took home literature of their own choice. Sadr Majlis Ansarullah and Qaid Tabligh's advice and guidelines were given throughout

Names of Ansar and other members of the Cardiff Jama'at who made a special contribution in the

organising of this event were Messrs Sadat Ahmed, President Jama'at Cardiff, Naseer Zahid, Mubarak Ahmed, Kaleem Ahmed, Arshad Mehmood, Sultan Ahmed Sulmy, Nasir Ahmed Asif, Mirza Adeel Kaleem, Mohammed Noor, Safeer Khan, Fateh, Muhammad

Noman, Iftikhar Ahmed, Ahmed Qasim, Safeer Ahmed, Ikram Dar, Ibrar Malik and Dr Nasir Domun. Sadr Lajna and Qaid Khuddamul Ahmadiyya also extended their valuable support. May Allah bless them all.

### Some of the comments by the guests:

**Maj Crawshaw** – ‘On behalf of MOD and myself, I would like to thank you for the invite to Eid celebration on Sunday. Both my son and I had an excellent day meeting many people I have seen and not seen before. The good food and presentation was excellent.’

**Vanessa** – ‘Thank you for the invitation, it is wonderful day eat together talk together walk together for the charity walk for peace to be held in Milton Keynes.’

**Samir Halabiya** – ‘Once again event thoroughly enjoyed. You carry out superb work and food was excellent.’

**Lee Canning** – ‘Love for all hatred for none inspiring message from Ahmadiyya Eid Dinner. Another great event.’



### NORTH WEST REGIONAL TABLIGH SEMINAR

On 1st of June, Majlis Ansarullah North West Region organised a Tabligh Seminar at Dar Ul Amman Mosque Manchester.

Proceedings commenced with a recitation from the Holy Qur'an by Mr Dawood Ahmad followed by its English translation by Mr Nadeem Khawaja. A poem was then recited by Mr Mustansir Ahmad Nasir.

The first speech was by Regional Missionary Maulana Muhammad Ahmad Khursheed on the topic of The Importance Tabligh and Responsibility of Ansarullah.

Next a presentation was given by Mr Zia Farooqui on social media. Mr Farooqui outlined the importance and power of this form of communication Media and how easily it can be harnessed to spread the message of Islam all over the world in a matter of seconds.

The final speech and presentation was on the "Messiah Has Come" a powerful Tabligh campaign and feedback by Mr Usman Ahmad Chaudhry who had chaired the Seminar. The attendance was 53.





## MAJLIS ANSARULLAH UK ANNUAL SPORTS DAY 2019

(By Rana Arfan Shahzad, Naib Qaid Sehet-e-Jismani)

By the Grace of Allah, Majlis Ansarullah held a successful Annual National Ansarullah Sports Day this year on Sunday 28th April. The venue was Baitul Futuh where 105 Ansar participated in competitive events which included badminton, table tennis, volleyball and weightlifting. Non-competitive events included Chess and other board games.

The event was inaugurated at 10 am with a short ceremony presided by Mr Amir Anees, Qaid Zahanat Wa Seht Jismani Majlis Ansarullah UK.

Light refreshments were provided throughout the day in addition to chicken biriyani for lunch.

A short presentation was also made by Mirza Mahmud Ahmad from the Nasir region on the need for a healthy diet and regular exercise, particularly for Ansar.

50 people participated in table tennis and 64 games were played. Over 20 in weight lifting, 24 badminton teams participated and 44 games were played. 8 regional teams took part in volleyball competitions.

Volleyball teams were divided into two groups with the runner up being Fazl Region and the Winner was Noor region.

The final session was chaired by Mr Khalid



Mehmood, Naib Sadr Majlis Anarullah UK who distributed prizes among the winners and led everyone in a silent prayer to bring the sports day to a conclusion.

To encourage Ansar to cycle, Mr Atif Malik put up a cycling stall, where those Ansar who had cycled to mosque were gifted with cycling vests.

In the organisation of the event specific responsibilities had been given out to members of the Seht Jismani team under the chief organiser Mr Zeeshan Anjam. People who assisted included were Messrs Rana Arfan, Muzafar Shahzad, Jawad, Luqman Lone, Arshad Butt, Atif Khan, Atif Malik and Amir Anees.

### Winner & Runner up in SAFE DOEM:

#### 1. Table Tennis:

Winner: South Region

Runner up: Baitul Futuh

#### 2. Weightlifting (lightweight)

Winner: Fazl region

Runner up: Baitul Futuh

#### Weightlifting (middleweight)

Winner: Baitul Ehsan.

Runner up: Fazal Region

#### 3. Badminton:

Winner: Muqami.

Runner up: Baitul Ehsan

### Winner & Runner up in SAFE AWAL

#### 1. Table Tennis:

Winner: Sutton

Runner up: Muqami

#### 2. Weight lifting (heavyweights):

Winner: Hertfordshire

Runner up: Baitul Ehsan

#### 3. Badminton:

Winner: Muqami/ Baitul Ehsan

Runner up: Noor/ Sutton

## EID CELEBRATIONS WITH KINGSTON INTERFAITH GROUP

On 9th June, 2019 the Kingston Majlis organised an Eid Celebration function with its neighbours. Members from the local Interfaith group, charities and the Kingston Council were also invited. They enjoyed the presentation and food and on the way back most of them took free literature that was displayed. The hall was fully packed out with around 65 non-Ahmadi guests. The Mayor of Kingston was welcomed by the organising committee and a bouquet of flowers was presented to her by a small girl.

The programme started with the recitation of the Holy Qur'an and its translation. Zaeem Kingston welcomed the guests thanking them for attending. The core message of his speech was brotherhood and unity. He quoted the example of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) who allowed a Christian delegation to offer their prayers in his mosque.

The chair of the programme, Dr Shakeel Ahmad explained about the holy month of Ramadan and the scientific benefits of fasting. He explained that after going through the Jihad of the self for a month, we celebrate Eid by thanking God, visiting friends and relatives and enjoying good food.

Madam Mayor thanked the Jama'at for inviting her. She

said its motto "Love For All Hatred for None" is very powerful and stated that people with faith have more in common than differences. She commended the Jama'at's initiative to unite communities. She stated that she always had a perception of Eid Celebration and today she had found it exactly as she had conceived. After dinner she went to the ladies side and got a henna pattern painted on her hand.

A ten minutes video of Jama'at was also played. Most of the guests were not aware of the Jama'at's achievements for others and were surprised especially about its spectacular work for charity.

One charity representative requested to organise a charity walk in Kingston so that they can also benefit from participating in Charity Walk and get some funds. The Ex-Mayor of Kingston responded and informed him that the Jammah had tried in the past to find a proper location for the charity walk within Kingston but without success. He was informed to visit the Charity Walk website and affiliate themselves to get funds and other benefits.

As the guests left, they took about 14 books and a copy of the Holy Qur'an.



### Some of the feedback received from the guests attending the event is as follows:

- "My wife and I enjoyed the time in good company, and learnt much about your faith. It was a good opportunity for people of faiths to share together with the aim of peace on this earth." (*Kingston Mental Health Forum*)
- "On behalf of my colleagues and myself thank you for a most interesting evening. And thank you for my copy of the Quran which I have already dipped into. In my ignorance I didn't realise that we share so much of the Old Testament!" (*Christian Science*)
- "Many thanks for the opportunity to join in your Eid celebration last night. We were made to feel so very welcome. The event was really informative as well as relaxing and enjoyable. Do thank all concerned." (*New Malden Church*)

## CHEAM MAJLIS EID CELEBRATION WITH NEIGHBOURS

(by Dr Saqib Aziz Jahangiri)



Majlis Ansarullah Cheam organised a gathering with non-Ahmadi guests to celebrate Eid-UI-Fitr on 15<sup>th</sup> June. The gathering was attended by Sutton MP Mr Paul Scully and more than a dozen local councillors, the Sutton Hate Crime Lead, members of the Sutton Partnership and several neighbours.

The programme started with recitation from the Holy Qur'an and translation by Mr Abdul Mangat. A short video by way of introduction and including the message of Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) was shown. It also featured a clip of the Jalsa Salana, the international Bai'at as well as extracts of Hazoor's speeches at national and international events. The activities of the Jama'at's charity work in much needed poor parts of the world was also presented.

The guests were greeted and welcomed by Dr Saqib Jahangiri who, in his opening address, invited participants to join hands with the Jama'at in spreading the essence of its motto "love for all, hatred for none".

The guest speaker Maulana Nauman Hadi from Jamia UK focused on the event of Eid-UI-Fitr, the essence of fasting and its training aspects for the Muslims and other



religions that observe it.

Mr Paul Scully MP, applauded the Jama'at's contribution towards making this world a better place. He especially narrated his personal experience in observing the International Bai'at describing its electric atmosphere, where waves appeared to be passing in the Jalsa Marquee throughout.

Mr Muzaffar Mahmood highlighted the charity events organised by Majlis Ansarullah and invited the guests to join in Charity Walk being held at Milton Keynes this year. The collection target is £1m for this and a hundred per cent of this collection will go to UK based charities. He also invited the guests to attend Jalsa Salana in August.

A brief question answer session was held at the end of function. Councillor Ruth Dombey read a moving letter from the Mayor of Christchurch to the Mayor of Sutton, mentioning the reaction of a Muslim, Mr Farhan Ahmed whose wife was killed in Christchurch Mosque shooting. The formal programme ended with a silent prayer.

Lunch was served afterwards. Guests mingled with local jama'at members during this time holding informal conversations.

### BIRMINGHAM SOUTH TABLIGH STALL

On Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May members from the Birmingham South Majlis put up a Tabligh Stall on Kings Heath High Street. Four Ansar and two Atfal managed the display and were able to distribute 91 leaflets to passers by. The four Ansar included Messrs Shakeel Choudhary, Mubashar Ahmad, Faeed Mahmood Mubashar and Muhammad Azfar Ahmad. They were joined by youngsters Jazib and Labeed Ahmad.





## TABLIGH FUNCTION WITH NEIGHBOURS AT THE FAZL MOSQUE

Ansar from Majlis Fazl mosque visited households door to door in the streets around the mosque inviting them for a tour of the historic Fazl Mosque.

Some accepted the invitation and 8 residents from Seymour Road arrived on the afternoon of 5th May. They were shown around the mosque by Maulana Imran Khalid and Messrs Muzaffar Ahmad Ranjha, Naseer Ahmad, Mahmoodul Haq Khan together with one Ansar family.

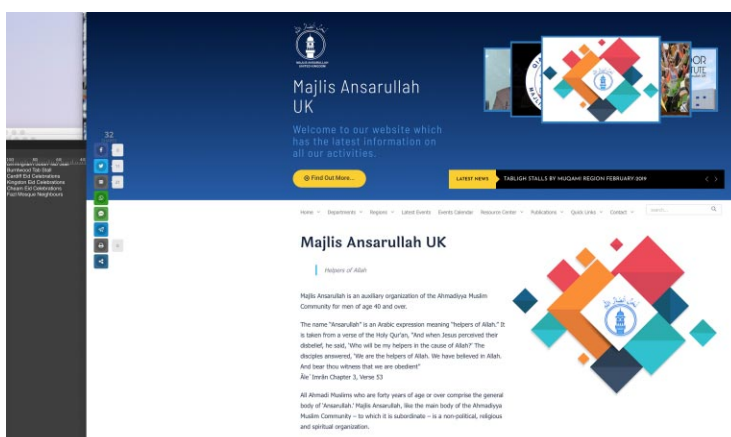
The visitors viewed the bookshop and were presented with various items of literature including the books *Life of Muhammad* and *World Crisis & Pathway To Peace*. The local Zaeem Mr Shahid Mahmood Shaikh had made arrangements for the guests which was thoroughly enjoyed. Contact details were exchanged and the guests promised to remain in touch in the future.

The weather was not so good that day and unfortunately Mr Naseer Ahmad slipped and broke his arm while running around in making the arrangements. He was hospitalised but has since recovered by the Grace of Allah.



## TABLIGH STALL BURNTWOOD

Majlis Burntwood set up a tabligh stall on Sunday 26th May as part of the "The Messiah Has Come" campaign featuring posters of the Promised Messiah and others. Many leaflets were distributed.



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