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RAMADAN GUIDE 2020 - 1441 AH

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Assalamualaikum & Ramadan Mubarak,

Alhamdulillah this will be our third Ramadan at Masjid Alhikmah and like the previous two years, we will try our best to make your Ramadan special. This year, because of the Coronavirus situation, there is a lot of uncertainty with regards to our Ramadan services. However, we will continue to plan as normal and will keep you informed nearer the time Insha Allah.

I have 3 simple messages for my respected brothers and sisters for the month of Ramadan.

Firstly, try and connect with Allah and the Quran. Spend as much time as possible in prayers, zikr, reading and understanding the Quran. The spread of Corona virus is a reminder for all of us to renew our connection with Allah and the Quran.

Secondly, try and forgive others. Show compassion and love towards other Muslims and also your neighbours, non-Muslim friends and colleagues. Specially, during this difficult time, try and help the ones who are vulnerable and isolated.

Lastly, prepare for Iftar and Suhoor with modesty and avoid food waste.

I hope and pray that Allah keeps you, your families and the entire Aberdeen community safe and united and that Allah accepts all your good deeds during this blessed month.

Jazak Allah khair, Br Farooq Durrani

Our 2020 commitments to you

1

BRINGING SERVICES AND PROGRAMMES ONLINE

2

BEING AVAILABLE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS AND QUERIES

3

KEEPING YOU INFORMED AND UPDATED

RAMADAN 2020

KEY DATES & EVENTS

subject to moonsighting

1ST TARAWEEH
THURSDAY
23RD APRIL

1ST DAY OF RAMADAN
FRIDAY
24TH APRIL

LAST 10 DAYS
14TH-23RD MAY

EID UL FITR
SUNDAY
24TH MAY

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RAMADAN RECHARGE YOUR EMAN

"Whoever observes fasts during the month of Ramadan out of sincere faith, and hoping to attain Allah's rewards, then all his past sins will be forgiven."
(Al-Bukhari and Muslim)

Just like your phone your soul needs recharging!

RAMADAN SERVICES

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DAILY

Tafseer of Quran 1hr before Maghrib (start time)

Quran recitation (15mins) followed by Hadith reminder daily at Isha (start time)

Q&A with the Imam at 1:30PM daily (except Saturday)

WEEKLY

Friday talk 1.30 PM

Youth gathering Saturday 1:30 PM

GENERAL

1 to 1 with the Imam (by email appointment). If you wish to contact Imam Emran email: imam@masjidalhikmah.org.uk

The Prophet (PBUH) said "Whoever feeds a fasting person will have a reward like that of the fasting person, without any reduction in his reward."
(Al Tirmidhi)

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Day	April May	Ramadan	FAJR		DHUHR	ASR	MAGHRIB	ISHA
			Start/ Suhoor Ends	Sunrise	Start	Start	Start/ Iftar Starts (Sunset)	Start
Fri	24	1	4:19 AM	05:36 AM	1:11 PM	5:07 PM	8:41 PM	9:47 PM
Sat	25	2	4:17 AM	05:33 AM	1:11 PM	5:08 PM	8:44 PM	9:49 PM
Sun	26	3	4:15 AM	05:31 AM	1:11 PM	5:09 PM	8:46 PM	9:51 PM
Mon	27	4	4:13 AM	05:28 AM	1:11 PM	5:10 PM	8:48 PM	9:53 PM
Tue	28	5	4:12 AM	05:26 AM	1:11 PM	5:11 PM	8:50 PM	9:54 PM
Wed	29	6	4:10 AM	05:23 AM	1:11 PM	5:12 PM	8:52 PM	9:56 PM
Thu	30	7	4:08 AM	05:21 AM	1:11 PM	5:13 PM	8:54 PM	9:58 PM
Fri	1	8	4:06 AM	05:19 AM	1:10 PM	5:14 PM	8:56 PM	10:00 PM
Sat	2	9	4:05 AM	05:16 AM	1:10 PM	5:15 PM	8:59 PM	10:02 PM
Sun	3	10	4:03 AM	05:14 AM	1:10 PM	5:16 PM	9:01 PM	10:04 PM
Mon	4	11	4:01 AM	05:12 AM	1:10 PM	5:17 PM	9:03 PM	10:06 PM
Tue	5	12	4:00 AM	05:09 AM	1:10 PM	5:17 PM	9:05 PM	10:08 PM
Wed	6	13	3:58 AM	05:07 AM	1:10 PM	5:18 PM	9:07 PM	10:09 PM
Thu	7	14	3:56 AM	05:05 AM	1:10 PM	5:19 PM	9:09 PM	10:12 PM
Fri	8	15	3:55 AM	05:03 AM	1:10 PM	5:20 PM	9:11 PM	10:14 PM
Sat	9	16	3:53 AM	05:01 AM	1:10 PM	5:21 PM	9:13 PM	10:17 PM
Sun	10	17	3:52 AM	04:58 AM	1:10 PM	5:22 PM	9:15 PM	10:19 PM
Mon	11	18	3:50 AM	04:56 AM	1:10 PM	5:23 PM	9:17 PM	10:20 PM
Tue	12	19	3:49 AM	04:54 AM	1:10 PM	5:23 PM	9:19 PM	10:22 PM
Wed	13	20	3:47 AM	04:52 AM	1:10 PM	5:24 PM	9:21 PM	10:23 PM
Thu	14	21	3:46 AM	04:50 AM	1:10 PM	5:25 PM	9:23 PM	10:25 PM
Fri	15	22	3:44 AM	04:48 AM	1:10 PM	5:26 PM	9:25 PM	10:26 PM
Sat	16	23	3:43 AM	04:46 AM	1:10 PM	5:27 PM	9:27 PM	10:27 PM
Sun	17	24	3:42 AM	04:44 AM	1:10 PM	5:27 PM	9:29 PM	10:29 PM
Mon	18	25	3:40 AM	04:42 AM	1:10 PM	5:28 PM	9:31 PM	10:30 PM
Tue	19	26	3:39 AM	04:41 AM	1:10 PM	5:29 PM	9:33 PM	10:32 PM
Wed	20	27	3:38 AM	04:39 AM	1:10 PM	5:30 PM	9:35 PM	10:33 PM
Thu	21	28	3:37 AM	04:37 AM	1:10 PM	5:30 PM	9:37 PM	10:34 PM
Fri	22	29	3:36 AM	04:36 AM	1:10 PM	5:31 PM	9:39 PM	10:36 PM
Sat	23	30	3:34 AM	04:34 AM	1:10 PM	5:32 PM	9:40 PM	10:37 PM

DUA FOR BREAKING THE FAST

ذَهَبَ الظَّمَأُ وَابْتَلَّتْ الْعُرُوقُ وَثَبَتَ الأَجْرُ إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّه

Dhahaba adhamau wa ibtalalat al'urooq wa thabata alajr inshaAllah

"The thirst has gone and the veins are moistened, and the reward is confirmed if Allah wills"

Abu Dawood

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DUAS IN RAMADAN

Ramadan is a time when duas are of greater weight and are more powerful. In addition to the duas below, to pray for ones needs, family, friends, the Ummah and for all humanity is also recommended.

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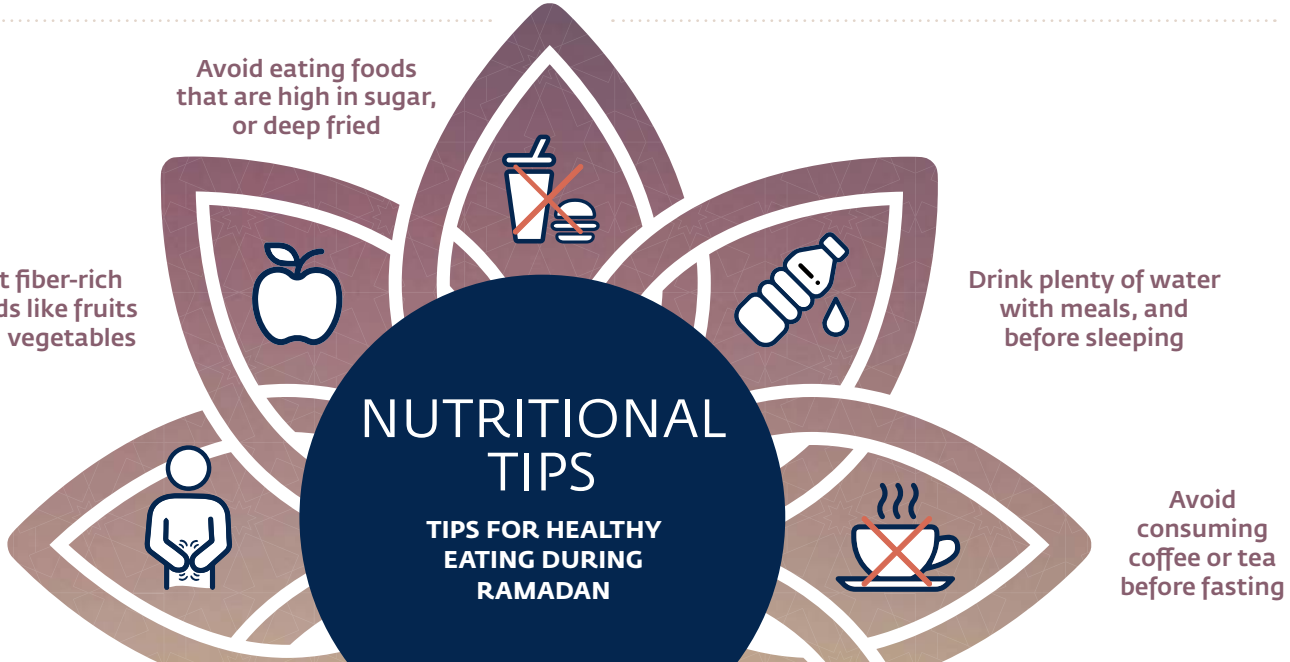
اَللَّهُمَّ إِنَّكَ عَفُوٌّ كَرِيمٌ تُحِبُّ اَلْعَفْوَ فَاعْفُ عَنَّا

Allahumma innaka 'Afuwwun Kareemun tuhibbul 'afwa fa'fu 'anni

"O Allah, You are the Forgiver, the Generous and You love to forgive, so forgive us"

Al Tirmidhi



THE BLESSED MONTH OF RAMADHAN

By Imam Emran Ahmad

Alhamdulillah, another month of Ramadhan is about to dawn upon us. The blessed month wherein Allah revealed the Quran. The month wherein the mercy of Allah descends in abundance and the rewards of good deeds are multiplied. It is clear Allah wants us to take advantage of this holy month and use it to change our lives for the better. Therefore, we should actively work towards becoming spiritually, physically and mentally prepared for this blessed month.

Below are a few points we should all consider, on how to gain maximum benefit from this great month.

1. Protect your Fasts

Fasting (i.e. refraining from eating, drinking and marital relations) is the greatest act performed in Ramadhan and is compulsory upon every mature Muslim.

"I swear by that being in whose possession is the life of Muhammad! The odour of the mouth of the fasting person is sweeter to Allah than the fragrance of musk." **(Bukhari)**

"Fasting is exclusively for Allah, the reward of it (being limitless) no one knows besides Allah." **(At-Tabrani)**

Our primary focus should be to ensure our fasts are not rendered invalid or tarnished by our wrongdoings or sayings in any shape or form. Hence, It is essential we familiarise ourselves with the rulings of fasting and avoid anything which may affect our fasts adversely.

2.Good Deeds & Staying away from sins

"When Ramadhan begins, the gates of Jannah are thrown open, the doors of Jahannam are closed and the Shayatin are imprisoned." **(Al-Bukhari)**

We understand from the above that in the month of Ramadhan it is very easy to acquire entry into Jannah and save ourselves from Jahannam. Allah has given us incentives to do more good deeds with the removal of the distractions of Shaytaan. Furthermore he has weakened the Nafs (inner-self) through fasting, which usually sways us to fulfilling unlawful desires. Hence, throughout Ramadhan we should perform as many good deeds as possible, benefitting from the auspicious opportunity of multiplying the rewards of our actions. Most importantly, we should refrain from committing sins which deplete the rewards for any good we carry out in the month of Ramadhan.

3. Make a timetable and follow it strictly

As the saying goes *"if you fail to plan, you plan to fail."*

Make a schedule of your daily goals of worship and ensure you fulfil them daily. It is useful to write down your daily worships and assess your deeds at the end of each day. This will help you to remain focused in reaping the fruits of Ramadhan and will ensure you do not waste any time in futile activities which will not benefit you in this world nor the hereafter.

4. Taraweeh

The Taraweeh prayers in the nights of Ramadhan is a Sunnah Muakkadah (emphasised).

"Whoever establishes prayers during the nights of Ramadhan out of sincere faith and hoping to attain Allah's reward, all his past sins will be forgiven." **(Al-Bukhari)**

Note: It is also a Sunnah to listen to the whole Quran (in Taraweeh) in the month of Ramadhan. Hence, make it a point not to miss any portion of the Taraweeh Salah.

5. The Night of Power

Lailatul Qadr, is a night in Ramadhan which is better in virtue and reward than a thousand months as mentioned in Surah Qadr.

The Prophet (pbuh) said;

"Find this night in the last ten odd nights of Ramadhan." **(Al-Bukhari)**

The rewards of any action done on this night is equivalent to performing the same act for eighty three years! I would encourage everyone to have set amounts of worship fixed for every night of Ramadhan i.e. give some charity, perform tahajjud salah and do some dhikr in the nights of Ramadhan. By doing this every night, we will definitely find the night of power and benefit from its virtue.

THE BLESSED MONTH OF RAMADHAN *CONTINUED*

6. The Sunnah Practice of Suhoor

One of the special worships of the month of Ramadhan related to fasting is to eat Suhoor. It was the Prophet (pbuh)'s practice to eat suhoor at the last portion of the night right before the beginning time of Fajr. We should make a point of practicing this Sunnah every night in the month of Ramadhan."

"Eat Suhoor, indeed Allah has placed barakah in it."
(Bukhari)

"Verily, Allah and his angels send mercy upon those who eat suhoor."
(At-Tabrani)

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Note: It is also Sunnah to eat dates at suhoor similar to when breaking one's fast.

7. Sunnah act of 'Itikaaf

"The Prophet (pbuh) observed 'Itikaaf for ten days every year in the month of Ramadhan. In the year he passed away he observed it for twenty days."
(Al-Bukhari)

Men perform 'Itikaaf in the Masjid and women may observe 'Itikaaf at home in seclusion. The sole objective should be to disconnect from the world and connect ourselves to Allah.

"When the last ten nights of Ramadhan would begin, the Prophet (pbuh) would remain awake at night (for prayer and devotion), awaken his family and prepare himself to be more diligent in worship."
(Al-Bukhari)

8. Last night of Ramadhan

"On the last night of Ramadhan the fasting Muslims are forgiven." The Sahabah inquired, 'O Rasoolullah, is that the night of power (Qadr)? The Prophet (pbuh) replied, "No! but it is only right that a servant should be given his reward on having completed his duty."
(Ahmad)

We should engage in more worship in the last night of Ramadhan until the last moment, instead of preparing for the end of Ramadhan.

Think of it as our last opportunity to gain benefit from the mercy of Allah. We should be sad and remorseful at the fact we were not able to acquire maximum benefit from the blessed month of Ramadhan and engage our full attention to Allah at the last moments repenting to him.

9. Coronavirus and the Month of Ramadhan

We understand due to coronavirus many restrictions will be in place during Ramadhan, limiting our access to the Masjid. Although, we may not be able to benefit from the spiritual environment of the Masjid or gatherings, we must focus on carrying out as many good deeds as possible at home. Make a point of making the environment at home an environment of spirituality which encourages good deeds. Begin by removing or restricting access to any distractions; such as the TV and Internet in order to stay focused and motivated. Read encouraging books on the virtues of Ramadhan and listen to encouraging lectures of authentic Ulama online.

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GIVING IN RAMADAN

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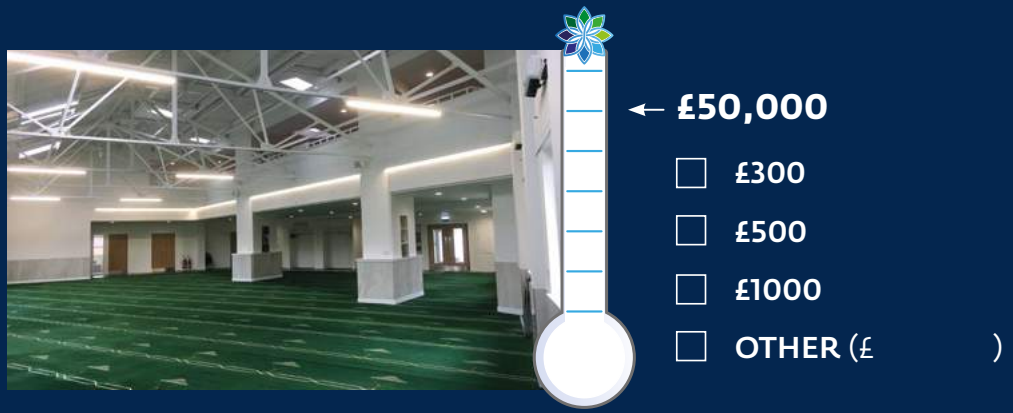

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