

Weekend Islamic Classes

Weekend Islamic classes have been started at Woodsley Community Centre. The objectives of these classes are to equip our children with the correct understanding of Islamic teachings and to make them better Muslim citizens. It is a duty of every Muslim to look after their environment, community, neighbours, parents and their friends. These classes instil the love of the Holy Quran and the Sunnah of the Holy Prophet (peace be upon him) in the hearts of Muslim children. They learn through the life-example of the Blessed Prophet how to behave with their parents, friends, non-Muslims and what they can do to make their communities and neighbourhood a safer and more pleasant place to live in. These classes are FREE and open to boys (age: 10-16). These classes will also be available for girls after March.



Visits to Makkah Masjid

- ◆ Leeds City College—Photography students
- ◆ Leeds University— Theology students
- ◆ West Yorkshire Fire Services
- ◆ York University—Theology students
- ◆ Leeds Met—Graphics Design student

Prayers for deceased

- ◆ Councillor Kabeer Hussain
- ◆ Mukhtar Darr
- ◆ Haji Malik

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Forthcoming events at Makkah Masjid

- ◆ 21 Feb: Grand **birth celebrations of the Holy Prophet** with Pir Alaudin Siddiqui & Qurra from Egypt
- ◆ 25 Feb: Milad & parents evening at Madina Masjid
- ◆ 3 March: Nasheed & Naat night with **Owais Raza Qadri**

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I begin in the name of Allah, the Most Merciful, the Most Kind.

Assalam-u-Alaikum brothers & sisters

This is our first newsletter to you. I pray that Allah Almighty accepts our this humble effort and makes it a source of benefit for all of us. The aim of this newsletter is to disseminate information regarding the excellent work that takes place at Leeds Makkah Masjid and its affiliated organisations, namely Madina Masjid (Leeds 6) and Woodsley Community Centre (Leeds 3).

For the last six years Makkah Masjid has been the focal point of Leeds Muslim communities, catering for their spiritual and social needs. We have organised events specifically for the youth and women to provide them with religious and spiritual guidance. Makkah Masjid also has been the venue to host multicultural and interfaith events. Makkah Masjid has been instrumental in bridging and strengthening the ties between Muslim and non-Muslim communities. We are proud to make Leeds a vibrant and exciting multicultural city to live in.

We thank Allah Almighty that He has given us the opportunity to be at the forefront of religious and social harmony, and that He enables the volunteers of Makkah Masjid to continue to work diligently for the betterment of the society.

Aameen

Imam Qari Qasim

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Remembering Imam Husain

In December 2009, a very successful Scholar's Talks event was held at Makkah Masjid to remember the blessed life of Imam Husain (may Allah be pleased with him). The event was very well attended. We estimate over 370 people attended the event.

We invited three prominent UK based scholars who spoke on the theme of 'Imam Husain'. Imam Husain is the grandson of Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him). In his life time, he faced a very extreme and tyrant person (namely, Yazid) who wanted Imam Husain to accept him as the head of the Muslim state and thus grant him justification to continue his tyranny and injustice in the land. Imam Husain, being part of the noble family of the Holy Prophet, could not accept an unjust and a bully as the head of the state. Imam Husain was also wise enough to avoid any direct confrontation with Yazid, as this would have only lead to loss of innocent lives and anarchy in the society. He was able to propagate peace and achieve success by being patient and following the true teachings of Islam.

The event was held on this topic to see what lessons we can draw from the teachings of Imam Husain and how they could be implemented in our current climate.

Our first speaker was **Imam Hafiz Muhammad Gul** (Executive member of the Mosques and Imams National Advisory Board).



He spoke on the topic of 'Imam Husain as the Leader of the Youth'. In his speech he discussed what qualities Imam Husain possessed that made him the "Leader of the Youth" and how we can develop those qualities in ourselves. Hafiz Gul also discussed what practical lessons we can derive from the life of Imam Husain and how we can implement them in our life.



The main speaker of the event was **Shaykh Habib-ur-Rahman Mahboobi** (Chairman British Muslim Forum).

He spoke about 'Upholding Peace in the Society'. He explained to the listeners how Imam Husain was able to achieve peace & harmony in his society against the extremist Yazid. He emphasised the fact that today we are still remembering Imam Husain in good words because he led a life of piety, patience and peace. He propagated the message of peace to his followers and did not fight against the extremist elements of the society as it would disturb peace and harmony in the land.

Caring for the World

On 12th January 2010, a very special event took place at Woodsley Community Centre. The theme of the event was 'Caring for the World'. The objective of holding this event was to highlight the importance of charity and relief work, promoting human and women rights and to celebrate the achievements of charity organisations and individuals in bringing positive changes to the world that we live in.

Another important aim of holding such an event at Woodsley Community Centre, based at the heart of the Muslims communities, was to inspire the Muslim youth to get more involved in charity and relief work throughout the world. The Muslim youths must use their time, energies and financial power (if possible) to work towards the betterment of local communities and to develop safer and better functioning societies.

Yasrab Shah, a project manager at Muslim Hands (a world-wide charity organisation) gave a very inspirational and fact-based presentation. The theme of his presentation was: Bringing change through relief work. He said that in less developed countries, people have difficulty in fulfilling basic human needs. We should thank Allah that He has enabled us to fulfil our basic human needs. At the same time of thanking Allah, we must do our best to help others to improve their lives, as well. He said that in UK, Muslim youth are under-achieving in education and employment and if the things are to change, then the change must come from within.



The other speaker to grace the event was **Samar Minallah**, an award winning Pakistani human rights activist and documentary film maker. She has campaigned diligently to bestow proper rights to the women of Pakistan. Samar said that she is very passionate regarding the issue of Swara, where a little girl is given to enemy to compensate for an act performed by her father. Samar said that it is important to highlight such issues and bring forward positive voices against such customs. She said that such customs are being perpetuated because of status quo, tradition or in the name of Islam but which have nothing to do with Islam. She said that in her documentaries, she interviewed religious scholars who categorically declared that such custom was against the injunctions of Islam.

