



In the name of Allah, The most Merciful, The most Kind.

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*'Verily this  
brotherhood of  
yours is a single  
Brotherhood and I  
am your Lord and  
Cherisher:  
therefore serve  
Me (and no other)'  
Al-Qur'an 21:92*

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## The Blessed Month of Ramadan Approaches

This blessed month is a great opportunity for goodness, worship and obedience towards Allah. For some it will be their first Ramadan and for others their last. This noble season is a month in which hasanaat (rewards for good deeds) are multiplied and committing bad deeds is more serious than at other times. The gates of Hell are shut, and the sinners' repentance to Allah is accepted.

It is a month whose beginning contains mercy, its middle has forgiveness and its end is redemption from the Fire. For the believer, every month is an occasion for worship and his whole life is spent in obeying Allah, but in the month of Ramadan he has even more motive to do

good and his heart is even more focused on worship, and he turns even more to his Lord. By his grace, our generous Lord bestows His bounty upon the Fasting believers and multiplies the reward for them on this blessed occasion. We can prepare for Ramadan by taking account of ourselves and recognising our shortcomings in fulfilling our duties, or our weakness in not keeping away from the desires of this world, whilst acknowledging our potential to do so much more.

We should ensure that in Ramadan we will aim to achieve a higher degree of Imaan (faith), for faith increases and decreases. It increases through obedience to Allah and it decreases

through disobedience and sin. The first act of obedience that a person should achieve is that of being a true slave of Allah and believing that there is none worthy of worship except Allah. Each of us should realise that whatever has befallen him could not have missed him, and whatever missed him could not have befallen him, and that everything happens by the will and decree of Allah.

Then we should reflect upon our failings in performing acts of worship such as prayer in congregation, remembering Allah (dhikr), paying attention to the rights our neighbours, relatives and Muslims, spreading the greeting of Salaam, enjoining what is good and forbidding what is evil, urging one another to

## A Memorable End to Summer School 2004

The summer school was organised to help young people develop their physical, mental, spiritual and moral capacity in an Islamic environment during the summer break. The short six-week course attracted over 50 students who studied Qur'an, Hadith, Islamic Studies and Islamic History amongst other topics.

The course concluded with an examination and the children who attended were rewarded with a trip to Chessington World of Adventures. All the children and staff had a wonderful day and by the grace of Allah everyone

returned home safely. A dinner was also arranged, to which the children and their parents were invited. Br Shaukat Warraich the head of the popular Slough Community School was the invited guest speaker.

Allhamdu'lillah, the Masjed committee would like to thank all the staff, the students and their parents for making this years Summer School such a success, and we look forward to next year Insha'Allah, when we hope that even more students will attend and benefit.



## The Blessed Month Approaches - Cont

follow the truth and be patient and steadfast.

Use this month to return to the Book of Allah, which we have abandoned. The Qur'aan is Allaah's message to His servants and there is no way to Allaah's pleasure except through it. It was revealed in the noblest of all months. The best way you can spend your time during this month is to recite the Qur'aan as frequently as possible. Read it, reflect on its meaning and work by its injunctions. This is because the Qur'aan contains admonitions and lessons that increase one's humility and humbleness, drawing them closer to Allah.

We should never forget that

Allah stretches forth His hand during the day to accept the repentance of those who sinned at night, and he stretches forth His hand at night to accept the repentance of those who sinned during the day. Allah says:

*'O my slaves who have transgressed against themselves! Despair not of the Mercy of Allah, verily, Allah forgives all sins. Truly, He is Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful'*

*Al-Qur'an 39:53*

We should welcome Ramadan by taking account of ourselves, repenting and seeking forgiveness. The smart man is the one who takes account of

himself and strives to do that which will benefit him after death, and the helpless one is he who follows his own whims and desires and engages in wishful thinking, (assuming that Allah will forgive him regardless of what he does and that he does not need to strive to do good deeds).

Ramadan is a month of great gains or great losses. The smart trader is the one who makes the most of special occasions, to increase his profits. Hence make the most of this month by avoiding all sins, enhancing your acts of worship, supplicate profusely for

yourself, the Muslim Ummah and all destitute people of the world. Stand in night prayer, read the Qur'an, forgive and be kind to people, give as much charity as you can and remember not to forget Allah and your duty towards Him once this blessed month passes.

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The Prophet (pbuh) said, "Whoever fasts in Ramadan with Iman and seeking reward (from Allah) his past sins will be forgiven".  
(Bukhari)

## A Happy Family Funday 2004

Ma'Shallah there was a good communal turnout for the Family Funday. There was lots on offer, with barbecued food, ice-cream van, Islamic goods, clothes, childrens activities, Dawah table and a separate sisters section. The gathering was also blessed with the odd down pour. Over £5000 was raised for various community projects. We hope all those who attended enjoyed the event, the Masjid admin appreciates their support and thanks all brothers and sisters who helped out during the day.



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### Masjid News

**“When Allah’s help comes, and the victory. And you see mankind entering the religion of Allah in multitudes, Then celebrate the praise of your Lord and seek His forgiveness. He is ever Relenting” Surah An-Nasr**

By the Grace of Allah, 3 brothers became Muslim at the centre in the last few weeks. Jerimiah Macintosh is now Br Abdullah, Michael is now Br Ismail and Br Mark is yet to choose a name. May Allah (swt) strengthem their Emaan and increase their status here & in the Hereafter.

The UKIM West London Islamic Centre is hosting the south zone UKIM Adult Training Programme from Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September to Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>. All brothers are welcome.

The Messenger of Allah said: Allah will say to the inhabitants of Paradise, 'O inhabitants of Paradise! They will say, 'O our Lord, we present ourselves and are at Your pleasure, and goodness rests in Your hands.' Then He will say, 'Are you content?' And they will say, 'And how should we not be contented, O Lord, when You have given us that which You have given to no one else of Your creation?' Then He will say, 'Would you not like Me to give you something better than that?' And they will say, 'O Lord and what thing is better than that?' And He will say, 'I shall cause My favour to descend upon you and thereafter shall never be displeased with you.' [Bukhari]

The UKIM West London Islamic Centre along with its 45 sister branches across the country, will hold its special 8<sup>th</sup> annual inter-faith Mosque open day on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of October 2004. Please invite your non-Muslim friends, work colleagues, neighbours and relatives to attend. Scholars will be on hand to answer any questions

## Brotherhood: The Missing Link

The society we live in today is characterised by something that was never present in our Prophet's ummah; loneliness. This loneliness manifests itself in division and secularism, slowly decaying and destroying our society. The relationships we share with our family and friends can be at best described as an abstract mosaic, devoid of life and intensity.

"Brotherhood", the term upon which much of the first Muslim community was built on no longer has the same meaning and strength. Now it relates to your friend, your mate, the people in your group or gang, a very narrow definition indeed. One of the greatest blessings of Islam is its admirable success in creating strong, warm, rich and durable bonds of love

and brotherhood between man. It is this blessing of love and brotherhood which is the greatest source of sustenance and nourishment for man, but few of us can honestly say that we have experienced true brotherhood. The brotherhood that I am talking about is the one that can become a permanent basis for social organisation in Islam, and this is confirmed by the directives of the Qur'an itself,

*'Surely the believers are but brothers unto each other, so make peace and reconciliation amongst your brothers'*  
Al-Qur'an 49:10

In Islam, faith is the centre of brotherhood. It keeps Muslims close to each other in a fraternal relationship. This relationship is based on each brother's submission to Allah.

Islamic brotherhood is a bond of faith, the Prophet said:

*'None of you shall become a true believer until he desires for his brother what he desires for himself'* [Bukhari]

Surely the best way for us to please our brother is to place him high in our estimation and do for him what we would like for ourselves. To protect him, his honour and his family. The Prophet gave comprehensive directions on how to sustain our bonds of brotherhood. He said:

*"There are six rights of a Muslim upon a Muslim, when you meet him greet him, when he invites you respond to him, when he seeks counsel give him sincere advice, when he sneezes and praises Allah, say*

*to him, 'May Allah have mercy on you (Yarhamu-Allah), when he is sick visit him and when he dies follow his funeral'*

Six very simple responsibilities of brotherhood, Insha'Allah, Allah will unite our hearts and have mercy upon us and make our lives easy and full of blessing. O Allah! Forgive us and all the believing men and women and unite their hearts with mutual love and set aright their mutual affairs. Brothers and sisters in Islam. We are not friends or mates unto each other but we are brothers, forming the same body, but unfortunately this single body of ours is in need of much spirit, faith, Emaan and Taqwaa which has been missing in recent years, we pray that the Lord of the heavens and the earth bestows upon us unity and the ability to serve mankind through his Mercy. Ameen.

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# NATIONAL MOSQUE OPEN DAY

## Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2004

Another opportunity to learn, share and experience the beliefs and practices of British Muslims. The mosques and centres administered by UK Islamic Mission will specifically be open to the general public on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2004, from 10 am to 6 pm.

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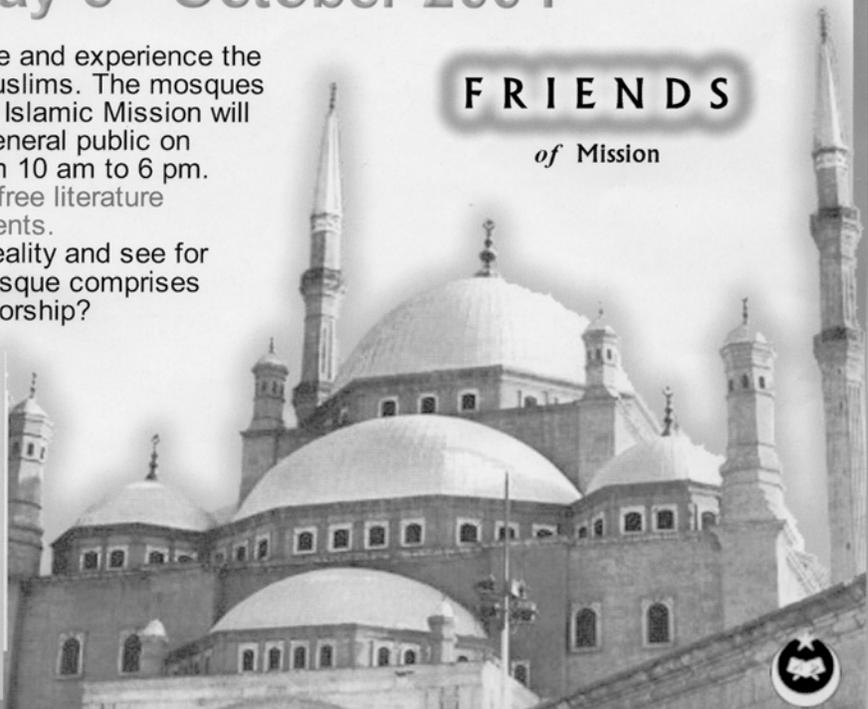
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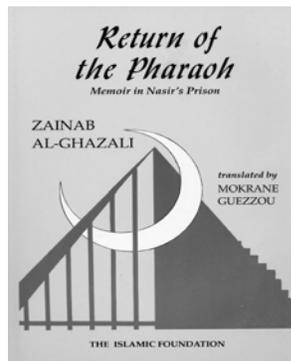
The Prophet Muhammed (pbuh) said,

*'He who treads the path in search of knowledge, God will make that path easy, leading to Paradise for him and those people who assemble in one of the houses of God (Masjids), recite the Book of God, and learn and teach the Koran. There will descend upon them tranquility, mercy will cover them, the angels will surround them, and God will mention them in the presence of those near Him.'*

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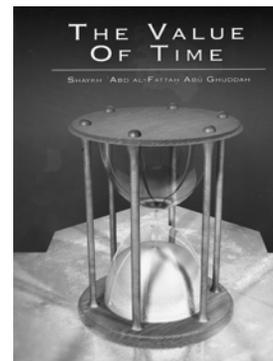
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## The Mercy of Allah (swt) & Islam

The Prophet (pbuh) once kissed Al-Hasan Ibn `Alee (i.e. his grandson) while Al-Aqra Ibn Haabis was in his presence. So Al-Aqra said to him: " You kiss your children. I swear by Allah, I have ten children and I never kissed any one of them!" So the Prophet (pbuh) said: "He who doesn't show mercy (to others) will not be shown mercy (by Allah)." Verily, mercy - in our religion - encompasses this world and the hereafter, as well as mankind, animals, birds, and the surrounding habitats.

Allah(swt) says: *"And My mercy encompasses every thing."* And indeed Allaah has commanded that mercy be applied to every thing and in every action. So even when you slaughter your sacrificial animal, you show mercy to it by saying Bismillaah and by sharpening your sword (so that it will be a quick and painless death).

The Prophet (pbuh) said:

*"Verily Allaah has prescribed Ihsaan (goodness) for everything. So when you slaughter, then slaughter in a good manner, and when you kill (in war), then kill in a good manner. And let each of you sharpen his blade and let him spare the animal he slaughters from suffering."*

And Allah indeed forgave one prostitute from the Jews who showed mercy to a dog that was dying from thirst. She filled her shoe with water and then taking hold of the dogs mouth, she gave it the water to drink. So Allah was thankful to her for what she did and forgave her sins.

And once our Prophet (pbuh) saw one of his Companions grab the baby of a lark (a type of bird), and it began screeching over the heads of the Companions. So he (pbuh) said: "Who bereaved this (lark) of her child? Return her children back to her!"

The more weak and poor a human being is, the more required we are of showing mercy to him. And being

gentle with him is what is most incumbent. This is why our Lord has forbidden us from oppressing the orphan. Allah says: *"Therefore, treat not the orphan with oppression. And do not repel the beggar."*

The Prophet (pbuh) would rub the head of the orphan and say: *"I and the guardian of an orphan will be like this in Paradise - and he SAWS gestured with his index and middle finger."*

And he (pbuh) said:

*"The best of you is the best to his wives. And I am the best amongst you with my wives."*

Mercy is something innate, which Allah has placed into the hearts of (all) His creatures, even the lions - the most dangerous of them - for they are merciful to their children. Yet Allah is more merciful to His creation than a mother is to her child. That is why on the day that He created mercy, He created one hundred parts to it. And

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He left ninety-nine parts with Him, by which He will show mercy to His servants on the Day of Judgement, and sent down one single part of mercy to earth, which humans and animals share amongst themselves.

The Final Messenger of Allah (pbuh) has condemned the person that is void of any mercy and who doesn't attain a large amount of it. This is why he (pbuh) condemned the one who breaks family ties. The Prophet said:

*"Kinship is connected to the Throne ('Arsh). It says: 'Whoever severs me, then break (away from) him. And whoever maintains me, then keep connected to him."*

And he (pbuh) condemned the oppressive leaders who do not show mercy to their people.

