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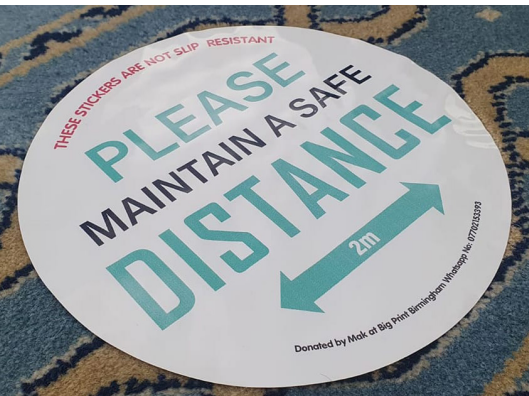
GLMCC NEWSLETTER

OCT - DEC 2020

As salaamu alaykum warahmatulahi
wabarakatuh

(Peace be upon you and God's mercy and blessings)

By the grace of Allah, we have reached the end of what will truly be a memorable year. In this final instalment of our 2020 Newsletters, we hope to provide you with an overview of the work we have done in the final quarter of this year, as well as our plans for the new year.



DAWAH

The final stretch of 2020 contained some phenomenal milestones for the Dawah team alhamdulillah. We held a month-long campaign for Black History Month, presented an award to our very own Sheikh Hafeezullah Khan for completing his Tafseer class which started in 1988, and delivered our first ever Online Winter Conference!



Here are some key podcast episodes and lectures that took place:

- Racism in our Ranks – In discussion with sheikh Abu Usamah and Dr Abdul Haqq Baker. [Click here](#)
- Forgotten Heroes in Islam – Dr Abdullah Hakim Quick. [Click here](#)
- In Conversation – Sheikh Hafeezullah Khan. [Click here](#)
- Halloween – Dr Abdullah Hakim Quick. [Click here](#)
- Social Activism – Sheikh Abu Usamah. [Click here](#)
- Studying Under Giants – Sheikh Waleed Basyouni. [Click here](#)
- The passing of sheikh Ali bin Hasan Al Halabi – Sheikh Abu Usamah. [Click here](#)

Here are some of our highlights:

- Black history month – Podcasts with sheikh Abu Usamah, Dr Abdul Haqq Baker and Dr Abdullah Hakim Quick.
- New class - We launched a Kitab at-Tawheed class with sheikh Fahad al-Fuhaid. [Click here](#)
- Award - We presented sheikh Hafeezullah Khan with an award to show our appreciation for his long-standing efforts in dawah. His tafseer class began over 30 years ago, and came to an end in October 2020. This is the longest class that has ever taken place in GLMCC history.
- Mawlid – Ustadh Mustafa Hussein explained the balanced stance towards celebrating the Prophet (peace be upon him)'s birthday in his Mawlid video. [Click here](#)
- Studio - We completed our in-house studio, which will now be used to produce high-quality dawah videos inshaAllah.



- Quizzes – We posted various online quizzes on Aqeedah, Dhul Hijjah, Isa (as) and Seerah.
- University - Our chaplaincy work, jumah khutbahs and regular classes going through the 40 Hadith of Imam an-Nawawi continued at the University of Birmingham. We also delivered a lecture at Aston university entitled Moments with the Messenger.
- Interfaith – we attended an annual faith meeting with the University of Birmingham, and also had an interfaith church visit.
- Halloween campaign – social media posts, podcasts and short video reminders were published on our online platforms to educate the community on the origins of Halloween and the spiritual harms of being implicated in pagan festivals.
- Christmas campaign – we produced some well-designed cards to distribute amongst peers, family and friends to spread the message that Muslims Love Jesus! We also wrote an article on Maryam (as) and published fact-based videos on Isa (as) and the origins of Christmas. [Click here](#) for our 5 facts about Jesus video.

WELFARE

During this challenging year, our welfare team have been at the forefront of fulfilling the needs of our community and have worked tirelessly every single day. The last few months have been no different.

GLM DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DROP IN SERVICE

In partnership with
Birmingham & Solihull
Women's Aid

This service will provide women with support around domestic abuse such as:

- Specialist trained Muslim female Drop In support worker (in person & online)
- Emotional support
- Housing Support
- Refuges
- Free and confidential helpline and webchat facility

Some of our recent highlights include:

- Organising an Islamic Relief clothing drive
- A partnership with Macmillan cancer support
- Cancer screening awareness webinar with Macmillan and BIMA
- A visit from ITV to our foodbank
- New domestic violence service
- Winter food distribution to homeless in city centre
- Along with this, all of our other services continue, such as counselling, legal surgery, immigration surgery, job club, general funeral services and our zakah services.

- Winter conference – Our winter conference has been taking place for over a decade now, and we didn't want to break our streak! Alhamdulillah in our 9-day online conference we were able to connect you with some of the best teachers through high-quality recordings in the comfort of your home. [Click here](#).
- Jumah khutbahs – Due to Covid we have had to increase the number of khutbahs to 2 to ensure a safe space for our worshippers. Khateeb discussed important topics such as divorce, Mawlid, Islamophobia and more. [Click here](#) for khutbah entitled 'Allah is the One who cures.'
- Regular lectures – Alongside everything else, all of our regular weekly lectures also continued to take place in both English and Urdu.





YOUTH

Alhamdulillah, we have managed to introduce lots of new youth activities, while also adhering to social distancing regulations.

Here's what we have been doing over the last few months:

- We have started to work in partnership with Pitch2Progress, led by Obayed Hussain, to deliver youth activities and mentoring
- Re-started our youth club for boys
- Launched a new youth club for girls
- Released a press statement following the unfortunate rise of youth violence in our local community
- Attended a young people's mental health steering group meeting with Birmingham Education Partnership
- We started an online gaming session for youth with ustadh Aqeel Mahmood
- Re-started weekly GLMFC sessions
- Re-started sports for 15+

LINK UP YOUTH CLUB

FREE ACTIVITIES

- FITNESS
- INDOOR FOOTBALL
- BOXING PADS
- TABLE TENNIS
- POOL
- PLAYSTATION
- TABLE FOOTBALL

EVERY FRIDAY 6PM - 9PM | BOYS 11-19
EVERY SUNDAY 10:30AM - 1:30PM

LINK UP FIFA 21 LEAGUE

Vouchers Up For Grabs
Monthly Champion

1st 2nd 3rd Place Prizes

Fixtures played online every Wednesday or Link Up every Friday or Sunday

PlayStation

JOIN OUR TEAM!

1-1 Online Quran Teacher

[Click here for info](#)

2nd Line IT Support & Operations Assistant

[Click here for info](#)

Islamwise Operations and Outreach Assistant

[Click here for info](#)

OPERATIONS

As we have moved from tier to tier over the last few months, the Operations team have remained vigilant to ensure the safety of all staff onsite, as well as our congregation members who attend daily prayers. Our team have regularly been attending meetings with Public Health England to keep up to date with the latest guidance surrounding the virus. At the beginning of November, we faced another month-long masjid closure.

Alhamdulillah, we were able to re-open in December following government guidelines. We resumed daily prayers and jumah for both brothers and sisters. For jumah we increased the number of jamats to 3 to accommodate the demand while also staying safe. Alongside this, we have continued to facilitate Covid funerals, and have started to train our staff members on how to perform ghusl so that they can assist with this and share in the reward inshaAllah.

TFGLM

As the winter months enter, our brothers and sisters in poverty-stricken lands begin to face brutal living conditions. Hunger and homelessness are exacerbated by the added fear of freezing to death. Liakat Younis, our new project manager, made it a priority to launch our Emergency Winter Appeal to distribute parcels containing food, fuel and warm clothing to families in Yemen and Syria.

[Click here](#) to donate to our Emergency Winter Appeal Following our partnership with One Ummah, the TFGLM team, along with sheikh Abu Usamah travelled to Lebanon to hand-deliver all of the donations and parcels to those most in need.



Taskforce GLM | We are on the ground LIVE at the BURNT Syrian camps! 🇸🇾

EMERGENCY WINTER APPEAL

KEEPING OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS WARM



you have to help these people, £250 insha Allah will be enough hopefully to get them through

taskforceglm.org

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MINIYEH EMERGENCY APPEAL

75 SYRIAN FAMILIES HAVE HAD THEIR TENTS BURNT TO ASHES

TASKFORCE GLM AND ONE UMMAH ARE ON THE GROUND READY TO SAVE LIVES.

DONATE NOW
WWW.DONATE.TASKFORCEGLM.ORG/TFGLM

SALAAM!

"I'm flying out to hand deliver your aid to Syrian refugees this winter."





EDUCATION

To wrap up the year, the education department launched new online courses, held a number of webinars and organised lots of essential staff training.

Here's an overview of educational courses and webinars we delivered:

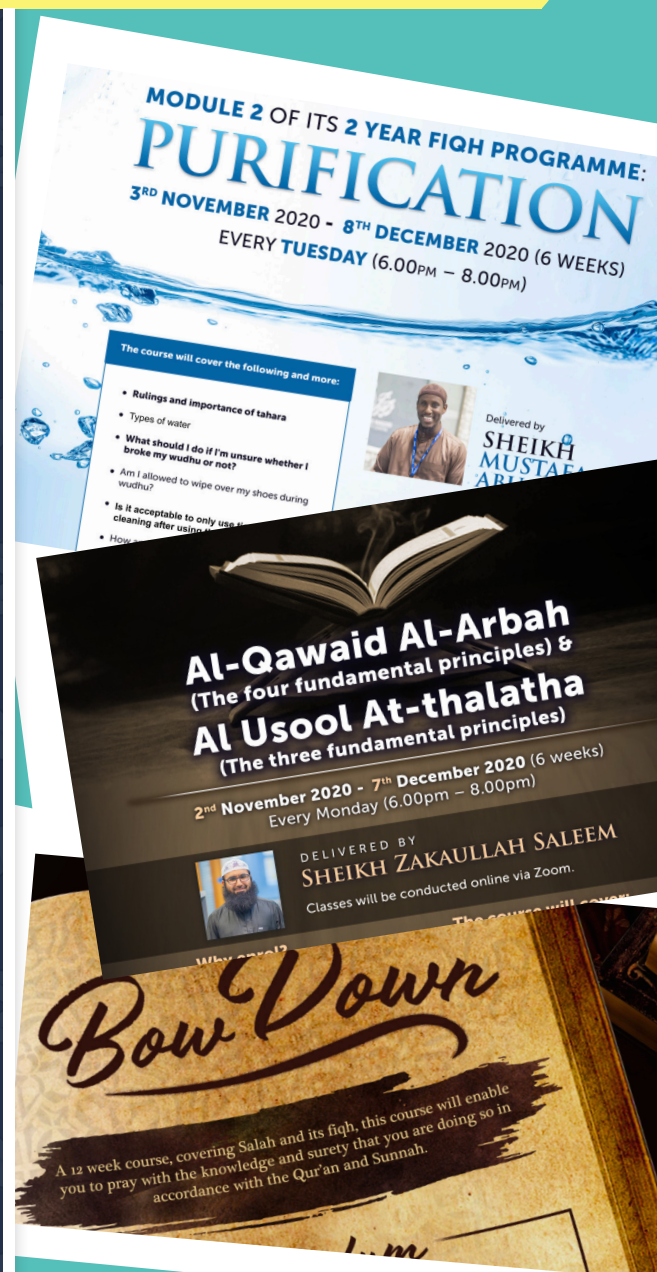
- Module 1 of our Fiqh and Aqeedah courses were completed, and module 2 was launched for both courses
- Bow down and Islam essentials courses were launched online for sisters
- Mental health webinar for parents, carers and teachers
- Mental health webinar for teenaged girls
- Dangers of social media webinar
- Over 30 classes continue per week alhamdulillah!
- [Click here](#) to sign-up to our latest classes

Here's some key training our staff completed:

- Safeguarding training – all staff and teachers trained to level 2
- Designated safeguarding lead (DSL) training – All heads and lead Imam trained

Madrasah:

We are happy to announce that we have appointed a new headteacher for our Madrasah alhamdulillah. Naseem has a wealth of experience in education, and we look forward to developing our Madrasah with him inshaAllah. Following his appointment, we held a Madrasah strategy session with all Madrasah staff to reflect on past successes, areas of improvement and a vision going forward as we prepare to step into the new year.



ISLAMWISE

During the pandemic we have still that people are highly interested in learning more about Islam alhamdulillah. Between October and December of 2020, the Islamwise team have been as busy as ever welcoming in those who felt ready to take their Shahadah, supporting new Muslims and aiding their education.



Education & Literature

- Sisters' monthly webinars continue, alhamdulillah. Over the last three months, we have covered zakat, fasting and Hajj.
- Provided 11 free places for reverts on intensive courses - Alhamdulillah, we now provide free places on all [GLM Educational College](#) courses to new Muslims.
- Over 100 hours of free Quran classes delivered to our revert brothers and sisters.
- A new sisters' Arabic course launched in December with another course for brothers and sisters launching on the 20th January. [Click here](#) to find out more.
- Two new Video series released on YouTube:
 - [How to Recite and Understand the Prayer](#) - A series to help you learn how to recite and understand the meanings behind what you are saying in your 5-daily prayers.
 - [The 5 Pillars](#) - In this series, Sheikh Abu Usamah walks us through each of these pillars to help give a clear understanding of each.
- Sent out many new Muslim gift packs and other da'wah literature, including over 100 translations of [the Quran](#).
- We will soon be printing 200,000 more leaflets for distribution inshaAllah. Thank you to all those who donated to our [Da'wah Materials Appeal](#).

A promotional flyer for an 'ARABIC BEGINNERS CLASS'. The text asks 'ARE YOU NEW TO ISLAM?' and 'DO YOU WANT TO UNDERSTAND THE QURAN?'. It mentions a 12-week course on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 7pm to 8pm, taught online via Zoom. The price is £65, with a 50% discount for reverts. The course is for 'Gateway to Arabic, Book 1'. It also states 'FROM 20th JAN 2021'. The bottom of the flyer features an image of an open book with Arabic text and the website 'WWW.ISLAMWISE.ORG/SHOP' for more details.

HIGHLIGHTS

Here are some of our highlights over the last 3 months:

Conveying Islam & Supporting New Muslims

- 19 Shahadas in the last 3 months, Allahu Akbar!
- Facilitated a further 10 Shahadas via our online chat!
- Had many detailed conversations with non-Muslims interested in Islam.
- Teaching many of those who took their Shahadah to pray using our [Tell Me How To Pray booklet](#).
- Many hours of one to one support!
- New Muslim sisters meet up for those who had just taken their Shahadah





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