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“OUR VISION IS TO PROVIDE A HOLISTIC RANGE OF RELIGIOUS, EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES FOR THE LOCAL COMMUNITY.”



CHAIR OF THE TRUSTEES

TAOFIK AKANDE

Undeniably, the Messenger of Allah, Muhammed (pbuh) spoke the truth when he prophesied the "shrinking of time" nearer the End of Time. And as we see one Jumu'ah swiftly racing into the next, the weekly experience appears boiled down to achievements of little worth and lamentations over the scarcity of time, deprived of true meaning and inherent blessing.

The advent of coronavirus in early 2020 and the subsequent confinement imposed by lockdown played havoc with familial relationships and routines and created the sense of a "lost or missing" year.

However, we are confronted with the even more dire consequence and greater loss of using time unproductively in Surah Al-Asr, in which we are exhorted to retain without fail our Islamic identity and patiently and persistently benefit ourselves and others through endless good actions, while championing truth and justice wherever needed - all with the intent and surety of pleasing Allah the Most High.

"If the people were to reflect upon Surat Al-Asr, it would be enough for them". (Imam Al-Shafi'i, may Allah have mercy on him)

SECRETARY OF THE TRUSTEES

ZILLUR RAHMAN

Respected members of the community, we have passed another challenging year for the Lewisham Islamic Centre (LIC). As a community and as a centre, we have always been one which seeks to put the issues facing the Ummah at the forefront of everything we do – this has been a vision we have collectively worked on and cultivated over the years and this year has been no different. Over the past year, LIC has been involved with the following:

- Preparing a response to President Macron and raising concerns about the prevalent Islamophobia in France.
- Submitting an open letter to Sir Keir Starmer with respect to the growing reports of Islamophobia in the Labour Party.
- Being invited by the local Labour Party to present on the topic of Islamophobia.
- Penning an open letter to Muslim embassies in the UK to boycott the Beijing Winter Olympics 2022 in response to China's oppression of Uyghur Muslims.



- Standing in solidarity with Masjidul Aqsa and the Palestinians in their struggle for justice. This also saw the Centre develop a 'Quds' policy to outline its position and actions concerning any international issue where Muslims face persecution, prejudice and discrimination.
- Preparing a statement of commemoration with respect to the Srebrenica Memorial Day 2021.
- Supporting a march outside the Chinese embassy with a number of other Muslim organisations in support of the Uyghurs.
- Raising awareness on the 20th anniversary of the Guantanamo Bay detention facility.

The above demonstrates LIC's and the community's proud and unwavering commitment to advocating on behalf of Muslims both home and abroad.

We have no doubt that the coming year will bring many more challenges, and inshaAllah we will continue to face them together as a community. Let us remember that wherever there are challenges, there are always opportunities, and Allah's pleasure must remain the ultimate goal.

Jazakumullahu khairan

ABOUT US

***“LEWISHAM ISLAMIC CENTRE,
THE BEATING HEART OF THE MUSLIM
COMMUNITY IN THE LONDON BOROUGH
OF LEWISHAM AND SURROUNDING AREAS.”***



At LIC, we can accommodate an average of 2000 attendees on a Friday (Jumm'ah), which increases during the month of Ramadan. Moreover, Eid in Park averages 7000 attendees annually.

Our Friday sermons (kutbah) are usually delivered by Imam Ashraf (deputy Imam), Imam Sabir (deputy Imam) and Imam Shakeel (Head Imam). On occasion, we have special guest Imams including Shaykh Haitham Haddad. We also encourage and instruct young Khatib by giving them a platform at LIC to deliver the sermon (kutbah). To accommodate attendees who are hearing impaired, we shall soon incorporate British sign language interpretation in sermons.

LIC engages the community through Social Media updates of upcoming events, daily activities and live streams of the weekly sermon. Talks and lectures are regularly uploaded onto various social media platforms (Facebook, Telegram, Twitter, Instagram, and Youtube). These online content is for all to benefit from, but more importantly, it allows LIC to interact with members of the wider community, the local council, elected representatives and other organisations, thereby showcasing the valuable work being done within the community.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Imam Shakeel Begg (Head Imam), who is supported by Imam Sabir Elahi and Imam Ashraf Dabous (Deputy Imams), manages the spiritual and moral development of the community through leading:

- Daily Prayers, weekly classes and monthly Lectures, Friday and Eid Sermons;
- Arranging tours for visitors, organising outreach events, holding meetings and weekly Da'wah sessions and annual open days;
- Imam's Surgery, which includes: counselling, marriage solemnisation, dispute resolution.

ECONOMIC GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT



LIC has provided spaces for local businesses to enable them to provide vital services for the community, such as:

An-Nur Gym

Providing martial arts and self-defence classes for the public benefit (Muslims and non-Muslims alike), the service caters for males and females and holds special sessions for children.



Zaitoon Nursery

A registered preschool for children aged 3- 5.

Words of Wisdom bookshop

Information hub and one stop shop for Islamic clothing, books and miscellaneous items.



LIC Studio

This year we have developed an onsite media studio. This has allowed us to professionally live stream our annual fundraiser – Ramadan 27th night – on YouTube.

Estate management – rental income from properties owned by the Centre has been a vital source of income while at the same time providing some much needed housing services to the community.



***“LEWISHAM ISLAMIC CENTRE,
LAYING THE FOUNDATIONS
OF OUR FUTURE LEGACY OF
100 YEARS.”***

NEW DEVELOPMENT



Lewisham Islamic Centre (LIC) is always progressing and adapting to the ever-changing requirements to adequately serve our Community. In line with this is the growing need to increase space and improve facilities for a growing and flourishing Community.

The New LIC Development will offer better prayer facilities, teaching classrooms and lecture halls, library, media studio, gym and sports hall, retail outlets, crèche, kitchen and dining etc.

LIC aims to develop an Iconic Building that leaves a lasting legacy in the borough of Lewisham.



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COMMUNITY WORK

Shahadahs

Alhamdulillah (All Praise be to Allah Almighty), LIC recorded a weekly average of two Shahadahs (Deceleration of Faith) every week over the past year, and what never fails to amaze is the regular diversity of our New Muslims who come from various walks of life, ages and ethnicities.

LIC strongly believes that it is Islam that brings people together, creates and instills in them the bonds of love, brotherhood and sisterhood. As our brother Malcolm X said concerning USA, "America needs to understand Islam, because this is the one religion that erases from its society the race problem".

An important strategy that we have adopted at LIC in supporting our new Muslims who live locally is, in most cases, to appoint a trusted local brother/sister to support and guide that individual in their Journey in Islam. This is taken from the Messenger of Allah (SAW) establishing support for Muhajirin (Migrants that came from Makkah) and The Ansar (Helpers of Madinah).

Alhamdulillah, we see a continuing progression of our New Muslims into becoming key participants and activists in the Muslim Community, organizing core services and activities, and some even becoming service providers in the Lewisham Community.



New Muslim Dinner

LIC organises and leads a Weekly Event/Dinner for New Muslims.

This project is led by our local Brother Zain Holness, who himself embraced Islam at LIC many years ago, and he is also one of our Muaddhins (callers to prayer) at LIC.

The idea behind these Dinners/Events is to truly welcome and engage our new muslims, who understandably may retain questions and seek clarifications, from one of the LIC imams, that are more easily aired over tasty meal. We have realised from the recent 2020/21 pandemic that events and gatherings such as this also greatly help the mental health of the attendees, who are very often new to the community.

Related events have included regular trips and gatherings, and a major part of these events is that every participant is required to give a short beneficial reminder.

This year 2021/22 LIC organised an Umrah Trip to the blessed land of Makkah and Madinah.

COMMUNITY WORK



Alhamdulillah, 1st Lewisham Park Scouts Group has grown to its largest size in its 9-year history. This has been thanks to the great teamwork & leadership of the volunteers who run the Group.

Despite the continued difficulty of Covid-19 restrictions, the Group made history this year: it opened to children aged 4 and over; it started a 'Young Leader' scheme for youth aged 15-18; our young people fundraised in Ramadan by selling Eid gift boxes, and again in the autumn by selling homemade snacks. Some of the children were honoured to help our beloved Centre fundraise on the 27th night of Ramadan.

Thanks to the support of parents, volunteers and the community, the Group's future looks bright, insha'Allah. If you are interested in becoming part of a thriving Lewisham Muslim youth, please join our team:

scouts@lewishamislamiccentre.com



Youth Club

LIC has no doubt that its development and progression is connected to the development and Progression of our Youngsters. A great deal of emphasis is put into providing services, activities and leadership opportunities for our Youth. These services and activities, in most cases, are managed by our youth for our youth.

Alas, while the pandemic may have scaled down youth club events, we still offer weekly indoor activities including Table Tennis, Play Station, Snooker, Pool and some board games.

One outdoor event that remains is the weekly Football Session with a constant number of over 40 youngsters at each session. Insha'Allah, we shall return in the near future to organising Trips, Dinners, Night Programmes (Qiyamul Layl) and more youth-led events.

Our Youth and leadership programmes continue to bear fruit right before our eyes by developing youngsters into respected and responsible bearers of authority who become Muaddhins (callers to prayer), instructors and Imams (who lead prayers)

COMMUNITY WORK



LICFC

We are currently in the Orpington and Bromley district league. We have restarted our men's team after a 4 years break. Our staffing team includes, Sean Malcolm, a UEFA A coach, treasurer, merchandise staff, media team and an ex professional footballer. We have currently launched our YouTube channel (lewishamislamiccentrefc) and our Instagram page (@lic.fc)

We aim to spread the values of Islam through football, engage muslim and non muslim footballers and spectators, give dawah, promote healthy living and fitness. We are also keen football fans and aim to produce professional footballers. We are always looking out for helpers, coaches, media assistance and good players.

Our club business account welcomes any donations.

Hospice and visiting local hospital

LIC regularly visits local Hospitals and Hospices. This is often initiated by the Chaplaincy Departments or at the invitation of relatives of sick people.

Imams at LIC are readily available at the service of such individuals. Imam Sabir Elahi and Imam Ashraf Dabous are both also Volunteer Muslim Chaplains at Lewisham Hospital.

LIC extends its gratitude to Mr Kevin Parkes – Head of the Chaplaincy Team at Lewisham Hospital, who has always supported and engaged with the Centre.



Sisters Basketball

Continuing with our promotion of healthy living and fitness through sport is our Sisters' basketball classes under the tutelage of Sister Nailah (Stephine) Lemonious. Regular feedback from the players shows that the sessions are enjoyed immensely in developing basketball skills and building camaraderie which stands them in good stead as they partake in competitions.



Bereavement and Funeral Services

The Community Funeral Fund by Lewisham Islamic Centre (LIC) is designed to cover the funeral costs of its members. This initiative helps avoid family members/relatives bearing the financial burden of funeral cost, and provides guidance and support to relatives of the deceased during a distressing time to ensure that the funeral is in accordance with The Shariah (Islamic Law).

For more information about the Fund and to become a member, please go to our website licfunerals.com, contact us via telephone on 0208 690 5090 or via email funerals@lewishamislamiccentre.com

OUTREACH AND SOCIAL WORK

Workshops & Training

In the last year, LIC hosted & delivered training workshops in Mental Health, Physical Well-Being, Women's Health, Youth Mentorship Scheme, Football with the London FA for people with additional needs, Discussions with The Local Lib-Dem Party on Politics & Islamophobia, Refugee & Migrant Support, Affordable Housing with Citizens UK etc.

SACRE Meetings

The Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education advises us and its members on the provision of religious education and collective worship. With our Imams attending the meetings held in Lewisham, we continue to develop and enhance the religious education advice we provide. Through the 'SACRE' network, we continue to form partnerships with the wider national faith communities.

Interfaith Forum

Lewisham Islamic Centre is a part of the Lewisham Interfaith Forum which enables close connections and partnership with the various faith communities within Lewisham. The aim of the Lewisham Interfaith forum is to provide representation to all faith communities in the borough, to promote knowledge and mutual respect, and enduring partnerships.

School visits

Lewisham Islamic Centre hosts many school visits to give young children and pupils an insight into true Islam, and to give them the opportunity to ask intriguing questions.

Open Iftar online

Every year we invite neighbours, faith and community leaders to an open iftar during the month of Ramadan. Sadly, since the covid-19 outbreak, the event moved from a physical iftar to a virtual iftar to keep the practice alive. Our last zoom iftar was live streamed on YouTube, and amongst the guests that joined were: Mayor Damien Egan, Cllr Brenda Dacres, Cllr Ibajimi Adefiranye, Cllr Tauseef Anwar, Father Charles Pickston, Father Steve Hall, Gerald Rose, PC Jonathan Biddle, Archdeacon Alastair Cutting and Rev Ann Clarke. LIC continues to be indebted to them for their ever-present and unwavering support.

LIC is an integral part of the London Borough of Lewisham and beyond.

LIC works with many local Agencies and Community Groups in delivering various services to Community Members be they Muslim or non-Muslim.

We strongly believe and try to put into practice these eternal words of our beloved Messenger of Allah (SAW) who said: "The best of people are those that bring the most benefit to the rest of humanity".



OUTREACH AND SOCIAL WORK



Covid 19 Vaccination Clinic

To encourage the COVID vaccination initiative within the local community, LIC held two vaccination clinics at the LIC premises with the support of Lewisham Mayoress Natasha Ricketts, NHS doctors, Nurses & volunteers. The walk in clinics were a successful triumph with a large turnout on both occasions from Muslims and non-Muslim Lewisham residents grateful for the convenience and ease in obtaining their vaccines.

Feed the Homeless

Lewisham Islamic Centre runs a weekly soup kitchen outside the Centre for the homeless and passersby in need of a hot meal. This has been met with a great deal of local enthusiasm and encouragement, and amongst all, gratitude from the most vulnerable persons in the community often feeling neglected and forgotten. Plans for a food bank encountered setbacks due to the pandemic and lockdown. We sincerely hope over the coming year to reinstate this project and offer that little bit of comfort and hope to individuals and families struggling to make ends meet.

Youth Service

Every Thursday, in conjunction with Youth Hub, LIC provides a youth service to support young persons on their journey from formal schooling to full time employment. The service provides employment application guidance, links to employers, and access to Lewisham Council initiatives such as apprenticeships and the Kickstart project.

Information Stall

Lewisham Islamic Centre Volunteers are noticeable every Saturday between 12 noon – 3pm outside of Lewisham Library at our information and dawah stall. We proactively engage the public who may be curious or even skeptical about Islam and Muslims, or who are actively learning about them. It offers conversations galore and free Islamic reading material to take away. It is an active way of making our presence as Muslims known and to instill confidence in the public to approach a Muslim and politely ask about our faith and true practices so strikingly at odds with what is nominally peddled in the media.

Working Partners



TESTIMONIALS FROM LOCAL & FAITH LEADERS

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The Lewisham Islamic Centre does absolutely brilliant work for the Lewisham community and I am proud to support them in their work.

They provide a range of religious and social services which has proved invaluable for the local community and this has never been truer than over the last few years as we have faced the pandemic.

I look forward to continuing to work with them in 2022 and onwards to help the community that the centre supports.



Ellie Reeves

MP of Lewisham West & Penge

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The Lewisham Islamic Centre has supported so many members of our community, including during the COVID-19 pandemic, and they have made our borough proud. From holding soup kitchens for the vulnerable and homeless, to a successful pop-up COVID-19 vaccine clinic, to hosting inclusive Eid in the Park events, they are a source of guidance, community and friendship for many.

I am grateful to all the volunteers for all their support and look forward to continuing to working closely with them in the future as our community recovers from the pandemic.



Damien Egan

Mayor of Lewisham

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I am a Quaker rather than a Muslim but live nearby and much value the varied work LIC does in our neighbourhood.

I also have friends in the community and work with Imam Shakeel in the Lewisham Interfaith Forum. These are valued friends, colleagues and spiritual partners.



Thecla Geraghty

Forest Hill Quaker Meeting

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I am grateful for the close ties between our congregations and especially with Imam Shakeel. I have been at St Mary's church in Lewisham for nine years and greatly value the friendship I share with Imam Shakeel and others at LIC.

I also strongly believe our work together in serving the wider community of Lewisham brings great benefit to everyone and show how we actively live out our faith in showing God's love and mercy to the world, in acts of charity and in building strong community relations with everyone.

Imam Shakeel plays a major part in leading this shared work and I look forward in 2022 to sharing more of our activities together.



Father Steve Hall, Vicar

St Mary's parish church, Lewisham

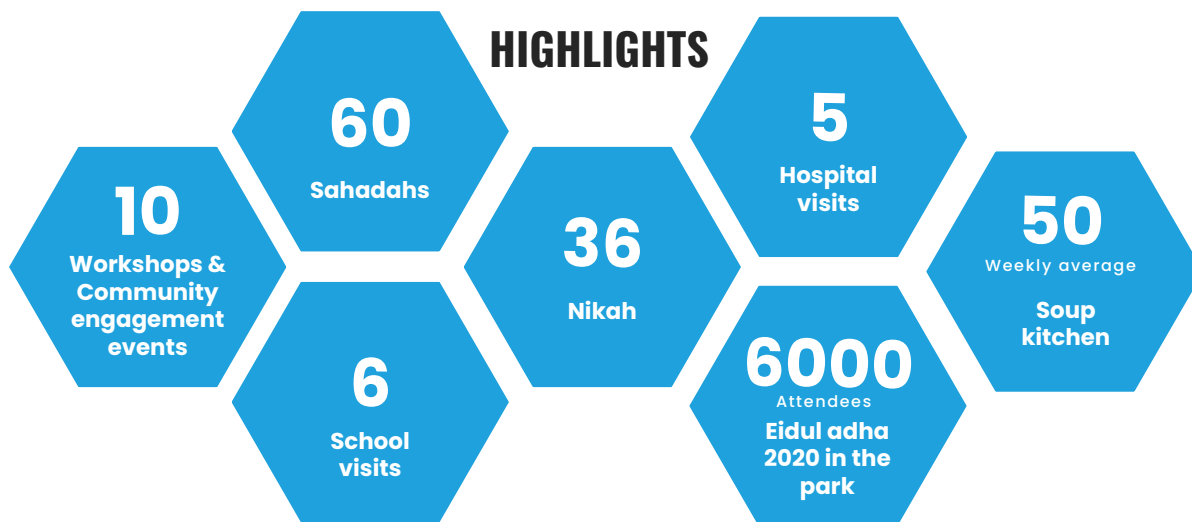
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I've very much enjoyed getting to know Imam Shakeel Begg through the Lewisham Inter faith forum meetings. I'm impressed by the many community networks LIC has established through the years and Shakeel's care and support for people of all ages who live in the surrounding area. At the beginning of July my Muslim Chaplain colleague and I had a very enjoyable visit to LIC. We were warmly welcomed and offered hospitality and a tour. As we walked around, meeting and chatting to lots of people, we could see the vital importance Imam Shakeel and LIC play in the lives of so many different people. Amongst the different topics we shared in conversation, I came away with a new perspective and deeper understanding of the needs of young people. I look forward to a continuing relationship between LIC and the Goldsmiths Multi faith Chaplaincy team.



Rev Ann Clarke

Chaplain of Goldsmith University



FIQH OF FASTING - GLUTTONY

Ramadan is upon us again by the grace of Allah. A time of sacrifice, dedication, rejoice and celebration. It is also a time for reflection. There has perhaps never been more pertinent a time for us as believers and seekers of the next life to reflect.

Why so? If we look around us, for the keen eye, it is quite apparent that we as a society have fallen victim to the gluttonous nature of lowly desire. Gluttony, a sin of habitual greed. A sin condemned by all of the Abrahamic faiths, a sin which leads to not only destruction of oneself but general society as well. What if though, what we here refer to as a sin – gluttony – has today become a virtue? Greed re-labelled as success; the more one acquires, the greater his success. Wants perceived as needs. Desires seen as dreams. How can the seeker of Allah's pleasure and the follower of His framework determine his lust-filled greed from his justified needs?

Ramadan provides an insight. How so? Imam al-Ghazali speaks about the stomach, 'The greatest means of peril for the son of Adam is the desire of his stomach. Through it Adam and Hawa were cast out of the gardens of eternity to the lowly grounds of the abode of humility and impoverishment. They were ordered to stay away from the tree but their desire got the best of them. The stomach truly is the spring of all desire, and the source of all sickness and corruption. The reason for this being that the desire of the private part follows (the filling) of the stomach. Once the stomach is filled, carnality and lust follow. What follows the desire of food and sexual appetite is an intense want for status and wealth; as they are the means for one to expand his reach in consumption of food and fulfilment of lustful appetite.

Folly and heedlessness then follows this intense urge for increased wealth and status, which leads to competitiveness (with others seeking the same) and envy. From them the destructive sins of flaunting, hoarding, arrogance and showing off are born. This leads a person to hatred for others (and others hatred for him), more sin and illicit behaviour. All of this born from carelessness with filling one's stomach.'

How does this relate to Ramadan? Ramadan centres around abstaining from lawfully filling the stomach and fulfilling one's sexual appetite. In doing so, this month provides an opportunity to reflect individually and collectively over what we really need in contrast to what we want. Knowing that over-indulging, even in that which is permissible, can lead to the above, should we always give our bodies what they want?

Society will tell us to indulge, to buy, to eat, to drink, to be merry and 'enjoy life'. Because without us doing so the modern economy we have built will collapse. An economy based upon consumption and consumerism. Desires are good for consumerism. Abstinence is not. We are now seeing the cost of such a model, one where moral decay in the name of acquirement (whether wealth or status, particularly online status) has become the accepted norm. It is not our norm though as believers. We have a moral duty to ourselves and those we live amongst to be torch bearers of the prophetic ways. A key concept of which is to say no to the lower self. The Prophet – Allah's peace and blessings upon him – said, 'Man has not filled a vessel more wicked than his stomach.' With Imam al-Ghazali's above mentioned description of where the stomach can lead a person, why the stomach is labelled as wicked becomes clear.

Ramadan reminds us of our ability to say no to ourselves, and in doing so we feel the connection to Allah re-emerge in our lives. Perhaps this year we can make it a goal to say no not only during the blessed month of Ramadan, but as we live out our remaining days in this temporary abode. Knowing that just as we break our fast from abstinence at sunset during Ramadan, we will break our fast from this life as we transition to the next.

RAMADAN TIMETABLE 2022/1443

DATE		FAJR			DHUR		ASR		MAGRIB		ISHA	
Day	Date	Start	Jamat	Sunrise	Start	Jamat	Start	Jamat	Start	Jamat	Start	Jamat
Sat	2 Apr	04:59	05:45	06:31	01:09	01:30	04:38	05:00	07:38	07:53	08:55	09:15
Sun	3 Apr	04:57	05:15	06:29	01:09	01:30	04:39	05:00	07:40	07:55	08:56	09:15
Mon	4 Apr	04:54	05:15	06:26	01:09	01:30	04:40	05:00	07:42	07:57	08:58	09:15
Tue	5 Apr	04:52	05:15	06:24	01:08	01:30	04:41	05:00	07:43	07:58	08:59	09:15
Wed	6 Apr	04:50	05:15	06:22	01:08	01:30	04:42	05:00	07:45	08:00	09:01	09:15
Thu	7 Apr	04:48	05:15	06:20	01:08	01:30	04:43	05:00	07:47	08:02	09:03	09:15
Fri	8 Apr	04:45	05:15	06:17	01:07	01:30	04:44	05:00	07:48	08:03	09:04	09:15*
Sat	9 Apr	04:43	05:15	06:15	01:07	01:30	04:44	05:00	07:50	08:05	09:05	09:15
Sun	10 Apr	04:41	05:00	06:13	01:07	01:30	04:45	05:15	07:52	08:07	09:07	09:30
Mon	11 Apr	04:39	05:00	06:11	01:07	01:30	04:46	05:15	07:53	08:09	09:08	09:30
Tue	12 Apr	04:37	05:00	06:09	01:06	01:30	04:47	05:15	07:55	08:10	09:10	09:30
Wed	13 Apr	04:34	05:00	06:06	01:06	01:30	04:48	05:15	07:57	08:12	09:12	09:30
Thu	14 Apr	04:32	05:00	06:04	01:06	01:30	04:48	05:15	07:58	08:13	09:13	09:30
Fri	15 Apr	04:30	05:00	06:02	01:06	01:30	04:49	05:15	08:00	08:15	09:15	09:30*
Sat	16 Apr	04:28	05:00	06:00	01:05	01:30	04:50	05:15	08:02	08:17	09:17	09:30
Sun	17 Apr	04:26	04:40	05:58	01:05	01:30	04:51	05:15	08:03	08:18	09:17	09:40
Mon	18 Apr	04:23	04:40	05:56	01:05	01:30	04:51	05:15	08:05	08:20	09:19	09:40
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Thu	21 Apr	04:15	04:30	05:49	01:04	01:30	04:54	05:15	08:10	08:25	09:24	09:40
Fri	22 Apr	04:13	04:30	05:47	01:04	01:30	04:54	05:15	08:12	08:27	09:26	09:40
Sat	23 Apr	04:11	04:30	05:45	01:04	01:30	04:55	05:15	08:13	08:28	09:26	09:40
Sun	24 Apr	04:08	04:20	05:43	01:04	01:30	04:56	05:30	08:15	08:30	09:28	09:50
Mon	25 Apr	04:06	04:20	05:41	01:03	01:30	04:56	05:30	08:17	08:32	09:30	09:50
Tue	26 Apr	04:04	04:20	05:39	01:03	01:30	04:57	05:30	08:18	08:33	09:30	09:50
Wed	27 Apr	04:01	04:20	05:37	01:03	01:30	04:58	05:30	08:20	08:35	09:32	09:50
Thu	28 Apr	03:59	04:20	05:35	01:03	01:30	04:59	05:30	08:22	08:37	09:34	09:50
Fri	29 Apr	03:57	04:20	05:33	01:03	01:30	04:59	05:30	08:23	08:38	09:34	09:50
Sat	30 Apr	03:55	04:20	05:32	01:03	01:30	05:00	05:30	08:25	08:40	09:36	09:50
Sun	1 May	03:52	04:00	05:30	01:03	01:30	05:01	05:30	08:27	08:42	09:38	10:00

*Easter Break (2 Jummahs)



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رَبَّنَا آتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ

Our Lord! Give us in this world that which is good and in the Hereafter that which is good, and save us from the torment of the Fire!

Surah Al-Baqarah - 2:201

رَبَّنَا لَا تُغِ فُؤُوبَنَا بَعْدَ إِذْ هَدَيْتَنَا وَهَبْ لَنَا مِنْ لَدُنْكَ رَحْمَةً إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ الْوَهَّابُ

Our Lord! Let not our hearts deviate (from the truth) after You have guided us, and grant us mercy from You. Truly, You are the Bestower.

Surah Al-Imran - 3:8

رَبَّنَا إِنَّا أَمْنَا فَاغْفِرْ لَنَا ذُنُوبَنَا وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ

Our Lord! We have indeed believed, so forgive us our sins and save us from the punishment of the Fire.

LEWISHAM ISLAMIC INSTITUTE

Children's Education

Madarasa

Lewisham Islamic Institute has over 200 students – 5 to 16 years old – enrolled in the current academic year 2021/2022. The simplified structure enables both Quran and Islamic Studies classes to take place onsite. There are 10 dedicated staff members including 2 head teachers. Below is the list of names of students who performed outstandingly well last year:

Group 1

Seren Erdel – Esa Deen Hussain
Imam Shakeel – Zain Traore
Mohammed Jama – Imran Mohammed
Mariam Payman – Ayesha Traore
Wafia Chellal – Mathaba Dirar

Group 2

Seren Erdel – Halimah Adesoye
Wafia Chellal – Iqra Muse
Rafay Nayyar – Tahirou Bah
Hodaiba Yasin – Irekanmi Eniola

Group 1

Seren Erdel – Manha Uddin
Wafia Chellal – Khalidah Alli
Rafay Nayyar – Abdullah Muhammad
Imam Ashraf – Imadh Fahem
Hifdh Students (Imam Sabir) –
Abdulkarim Mohamud, Adyan Ullah

Hifz

Alhamdulillah, at LII hifz classes we have over 25 adults & children memorising The Qur'an (the book of God), and by His grace, 7 children (4 boys & 3 girls) have memorised the entire quran at the masjid. Others are making excellent progress with many having memorized 25 ajzaa and well on their way to becoming huffazul quran soon, inshallah. Impressively, some of our young huffaz have begun memorising the Qur'an in different rewayah (modes of recitation) all the while helping other students on their noble journey of memorising the book of Allah. We are proud to declare the following LII Huffaz:

1. **Muhammad Yusuf (Age 13)**
2. **Zulqarnain Rahman (Age 11)**
3. **Muhammed Delilache (Age 9)**
4. **Zahir Patel (Age 10)**
5. **Taqwa Dehya (Age 14)**
6. **Aasiya Hingorani (Age 9)**
7. **Mutmainnah Adekunte (Age 17)**



The following classes are taught:

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- An Outline of the Foundations of Islamic Jurisprudence (Usul al Fiqh),
- Classical Texts in Worship & Islamic Jurisprudence (Fiqh),
- A Basic Overview of Prophetic Traditions (Sciences of Hadith),
- Islamic Theology (Aqidah),
- Purification of the Soul (Tazkiyah/Suluk)
- Arabic Language & Grammar

Adult Education

The focus of the LIC Adult Education Classes is to provide authentic, traditional, classical Islamic sciences to an English speaking audience with a view to appreciating the depth of our Islamic heritage and understanding the vital importance of contextualisation

FUNDRAISING



Friday Collection

As a growing and thriving Centre, funding is paramount and 99% of the Centre's income is generated from the Muslim community. The lion share of this comes from weekly collections after Friday prayers which averages £2700 per week post pandemic compared to the pre-pandemic average of £1,500 per week. We have introduced SumUp machines that allow the attendees to simply tap/touch their payment cards and donate with ease. Moreover, three charity boxes with PDQ devices at the entrance to the Centre encourages attendees to donate.

Standing Orders

Supplementary income for LIC comes from standing order mandates. We collect £2,300 in standing orders every month. If you would like to make regular donations through standing order, you can do so by scanning the barcode.



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Online Donations

We also use the online platforms such as GoCardless, paypal on the LIC website, and Facebook donation to raise funds. So far we have raised £9,463.68 online through these portals. If you would like to donate to LIC, you can do so by scanning the barcode. (Include barcode!!!)

Fundraising for the New Development

On the 27th night every Ramadan, an online, onsite fundraiser is held to realise the vision of leaving a Legacy through the development of a purpose built mosque and Islamic Centre in the London borough of Lewisham. Money pledges are collected where attendees are not in a position to donate lump sums, and these pledges are redeemed over specified period of time. The event is live streamed on YouTube where viewers are encouraged to donate online or via phone. This past Ramadan, we raised £140,018. (Include barcode!!!)

LIC App

LIC is looking to exploit advances in modern technology through the design of a user-friendly LIC app which can be downloaded on Google market. The main aim of the app will be income-generation, in addition to providing updates on prayer times, activities and events.

LIC YEARLY ACCOUNTS (2021 – 2022)

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Lewisham Islamic Centre C.I.O

1st March 2021 to 31st August 2021

INCOME

Donations	£288,040
Rental	£37,966
Furlough Grants	£25,469
Fees & activities	£19,951

Total £371,426

EXPENSES

Salaries & wages	£124,156
Premises Costs	£23,971
Office Admin Costs	£14,466
Legal & professional	£6,212
Outreach Support	£19,294

Total Expenses -£188,099

NET SURPLUS £183,327

ASSETS

Buildings	£2,810,893
Debtors	£33,404
Bank Accounts	£715,042

Total £3,559,339

Liabilities

-£26,415

TOTAL FUNDS
£3,532,924



IMAM SHAKEEL - THANK YOU

The progression of LIC into a mainstay of the London Borough of Lewisham and of South London is a vision realized over many years, and I would like to take the opportunity to thank, first and foremost, our esteemed Founders without whose dedication to the Islamic ethos, this vision would not have been realized.

I would also like to say thank you to all Trustees, past and present, who continue to give of themselves in the service of Centre.

To our community members and attendees, benefactors, supporters and wellwishers, no words can express the depth of gratitude and appreciation for your immeasurable generosity and sacrifices. Only Allah almighty can truly reward you as you deserve to be rewarded, and I pray that Allah's reward to you all is one without limit.

I offer my deepest gratitude to our partners from this year's Lewisham Interfaith Forum, including Archdeacon Alastair Cutting, Father Charles Pickstone, Father Steve Hall and Gerald Rose. Similarly, I am thankful and indebted to our partners at Lewisham Council, notably Mayor of Lewisham Damien Egan, Deputy Mayor Brenda Dacres, Cllr Obajimi Adefiranye, Cllr Tauseef Anwar and all other councillors and staff in this most unique of London boroughs.

I cannot forget the support we have received from Dr Catherine Mbema (Director of Public Health at Lewisham Council), Lewisham NHS and especially Leonie Down from the Mental Health Team & Lewisham Head of Occupational Therapy and Partnerships Lead), Monica Franklin (RM) (Senior Project Manager Perinatal Pelvic Health Service South East London Integrated Care System), Corinne Challener Portage Manager/ Under 5's Care Coordinator Kaleidoscope), Faziha Zed (Portage Home Visitor Lewisham Portage Service Children with Complex Needs Service Kaleidoscope), Conor Mc Brearty (Disability and Inclusion Football Development Officer at London FA) and Hannah Gretton (Senior Community Organiser South East London | Citizens UK).



Lewisham Police have been instrumental in their support of LIC, offering sincere and candid advice, while affording the Centre every trust to pursue its civic activities without supposition or suspicion. I offer special thanks to Police Sergeant Jon Biddle of Lewisham Police Station.

Last but not least, I would like to thank our LIC team of dedicated staff, volunteers and community members who continue to show commitment, diligence and steadfastness before, during, and post pandemic. Furthermore, I would like to give special thanks to:

- **Uncle Mamadou Jalloh** (Completed Arabic Level 1, 2 and 3 as well starting to memorise the Qur'an)
- **Uncle Bulent Baykaner** (one of the longest serving Community Members and Muaddhins of LIC)
- **Uncle Tariq** (one of longest serving and most positive community members of LIC)
- **Aunty Halimah** (one of the longest serving and hardworking community members and volunteers at LIC)
Volunteers:
- **Mohamed Bah** (most hardworking and conscientious work volunteer at LIC)
- **Ibrahim Tariq** (most dedicated and longest serving Ramadan, Eid and iftar volunteer)
Staff:
- **Kamel** (most hardworking and conscientious worker at LIC)

I request Allah Almighty that He blesses you all and your families, rewards you all, and uses you all to benefit Islam and civic society.

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Opening Times

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
11am - 12am	11am - 12am	11am - 12am	11am - 12am	11am - 1am	11am - 1am	11am - 12am

Lebanese Shawarma

Menu:
- BURGER £4.99
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Menu:
- BURGER £4.49
- LAMB £4.99

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Monday to Sunday:
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Delivery Times

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
3pm - 10:40pm	3pm - 10:40pm	3pm - 10:40pm	3pm - 10:40pm	3pm - 10:40pm	3pm - 10:40pm	3pm - 10:40pm

Charanga Business chicken Leg & thigh Marinated in our special recipe (With Fries/Burger Or Wrap)

Menu:
- BURGER £3.99
- BURGER £4.29
- WRAP £4.49

Delivery Times

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
3pm - 10:40pm	3pm - 10:40pm	3pm - 10:40pm	3pm - 10:40pm	3pm - 10:40pm	3pm - 10:40pm	3pm - 10:40pm

EDEN ESTATES

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'WHOEVER BUILDS A MOSQUE FOR THE SAKE OF ALLAH, ALLAH WILL BUILD SOMETHING SIMILAR FOR HIM IN PARADISE.'

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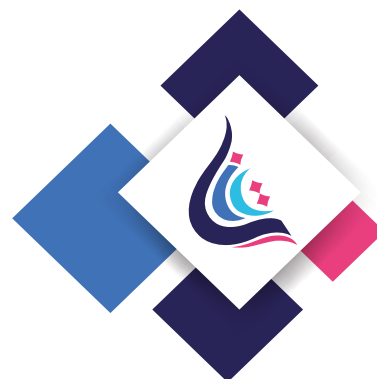
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