

Fasting during Ramadhan was ordained during the second year of Hijrah. Why not earlier? In Makkah the economic conditions of the Muslims were bad. They were being persecuted. Often days would go by before they had anything to eat. It is easy to skip meals if you don't have any. Obviously fasting would have been easier under the circumstances. So why not then?

The answer may be that Ramadhan is not only about skipping meals. While fasting is an integral and paramount part of it, Ramadhan offers a comprehensive program for our spiritual overhaul. The entire program required the peace and security that was offered by Madinah.

Allah reveals in the Qur'aan, "O You who believe! Fasting is prescribed for you as it was prescribed to those before you, that you may learn self-restraint." [2:183]

We must always bear in mind the purpose of our fasting. It's not only to stay hungry and thirsty. It's to be conscious of Allah at all times. Fasting teaches us to tame our lower passions, al-nafs-al-'ammara-bis-soo.

This is the lower self that clings to the earth, and drags us towards all the hateful and shameful actions, envy, greed, sexual lust, jealousy, anger, revenge. Fasting helps us to be disciplined. It helps us to strengthen our conscience, the higher self, which in Arabic is called al-nafs-al-law-waamah.

This is the self-reproaching nafs, the higher self that constantly blames itself and seeks to put right all the errors and sins of the lower self. Throughout our lives we struggle with this, of trying to control our desires and passions, so that our thoughts, our words and our actions are only good and pleasing to Allah.

We should use Ramadhan as an opportunity to fight this most important struggle of taking control of our lives, control of our lower passions and desires. This struggle to cultivate self-discipline is not only for Ramadhan. It's a lifelong struggle. Shaitan will constantly offer temptations and make our evil nature seem pleasing to us.

The late Shaykh, Abul Hasan Ali Nadvi (ra) notes: "I have seen with my own eyes such ulema and mashaikh who used to finish recitation of the entire Qur'an everyday during Ramadhan.

They spent almost the entire night in prayers. They used to eat so little that one wondered how they could endure all this.

These greats valued every moment of Ramadhan and would not waste any of it in any other pursuit...Watching them made one believe the astounding stories of 'Ibaada and devotion of our elders recorded by history."

Islam does not approve of monasticism. It does not ask us to permanently isolate ourselves from this world, since our test is in living here according to the Commands of our Creator. But it does ask us to take periodic breaks from it. The mandatory Salawaat (five daily prayers) is one example. For a few minutes every so many hours throughout the day, we leave the affairs of this world and appear before Allah to remind ourselves that none but He is worthy of worship and of our unfaltering obedience. Ramadan takes this to the next higher plane, providing intense training for a whole month

- Every Friday (of Ramadhan) after 'Asr a reminder in English by a Guest Speaker
- Every Friday, a COMMUNITY IFTAAR
- Every Friday Masjid Eesa Fund Raiser at Taraweeh
- Every Saturday (of Ramadhan) after 'Asr a reminder in Urdu by a Guest Speaker
- Every Saturday fund raising for a Global Cause at Taraweeh
- Neighbours Iftaar – Saturday 2nd June 2018, Iftaar with neighbours living in vicinity.
- SPECIAL GUEST for the ENTIRE month of Ramadhan Shaykh Galaal bin Salem Al Azhari - To lead Taraweeh, Tahajjud (last 10 nights) and daily prayers)

SPECIAL RAMADHAAN PROGRAMMES

DAILY TARAWEEH

Lead by special guest Shaykh Galaal bin Salim

WEEKLY REMINDERS

- Friday 18th May 2018 – Shaykh Shihab Al Mahdaawi – “Five Pillars of Ramadhan”
- Friday 25th May 2018 – Shaykh Riyadh Patel – “Ramadhan of the Salaf”
- Friday 1st June 2018 – Shaykh Asif Khan – “Lessons from the Battle of Al Badr”
- Friday 8th June – Mufti Liaquat Zaman – “Changing for the better”

NOTE: EVERY SATURDAYS AFTER 'ASR PRAYER THERE WILL BE URDU REMINDERS BY VISITING GUESTS.

FUND RAISING IN RAMADHAN

- Every Fridays after Taraweeh and before Witr a brief formal Fund Raiser is planned.
- Every Saturdays after Taraweeh and before Witr a brief formal Fund Raiser for GLOBAL CAUSES is planned, including for URGENT HUMANITARIAN projects in Syria, Yemen, Rohingya, Palestine.

WEEKLY IFTAAR DINNERS

Every Fridays during Ramadhan an Iftaar dinner is planned, for brothers and sisters. If you wish to make a contribution to the Iftaar please liaise with the Administration on T: 07305968580 E: info@arrahma.co.uk

NEIGHBOURS / COMMUNITY IFTAAR

A community Iftaar is planned on Friday 2nd June 2018 when neighbours and members of local prominent organisations based around the vicinity of the Masjid will be invited to share the Iftaar meal at the Masjid.

The Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) said: “Jibreel (as) kept recommending me to treat my neighbor well until I thought he would tell me to make him one of my heirs”. (Bhukari)

Sadaqa Jaariya in Ramadhan

"The best charity is the one which is given in Ramadhan." [Tirmidhi]

Allah's Ta'ala's Messenger (Sallallaahu 'alaihi wasallam) was the most generous of all people, and he used to reach the peak of generosity in the month of Ramadhan.... (Bukhari)

The blessed month of Ramadhan is upon us – may Allah Ta'aala bestow His mercy and blessings upon you and your families.

If you wish to partake in a form of charity which will continue its blessings and reward after you die, for yourself and any living deceased relatives, then Masjid Eesa Ibn Maryam AS welcomes your donations to pay off the 800k plus Qardh Hassan loans raised to purchase it.

WAYS TO DONATE :

MyDonate page

www.mydonate.bt.com/events/masjideesa/442065

If you are a UK Taxpayer please check the Gift Aid box so we can claim back 25p for every £1

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Account: Muslim Association of Hall Green.

Bank: HSBC

Sort Code: 40-41-27

Acc: 01521691

Standing Orders

Standing orders can be set from any online banking portal using the Charity Account sort code and account number given above. Alternatively, standing order forms can be downloaded from www.annahma.co.uk and submitted to your bank by yourselves.

For further Information Contact Arrahma Admin on **07305 968580 & 07702 906156** or **info@annahma.co.uk**

May	Ramadh-an	Day	Suhoor	Fajr Jama'ah	Iftaar	'Ishaa Jama'ah
16	-	Wed	3.18	3.35	9.02	10.20
17	1	Thurs	3.16	3.35	9.03	10.20
18	2	Fri	3.14	3.35	9.05	10.25
19	3	Sat	3.13	3.30	9.06	10.25
20	4	Sun	3.11	3.30	9.08	10.30
21	5	Mon	3.09	3.25	9.09	10.30
22	6	Tues	3.08	3.25	9.11	10.30
23	7	Wed	3.06	3.25	9.12	10.35
24	8	Thurs	3.05	3.25	9.14	10.35
25	9	Fri	3.03	3.25	9.15	10.35
26	10	Sat	3.02	3.20	9.16	10.40
27	11	Sun	3.00	3.20	9.18	10.40
28	12	Mon	2.59	3.20	9.19	10.45
29	13	Tues	2.58	3.15	9.20	10.45
30	14	Wed	2.56	3.15	9.21	10.45
31	15	Thurs	2.55	3.15	9.23	10.50
June	16	Fri	2.54	3.15	9.24	10.50
2	17	Sat	2.53	3.15	9.25	10.50
3	18	Sun	2.52	3.10	9.26	10.50
4	19	Mon	2.51	3.10	9.27	10.50
5	20	Tues	2.50	3.10	9.28	10.50
6	21	Wed	2.49	3.10	9.29	10.50
7	22	Thurs	2.48	3.05	9.30	10.50
8	23	Fri	2.47	3.05	9.31	10.50
9	24	Sat	2.46	3.05	9.32	10.50
10	25	Sun	2.46	3.05	9.33	10.50
11	26	Mon	2.45	3.05	9.34	10.50
12	27	Tues	2.44	3.05	9.35	10.50
13	28	Wed	2.44	3.05	9.35	10.50
14	29	Thurs	2.43	3.05	9.36	10.50
15	30	Fri	2.43	3.05	9.36	10.50

Du'as when breaking the fast at Iftaar

Allahumma inni laka sumtu wa bika
 aamantu [wa 'alayka tawakkaltu] wa
 'ala rizqika aftarthu

*O Allah! I fasted for You and I believe in
 You [and I put my trust in You] and I
 break my fast with Your sustenance*
 [Sunan Abi Dawud]

dhahabadh-dhama'u wab-tallatil 'urūūqi,
 wa thabatal ajru inshaAllah

The thirst is gone, the veins are
 moistened and the reward is confirmed,
 if Allah [Ta'ala] Wills
 [Sunan Abi Dawud]

IMPORTANT NOTICES

Getting to the Masjid – Please try to avoid bringing your cars in to the Masjid car park. As much as possible, please try to walk to the masjid.

Parking on local roads – Please avoid parking on Etwall Road as a token of respect to the immediate neighbours. When parking on other roads please ensure you park in permitted spaces. Please avoid parking on grass verges at all times.

Parking in Masjid car park – When using the car park please follow instructions from Parking Attendants and park as closely as possible to other cars. If you plan to leave before the Witr prayer (after Taraweeh of 20 Raq'aat) please park outside the car park to avoid being blocked in.

Noise outside Masjid – Please be aware the Masjid is situated in a Residential Area, so please try to avoid being a means to any disruptive noise outside the Masjid. Please avoid standing around outside the Masjid after the late evening Taraweeh and early morning Fajr, prayers.

Children attending Taraweeh – Please ensure to have any children accompanying you for Taraweeh personally supervised at all times and also ensure they don't cause distraction to others, particularly during the Quran recitation in Taraweeh.