

Ramadaan Newsletter

Lenasia South Muslim Association

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Narrated Abu Huraira(r.a): The Messenger of Allah (saw) said: "... whoever fasts during Ramadaan out of sincere faith and hoping to attain Allah's rewards, then all his past sins will be forgiven. *Imam Bhukari*

FROM THE DESK OF THE CHAIRMAN

The month of mercy is upon us once again. Barakah in time has surely been lifted. We find ourselves in turbulent times and in uncharted waters. Let us not forget, the Mercy of Allah is all encompassing. We should not doubt that Allah will ever abandon us. The time for begging Allah's Forgiveness is now needed more than ever. Istighfaar cools Allah's anger and invites Allah's Mercy. In this regard, let us engage in abundant Istighfaar.

We find ourselves in a State of National Disaster. This has necessitated the closure of Masaajid, a truly painful experience for all believers. Dua at Tahajjud is a powerful weapon which we can use to change the situation. Social distancing has forced us into voluntary self-exile. Let us strictly adhere to government guidelines and In sha Allah normality will return soon.

Alhamdulillah, we have embarked on a major renovation of Masjid Uthmaan Ghani. We were expecting to complete the project in six months, however circumstances might delay the building. I would sincerely like to take this opportunity to thank all who have contributed to this project in cash or kind. May Allah Build a home for all donors in Jannat. It should be noted that there is still an urgent need for funds to complete the project. We humbly request you to open your hearts and generously contribute to this noble cause. The banking details for this project and other projects run by the Lenasia South Muslim Association (LSMA) are included within this publication.

The following are some of the activities which the LSMA conducts throughout the year:

- We run a feeding scheme for Madressah learners at P6 in Lenasia South Extension 4.
- Bread is distributed daily from the same venue.
- The Madressah is run by the Lenasia Muslim Association, however the LSMA plays a supporting role. Transport arrangements have been made to transport children and teachers to and from Madressah.
- Children who cannot afford to pay fees are assisted through the zakat fund.

Anyone willing to donate to the above projects may do so. Refer to banking details for ease of reference

In conclusion, we beg for Allah's forgiveness and Mercy in these extremely trying times. He is our Protector, our Nourisher and our Sustainer. Ramadaan is Allah's month and the most opportune time to knock on His door. Remember whilst the Masaajid are closed, Salaat is still incumbent on us.

We make dua that Allah Grant us ease and comfort during the holy month of Ramadaan. May the month be filled with joy and blessings. May our Eid be joyous and fulfilling.

Chairman

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NOTICE

**Salaah at Masjid suspended until further notice by Government.
(Includes Taraweeh)**



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*"Anyone who fasts for one day for Allah's sake, Allah will keep his face away from the Hellfire for (a distance covered by a journey of) seventy years. "
Bukhari and Muslim*

BANKING DETAILS

Building Project:
BANK: HABIB OVERSEAS BANK
BRANCH: LENASIA
ACCOUNT: 1133 321 1584
BRANCH CODE: 700 037

BANK: HABIB OVERSEAS BANK
BRANCH: LENASIA
LILLAH ACCOUNT: 1133 320 0973
ZAKAT ACCOUNT: 1133 320 3425
BRANCH CODE: 700 037

SECTION 18A CERTIFICATES AVAILABLE

FASTING IN RAMADAAN

(Extracted from *Hayatul Muslimimeen* (Living as a Muslim) by Hakim al-Umma Mawlana Ashraf Ali Thanawi)

Fasting, like prayer and zakat, with its various types, is a fundamental institution of Islam. The obligatory fasting is a practice of vital importance.

Allah (S.W.T) states in the Qur'an:

O you who believe! The fasts have been enjoyed upon you. (Qur'an 2:183)

Fasting is distinguished from other acts of worship by its inconspicuous nature, in contrast to other acts of worship like the prayer, zakat and hajj, which are all conspicuous in varying degrees. Only Allah (S.W.T) is aware of one's fasting. Experience proves that weakness in love for and fear of Allah (S.W.T) is remedied by engaging in such acts of worship that produce love and awe; and fasting is greatly efficacious in this regard. Thus, weakness in one's faith and love for Allah (S.W.T) is strengthened by fasting. One in whose heart the love and fear of Allah (S.W.T) becomes embedded will be strong and steadfast in *deen*; and the natural effect of fasting is to strengthen one's *deen*.

(Submitted by MI Muhammad Akhalwaya)



“When Ramadaan enters, the gates of Paradise are opened, the gates of Hellfire are closed and the devils are chained.” (Al-Bukhari and Muslim)

RAMADAAN SEASON OF VIRTUOUS DEEDS.

“O” Muslims, fear Allah and give thanks to Him for His abundant blessings and favors. One of the greatest blessings that Allah bestowed upon us is the great acts of worship and noble seasons that He has prescribed for us, through which our souls may be purified and filled with goodness, righteousness, blessings and abundance of rewards, and that they may be filled with light and radiate the brightness of purity.

“RAMADAAN IS A SCHOOL IN WHICH PEOPLE CAN LEARN

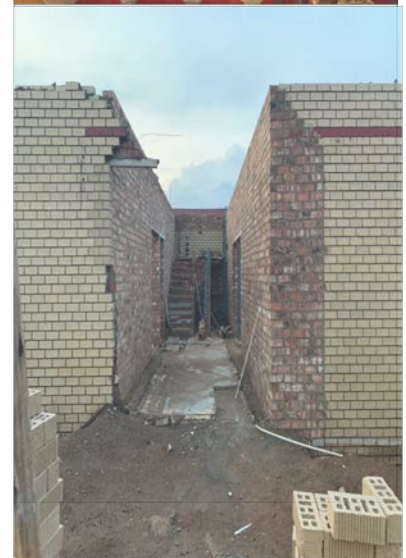
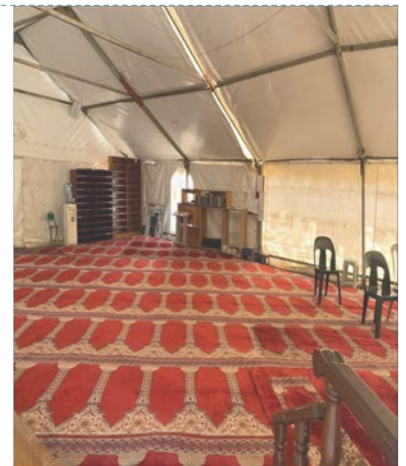
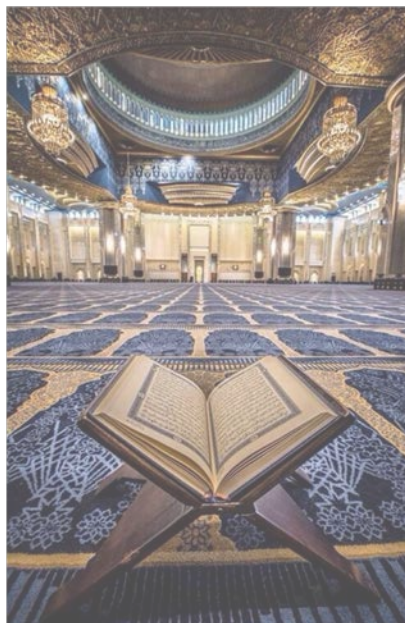
GOODNESS, RIGHTEOUSNESS, FORBEARANCE AND PATIENCE”

Ramadaan is a beacon of faith and Taqwa, a fortress against turmoil and trouble, nourishment for the soul, a means of healing wounds, a restraint for desires and urges a source of motivation, a cleansing for the heart and mind, a means of bringing about harmony, a mutual compassion and co-operation in the Ummah.

In conclusion “May Allah bless us all

with the Quran and with the guidance of the best of the Messengers (SAW) We ask Allah (SWT) to forgive us all, for He is the Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful.

(Submitted by Moulana Shabeer Ahmed Khan)





TARAWEEH — LENASIA SOUTH

Taraweeh is the sunnah prayer that is performed after the Esha (night) prayer in Ramadaan. It is a very virtuous act of worship; the Prophet (peace be upon him) narrated that, "he who observes optional prayer (Taraweeh prayers) throughout Ramadaan, out of sincerity of Faith and in the hope of earning reward will have his past sins pardoned." [Al-Bukhari and Muslim] Men are encouraged to attend Taraweeh prayers at their local masjid. Women, as well as those men who are unable to attend the congregational Taraweeh, are able to pray the Taraweeh prayer at home. With the recent COVID-19 pandemic, South Africa is currently in lockdown and masjids are closed, hence, to play our part of flattening the curve, Taraweeh Salaah will not be performed at the 3 masjids under the LSMA umbrella, until further notice in-shallah. May Allah (SWT) keep us all safe during these trying times.

Salaah Times During Ramadaan For Masjids Only

FAJR AZAAN: 5:25AM

FAJR SALAAH: 5:40AM

ESHA AZAAN: 7:00PM

ESHA SALAAH: 7:15PM

Abu Hurairah (May Allah be pleased with him) reported:

The Messenger of Allah said, "He who observes optional prayer (Taraweeh prayers) throughout Ramadaan, out of sincerity of Faith and in the hope of earning reward will have his past sins pardoned."

[Al-Bukhari and Muslim]

Whoever stands (in the voluntary night prayer of) Ramadaan out of faith and in hope of reward, his previous sins will be forgiven. (Al-Bukhari and Muslim)

Uthmaan Ghani Building Project

The LSMA is currently embarking on a project to renovate the current Masjid. The project commenced on August 2019 where the female musallah facility was renovated as well as extended. The boundary wall was also demolished and rebuilt as the previous wall was fragile and unstable. Upon completion, the bathrooms and toilets will be renovated and a slab will be added. Subsequent to completion, the hifz class will be accommodated upstairs. Furthermore, a kitchen will be added to accommodate visiting jamaats. The completed Masjid facility will accommodate 300 musali's. It is anticipated that the project will be completed by September 2020, to the extent there are no delays.

The public is encouraged to contribute to this project as it will benefit the Lenasia South Muslim community. Furthermore, it is a source of Sa-daqatul Jaariya for anyone that contributes. Kindly refer to banking details for any contributions towards this project.

LSMA SERVICES

Burial Association

The loss of a near and dear one is never easy. The LSMA burial committee assists the grieving family by arranging the ghusl, burial, etc. When the need arises kindly contact one of the following persons:

Sohail Manga 0833922271

Ml Abdulla Sayed 0638148411

Ahmed Bham 0827176363

Ashraf Lakha 0837098165

Abdussamad Kola 0825993752

LSMA Hifz Classes

The Hifz class is situated at Masjid Uthmaan Ghani and offers either full time or part time classes.

All applications and enquiries can be directed to Hafez Vaid on telephone number: 011 855 3293

LSMA Welfare Department

The welfare department provides support for various ethnic groups in our area, by distribution of food and meat parcels on a monthly basis. The LSMA also runs a feeding and bread scheme at the madrassah (p6) in extension 4. The LSMA also subsidises madrassah fees for children that qualify through our zakah fund.

LSMA Live

You can now listen to programs, lectures, and Jumu'ah Programs held at Masjid Uthmaan Ghani live from around the world using your phone, tablet, or PC. Go to www.livemasjid.com/lsma or www.lsma.org.za

REGULAR PROGRAMS

Every Saturday in Ramadaan - Ladies Programme at 2191 Milkwood Street.
Sunday Lectures at various masajid by guest speakers during Ramadhaan
Tuesday Ladies Classes - 2191 Milkwood Street
Tuesday Tafsir Classes - Masjid Uthmaan Gani. Contact the Imam for more information

Where does your Zakat Go?



Many a time, money is donated to various welfare organisations for distribution to the less fortunate.

Alhamdulillah, with the grace of Allah (SWT), the LSMA is once again in a position to assist the less fortunate in our community through the Zakat contributions made by various individuals and businesses which includes you.

The LSMA has a Welfare Department which functions under the auspices of an Ameer. The LSMA Welfare Department has the responsibility of ensuring that the Zakat funds are channelled in the right direction to the most deserving of recipients. Therefore, the Welfare Department undertakes an assessment of all applications to ensure that Shariah laws and confidentiality are adhered to. In this regard, a data base has been compiled of individuals and/ or families that are in need of regular assistance.

On a monthly basis the LSMA Welfare Department distributes between 130 - 150 grocery hampers to deserving recipients who reside within the Lenasia South area. The hampers are distributed to Muslim families of various ethnic groups. The hampers are made up of essential items which include, but are not limited to, flour, sugar, oil, butter, soap, washing powder and meat. A picture has been shared for illustration purposes. The contents of each hamper is deemed to be sufficient to last an average sized family's needs for a full month. In addition to the grocery hamper, a meat voucher is also issued to some families to enable them to buy directly from a supplier chosen by the LSMA.

Prior to the month of Ramadaan and the joyous day of Eid, additional grocery hampers are issued to a wider group of recipients. It should be noted that the Ramadaan and Eid hampers contain additional items such as dates (kajoor), haleem, jelly, etc.

The LSMA is grateful for your valuable contributions. We pray that Almighty Allah (SWT) increase your provisions and grant you continuous Barakah. Ameen.

Your contributions can be deposited directly into the LSMA's Zakat account. Refer Zakat banking details contained in the newsletter. Alternatively, you may contact Hafez Mohamed Vaid on 0722122966 or Ebrahim Dhaler on 0845816314.

Ramadaan 1441/2020 Timetable

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



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