

# ANNUAL REPORT 2020

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& COMMUNITY CENTRE



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AND COMMUNITY CENTRE**



“DO PEOPLE THINK THAT THEY WILL BE  
LEFT ALONE BECAUSE THEY SAY:  
“WE BELIEVE,” AND WILL NOT BE TESTED.”

Quran 29:2

**GOD IN THE LIVES OF PEOPLE**





**‘THE BEST OF PEOPLE ARE THOSE WHO  
BRING THE MOST BENEFIT TO MANKIND.’**

SAYING OF THE PROPHET MUHAMMAD (PEACE BE UPON HIM)

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# MESSAGE FROM CHAIR OF TRUSTEES



**MOHAMMED SAEED**  
CHAIR, BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Assalamu alaykum (peace be upon you),

Since my appointment as Chair of Trustees in 2008, I have never encountered a more challenging yet memorable year than 2020. In many ways, we are a mosque and organisation that thrives on social interaction. Our five daily prayers, Friday sermons, coffee mornings, events for the elderly and children are all built upon a core feeling of togetherness, connection and community. When all of this had to stop, we faced our biggest challenge yet. We had great plans for 2020, but the plan of Allah is always greater.

We truly had to be creative and inventive in responding to this challenge by putting in place robust contingency plans. With our centre closed, where possible we swiftly shifted all of our core services online, as well as refocussing our efforts to provide crucial welfare support at increased rates in response to the unprecedented circumstances that the community faced. Alhamdulillah, every member of our team did an excellent job at finding solutions to ensure that we were supporting the social, economic, wellbeing and spiritual needs of our community.

The effort and team-spirit this year has been phenomenal. Every individual has been affected by this unprecedented international medical emergency in a different way and has been able to use this year as a point of reflection. In the Quran, Allah the Almighty says:

**‘And whoever is mindful of Allah, He will make a way out for them, and provide for them from sources they could never imagine. And whoever puts their trust in Allah, then He (alone) is sufficient for them.’ (65:2-3).**

This year we have learnt that through being mindful of Allah and trusting Him, we will always find a way out of difficulty. Through facing adversity, we have found an abundance of blessings spring forward, for which we are very grateful.

We feel honoured to have had the support of our staff, volunteers, community and partners over 2020. The challenges of this year truly have been unprecedented. Your support has made our work infinitely more rewarding and streamlined. I would like to extend a special thank you to our community for their unwavering support, patience and adherence to our COVID-related guidelines over the year. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our entire team of staff and volunteers for their hard work in difficult circumstances. Thank you for being understanding, trusting us, and helping us to continue our efforts to Inspire, Educate and Serve.

# MESSAGE FROM CHIEF EXECUTIVE

**“And We will surely test you with something of fear and hunger and a loss of wealth and lives and fruits, but give good tidings to the patient” Al Quran (2:155)**

Alhumdulillah (praise be to Allah), 2020 was the year of Covid. It has been extremely sad and difficult with many of our community members passing away; “Inna lillahi wa inna ilayhi rajioon” (to Allah we belong and to Him we return). We pray that Allah gives them all Jannah and gives their families sabr (patience).

I can honestly say that this year was unexpected and unprecedented. Back in March 2020, we were one of the first mosques to close after consulting with our scholars, public health officials and medical practitioners. It was extremely hard for many, particularly our elders, for whom the masjid is an integral part of their daily worship and life.

This led to us not only cancelling our regular mosque activities (i.e., daily congregational prayers, Friday prayers and Ramadan activities), but a number of other major services, including our first ever umrah trip. We had just launched new welfare services including an education surgery and job club and were also due to launch new youth activities, such as kids boxing. All of this had to be put on hold.

However, alhumdulillah it wasn’t all doom and gloom! Through adversity, Allah can bring about much good and there were abundant opportunities for us to continue to help others. I am glad to say that the entire team stepped up to support our community in so many ways.

All our staff and volunteers had to consider how to run their respective services and activities according to the ‘new norm’ and there were unprecedented efforts to get things working, Allahumma barik feeh (may Allah bless it).

Financially, we had to assess the impact of Covid with the closure of the centre. We took drastic measures to reduce costs, sought grants and furloughed staff. However, we reached out to our online community and many of you came forward to support us mashaAllah.

**Alhumdulillah, it wasn’t an easy year but we pray that the blessings and rewards are abundant for everyone involved.**

**I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you. Our supporters, donors, partners, staff and volunteers. Those of you who support us through your words, actions and donations. We could not have achieved this immense output without the support of Allah through yourselves. I pray that Allah, may He be glorified, weighs all the work of this masjid heavily on your scales. Ameen.**



**KAMRAN HUSSAIN**  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE



# THE CYCLE OF WORK THAT DELIVERS OUR VISION

**VISION**  
God in the lives of people

## HUMANITARIAN & SOCIAL CAMPAIGNS



- Taskforce GLM
- Community work
- 2020 Social Campaigns: Winter Freeze, Covid, Domestic Violence

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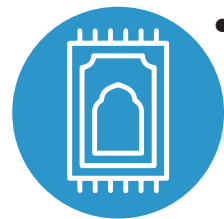
## YOUTH & SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

- Childrens Cricket Club
- Youth Summer programme
- Coffee Mornings
- Sisters activities (charity dinners, days out)
- GLM Football Club
- Sisters Basketball
- Kids Thai Boxing
- Scouts
- Elders lunch



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## MASJID ACTIVITIES



- 5 daily prayers
- Taraweeh / congregational prayers
- Celebrate Eid
- Umrah tours
- Feeding people Iftar & suhoor
- Jumuah/Friday prayer and khutbas/sermons
- Itikaf/ramadan stays

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## WELFARE SERVICES

- Foodbank
- Food kitchen
- Funeral Services
- Counselling Services
- Zakah /Charity Fund
- Streetwatch
- Refugee relocation
- Job Clinic and Fairs
- Imam Q&A
- Immigration Surgery
- Joint Pain Clinic
- Cancer Support Group
- Education Clinic
- Legal surgery



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## EDUCATION



- Education College (Arabic, Tajweed, Fiqh, Aqeedah, Hadith and more!)
- Children's Madrasah
- Kids Budding Believers Club
- Other Education

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## DAWAH & OUTREACH

- Conferences
- Talks & Khutbas
- School visits
- Chaplaincy & iSoc support
- Exhibition Islam & Open Days
- Inter-faith visits
- Articles & social media posts
- Masjid Outreach
- Intensive Weekend Courses
- GLM TV
- Campaigns
- Online classes



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**INSPIRE**

**EDUCATE**

**SERVE**

# THE IMPACT OF COVID-19

HERE ARE THE SERVICES THAT  
WERE CANCELLED OR IMPACTED IN  
**2020**



EVEN THOUGH WE CAME TO A  
STANDSTILL, WE DUSTED OFF  
OUR HANDS AND HIT THE  
GROUND RUNNING...







# OUR COVID RESPONSE

"Since the masjid opened in **1979**, we have always been open for daily prayer. This was the **first time in our history** that the doors had to shut. It wasn't a decision taken lightly but out of the necessity to **protect our community** and to set an example to others." - **CEO**

*"Thanks to our congregation, community and team for their support during 2020. It was a **challenging year** for many reasons, with services stopped or changed to keep our community safe, as well as new services launched to help those in need. We ask Allah (swt) for His guidance and blessings – and we ask Him to forgive all those that have passed away."* **Sajjad Akram - Trustee**

"To support the Covid effort, **we broadened our work** in several ways. We coordinated and lead on a number of **public statements** with other mosques. We also presented the Muslim effort on the media, **worked closely with officials** to get **clear messaging** out to the community, moved our education, welfare and dawah/outreach **services online**." **Nusaybah Naeem - Executive Assistant**

"As an organisation we were **presented with challenges** that were totally unexpected. The entire GLMCC team have **worked extremely hard** and have been remarkably creative to ensure that the needs of our community were met during this difficult time." **Mohammed Naeem - Trustee**

"It was by the decree of **Allah** that we found ourselves in **unchartered territory**, having to take significant precautionary measures to **protect our community**." **Uthmaan Ahmad - Zakat Caseworker**



# OUR COVID RESPONSE

BEFORE WE ZOOM IN, LET'S ZOOM OUT...

## TFGLM

*"The humanitarian situation is usually challenging enough, this year COVID added another layer of complexity. After the huge blast in Beirut, Lebanon we ensured that **hundreds of families** not only received essential emergency supplies but also Covid PPE and hygiene kits. Food distribution had to be managed especially carefully as refugees can have a tendency to crowd quite closely. Wearing masks took away some of humane aspect of aid distribution but we still managed to make people smile nevertheless."*

LIAKAT YOUNIS -  
HEAD OF PROJECTS



## MEDIA

*"Showcasing the Muslim response to covid was of the utmost importance. Our contribution to this pandemic has been documented in history. It will always be known that Muslims stood with their communities"*

HUMAYUN SALEEM - HEAD OF FUNDRAISING

## DAWAH

*"2020 has been a year which has given us an opportunity to take a step back and review all aspects of our lives. From a dawah perspective we've realized how far our reach extends!"*

ADIL SALEEM - HEAD OF OUTREACH

## OFFICE ADMIN

*"I think 2020 has been eye opening in so many ways. Although I was a bit fearful about my ability to work and live in the same place, I have learnt that one needs to just be in the right mindset and have the drive to complete tasks."*

FATOUMATA SAHO -  
OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

## WELFARE

*"In 2020, the wider community in Birmingham turned to us to lead them through the pandemic. With Allah's help, we were there for the people of the city when they needed us most."*

SALEEM AHMED - HEAD OF SERVICES & WELFARE



## OPERATIONS

*"We never expected to see more caskets than people in the masjid, but for a three month period, that was the reality. Once things settled, we were able to reopen the masjid but under strict and unfamiliar Covid-19 restrictions. Facilitating Covid-safe prayers throughout 2020 has been our primary objective."*

SALEEM AHMED - HEAD OF  
SERVICES & WELFARE



## MARKETING

*"Alhumdulillah, not only did we just get by this year, but astonishingly, all of the hard work resulted in us smashing our targets! Our digital foundation is stronger than ever. Our output has increased and alhumdulillah our dawah reach is growing internationally."*

ASSIMA ALAM -  
MARKETING LEAD



## EDUCATION

*"2020 was the year of unprecedented change! Although initially we perceived the change negatively, it gave us the opportunity to pursue new possibilities; to expand our Educational programmes beyond the physical walls of the Masjid."*

SIDRAH AWAN - HEAD OF EDUCATION





# 1 WELFARE SERVICES

**‘WHOEVER SAVES A LIFE, IT WILL BE AS IF THEY SAVED ALL OF HUMANITY.’  
(QURAN 5:32)**

“When **Covid-19** struck in early 2020, the eyes of the community fell on us.”

- Nusaybah Naeem  
(Executive Assistant)



People were feeling **bewildered, uncertain and afraid**. We were faced with **our toughest challenge yet**; to serve as a source of respite, reassurance and resilience for our shaken community.

Inspired by the following **ayah (verse) in the Quran**:

**‘whoever saves a life, it will be as if they saved all of humanity’ (5:32)**

We joined forces with other organisations, **mobilised volunteers, developed new teams, launched new projects**, created new ways of working and rolled out more new services than ever before.





# NEW SERVICES LAUNCHED IN RESPONSE TO COVID:



## Covid Service 1 - Hear4U listening service

When the country went into lockdown, we were worried about how our community would cope with the mental, emotional and psychological stress of facing such unfamiliar circumstances. We received an influx of concerning messages from people who were struggling with feeling of loneliness, anxiety and depression.

Without wasting a moment, we teamed up with a local GP and counsellors who offered a free CBT-based talk therapy twice a week. For some, this was a life-line.



# GLM

# 'HEAR4U'

## LISTENING SERVICE



0121 713 0095

A helpline service to provide emotional support to the community during this trying time of COVID-19.

EXPERIENCED AND QUALIFIED LISTENERS

OPEN TO ALL AGED 16+

TUESDAY 11.00AM-1.00PM (FEMALES)

THURSDAY 6.00PM-8.00PM (MALES & FEMALES)

## Mental Health Monday

We launched a 10-week social media campaign called **Mental Health Monday**. We used our online platforms to engage with our community and create a safe space for people to share their experiences anonymously. We educated our community on important aspects of **mental health**, and offered both **spiritual and therapeutic advice** on how to deal with challenging feeling and emotions.

Our core message was: **you are not alone**

## Covid Service 2 -

## Covid-19 delivery service for food and medicine

Due to the virus, the elderly and medically vulnerable were unable to leave their homes. Our emergency 7-day delivery service was brought about just for them. If someone was in urgent need of food or medicine but had no one to turn to, we were always just a call away.



Picture of food delivery volunteer

"The efforts of our staff and volunteers behind the scenes has been amazing. So many hidden activities have taken place. So many long hours and so much unseen dedication."

**Alee Stevenson - Trustee**





### Covid Service 3 - PPE campaign with Loft25

As the virus continued to spread, our frontline NHS workers were starting to run out of basic PPE equipment. GLMCC volunteers project managed an entire campaign in partnership with Loft25 to produce free PPE items. This was distributed to NHS hospitals,

medicals practices, care homes and funeral services. We began our distribution in the Midlands, but as demand continued to grow, we extended deliveries to London, Manchester, and other major cities to supply hospitals and care-homes across the country with essential PPE items.



By the end of our campaign, we have distributed **£250,000 worth of PPE for FREE**

**Over 900 volunteers** had helped us to sew garments, deliver PPE, quality check, pack and project manage



### Covid Service 4 - Million Masks Campaign

Following our PPE campaign, we wanted to ensure that all remaining material was put to good use. We set out to create packs of material for people to sew their own masks. Material for **one million masks** was packed and distributed to several mosques around Birmingham, with GLMCC taking the lead once again. Mosques then distributed these masks to wider Muslim and non-Muslim Birmingham communities.





COVID SERVICE 5 - EXTENDED FOOD BANK



For some, Covid-19 has been the **most difficult financial period** of their life. Families and individuals have had to face the crushing reality that at times they just **didn't have enough to feed their families**. Recognising this, we decided to **open up our foodbank every day of the week**, rather than just two days a week. Daily, we have also been distributing food parcels to those **in dire need**.

Over **£30,000** worth of grants were sourced to fuel our foodbank, and over **65% of our recipients were non-Muslims**.

The Messenger of Allah, (peace and blessings be upon him) said: 'He is not a believer who eats his fill whilst his neighbour beside him goes hungry.' (Bukhari).

ZAKAH SERVICES ( INCLUDING COVID HARDSHIP FUND )

Over this **difficult period**, there were those who were **struggling quietly**. **Refugees** who weren't entitled to Covid support and couldn't work were **often forgotten**. We managed to secure **£10,000** worth of grants from the Heart of England to **support refugees** through this tough period.

"We are blessed by Allaah to be in a unique position to help members of our community due to their circumstances. Allah provides a way of support to them through Zakat, where there is none."  
Uthmaan Ahmad - Zakat Caseworker

IN 2020 WE HAVE:

**HELPED 29 ASYLUM SEEKERS AND/OR THEIR FAMILIES WITH BASIC NEEDS**

**OVER 75% OF ZAKAT APPLICANTS ARE WOMEN**

**OVER 30% OF ZAKAT APPLICANTS HAVE FACED DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

**DISTRIBUTED OVER £71,000 IN LOCAL ZAKAT**

**DISTRIBUTED ZAKAT ACROSS 6 OF THE 8 CATEGORIES OF ZAKAT**

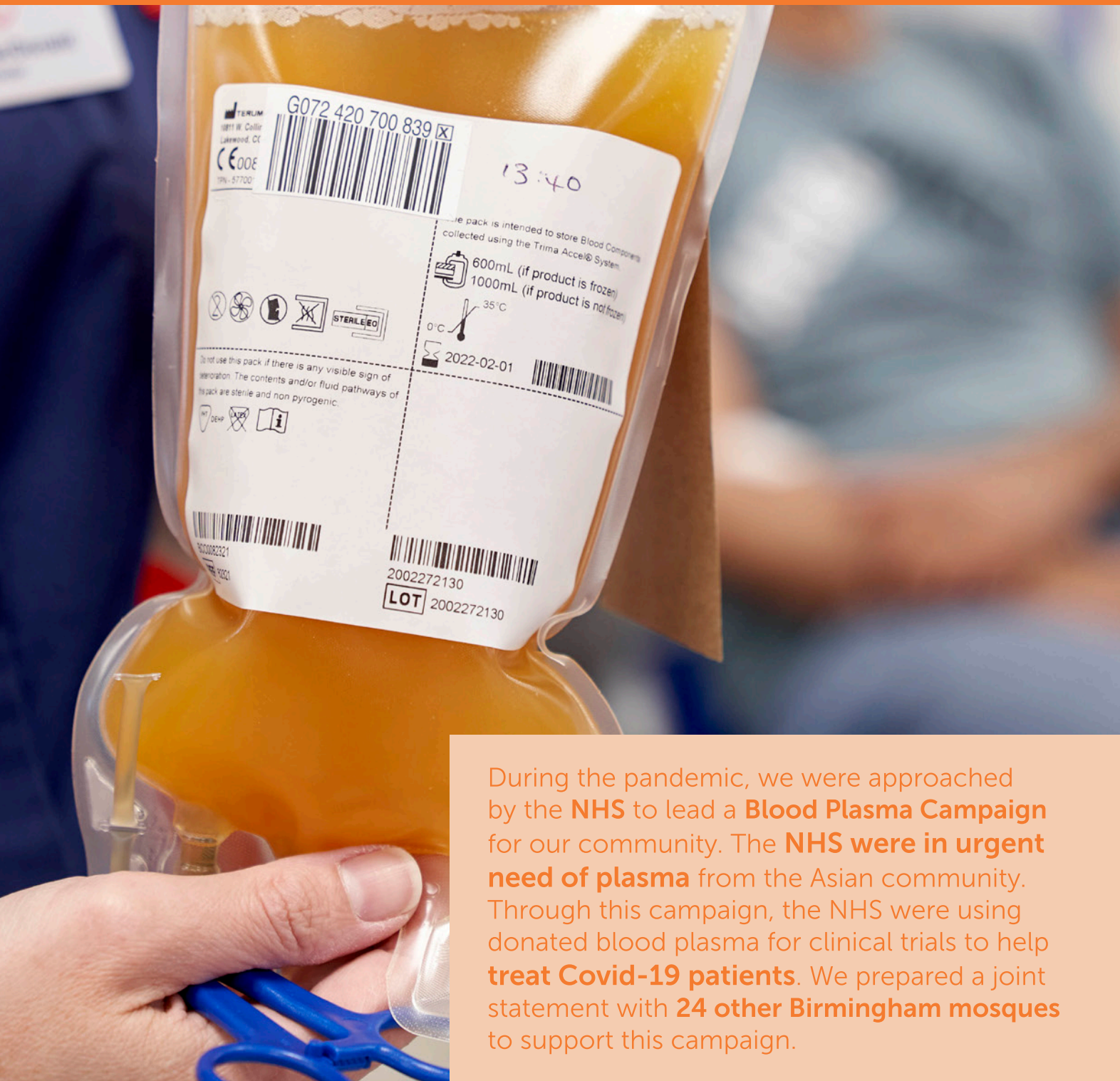
**OVER 40% OF ZAKAT APPLICANTS ARE ASYLUM SEEKERS**

**USED OVER £13,000 FOR BASIC FOOD AND NECESSITIES**

**HAD A TOTAL OF 68 ZAKAT BENEFICIARIES**



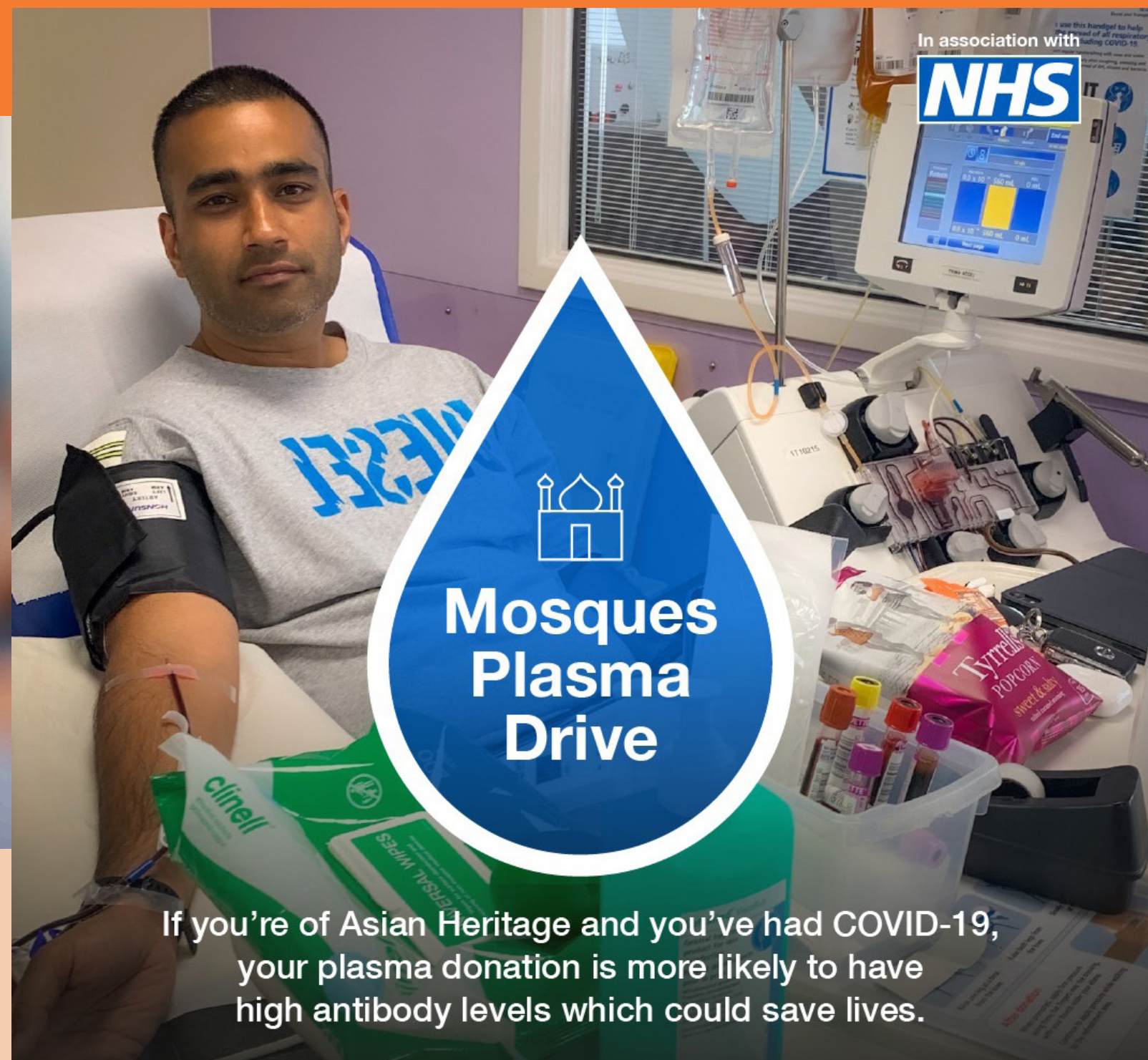
## COVID SERVICE 6 - BLOOD PLASMA CAMPAIGN



During the pandemic, we were approached by the **NHS** to lead a **Blood Plasma Campaign** for our community. The **NHS were in urgent need of plasma** from the Asian community. Through this campaign, the NHS were using donated blood plasma for clinical trials to help **treat Covid-19 patients**. We prepared a joint statement with **24 other Birmingham mosques** to support this campaign.

Mohammed Saeed, Chair of Trustees at GLMCC commented:

“This initiative has the potential to save lives, by the will of Allah (God). The Muslim community has been very proactive in their frontline support during this pandemic. We are hopeful that they will step forward again to support this campaign by donating their blood plasma.”



To register visit: [nhsbt.nhs.uk](https://nhsbt.nhs.uk)



Mosques

**PLASMA DRIVE**

11 - 25<sup>th</sup> September

In association with **NHS**



# WINTER FREEZE CAMPAIGN

This year, a number of faith institutes partnered to shelter the homeless. Green Lane Masjid with Muslim charities, Muslim Aid, Masjid Al Falah and the As-Suffa Institute combined forces to tackle the severe homelessness in Birmingham. Figures from the Office for National Statistics (ONS) show in 2018, Birmingham had the highest number of deaths recorded by any local authority in the country with **23 homeless people dying**. 31-year-old Kane Walker died in January 2019 near Birmingham's Bullring, which tragically gave rise to highlighting the needs of approximately 420 people sleeping rough across the West Midlands. This year (pre-covid), the homeless were given a place to stay overnight in a volunteer led shelter in Birmingham. The remarkable scheme provided the homeless with essential amenities such as food, clothing and shelter.

GLMCC first **opened its doors to the homeless** in 2019, sheltering the homeless as temperatures dropped below zero. The mosque stepped up again this year with the Birmingham community **coming together once more**, with individuals volunteering time, restaurants providing daily meals and people digging deep to donate essential food, clothing and blankets. This year, the collaboration allowed us to **house the homeless every night for several months** instead of just one.



B News • Midlands News • homelessness

## Birmingham Muslims giving shelter to the homeless throughout the winter

Rough sleepers will be able to bunk down safely in a central location for as long as the cold snap lasts.

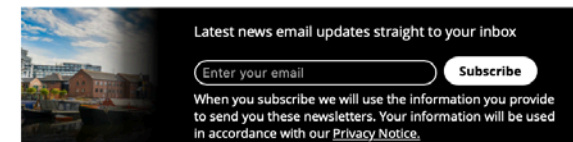
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NEWS

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The As-Suffa night shelter on Lionel Street near the City Centre with air mattresses and bedding ready for the evening attendees.



Birmingham Muslims are providing beds for the city's homeless community throughout the coming freezing months.

From Monday (Jan 6), rough sleepers will be able to bunk down safely in a central location for as long as the cold snap lasts.

For the first time, Green Lane Masjid and Community Centre (GLMCC), Muslim Aid and the [As-Suffa Institute](#) have pooled their resources, fundraising and expertise to tackle the homeless problem blighting our streets.

A [large rota of volunteers](#) from city mosques will be spending time away from their families so they run the unit on Lionel Street for up to 25 men, until March.

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PRESS RELEASE

## MASJIDS WITH THE HOMELESS

MOSQUES AND FAITH INSTITUTES PARTNER TO ACCOMMODATE THE HOMELESS

THE PROPHET MUHAMMAD (PEACE & BLESSINGS OF GOD BE UPON HIM) SAID:  
“HE IS NOT A BELIEVER WHOSE STOMACH IS FULL WHILE THE NEIGHBOUR TO HIS SIDE GOES HUNGRY.”



ALONGSIDE THE NUMEROUS NEW COVID SERVICES WE OFFERED, WE WERE ABLE TO MOVE SOME OF OUR REGULAR SERVICES ONLINE

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

**CANCER SUPPORT GROUP**

Are you **impacted by Cancer**? Do you **need to talk** to others?

Would you like to speak to **qualified professionals who understand**? Whether you're suffering from cancer, **have a friend or family member** impacted by cancer, this event is free for all to attend.

There will be representatives from **MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT** and others to help you along your journey.

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2019 | 1.00PM to 3.30PM**

**VENUE:**  
Castle Bromwich Hall Hotel, Chester Road, Birmingham, B36 9DE

Please register online | [www.g...](http://www.g...)

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IN PARTNERSHIP WITH  
**AMAN SOLICITORS**

**FREE PRIORITY LEGAL ADVICE** when you quote 'GLM'

**EXPERTS IN**

- Islamic Wills
- Family law
- Civil Litigation/Debt matters
- Employment law
- Immigration

**MONDAY - FRIDAY**  
**9.30AM - 5.30PM**

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**IMMIGRATION SURGERY**

**A PHONE-IN IMMIGRATION ADVICE SERVICE RUN IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE HOME OFFICE**

**WEDNESDAY 11AM – 3PM | FRIDAY 2PM-5PM**

Due to COVID-19 restrictions our partner Community Engagement Officers from the Home Office will now be conducting immigration surgeries over the phone.

If you or anyone you know needs general advice on immigration, status in the UK, or the Voluntary Return Service, the team will be available to talk. As always, it's a free service to get the advice you need.

**YOU WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK FREELY WITH AN ENGAGEMENT OFFICER WHO CAN PROVIDE CONFIDENTIAL GUIDANCE IN PRIVATE.**

**CONTACT THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OFFICERS on the following numbers**

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**IMAM Q&A**

**OUR IMAM Q&A CURRENTLY RUNS THREE TIMES A WEEK OVER THE PHONE AND VIA EMAIL**

**CALL ON 0121 713 0080 OR EMAIL [IMAMQA@GREENLANEMASJID.ORG](mailto:IMAMQA@GREENLANEMASJID.ORG)**

IMAM Q&A





# COVID-19 MUSLIM FUNERAL SERVICE HOTLINE

Joint venture between Green Lane Masjid, Birmingham Central Mosque  
and Central Funeral Services

**CALL** 07795 838 786

# OPERATIONS

**‘THE MOSQUES OF ALLAH SHOULD ONLY BE MAINTAINED BY THOSE WHO BELIEVE IN ALLAH AND THE LAST DAY, ESTABLISH PRAYER, PAY ALMS-TAX, AND FEAR NONE BUT ALLAH. IT IS RIGHT TO HOPE THAT THEY WILL BE AMONG THE (TRULY) GUIDED.’ (QURAN 9:18)**

**‘OUR PRAYER HALLS WERE FULL OF EMPTY CASKETS,  
RATHER THAN WORSHIPPERS’**

MOHAMMED ASGHAR - CARETAKER



**!**  
**PPE must  
be worn  
beyond  
this point**

## COVID-19 FUNERAL SERVICE

At GLMCC we were sensitive to the fact that families were feeling lost and confused upon **losing a loved one to Covid-19**. To support our community through this extremely difficult time, we introduced our **Covid-19 funeral service**. Our community trusted that we would manage the entire funeral process for their loved ones with the greatest level of **care, respect and dignity**.

Over the year, we saw a **370%** increase in the number of funerals taking place at GLMCC and by the end of the year, we had facilitated a total of **113 funerals**. At the height of the pandemic we joined forces with **Central Funeral Services** to jointly manage the entire operation. We placed a cold storage unit in our mosque carpark that could **hold an additional 30 bodies** to cater for the drastic increase in Covid deaths.



# MOSQUE REOPENING

**MASJID  
REOPENING  
WITH STRICT  
MEASURES**

**OPENING FOR JUMUAH  
WITH MULTIPLE SITTINGS  
TO SPREAD NUMBERS**

**“EVERYONE  
ADHERING TO  
NEW NORM”**

**“MUSLIM COMMUNITY  
DID WELL IN ADHERING  
TO GUIDELINES”**

**ENTRY VIA  
REGISTRATION**

**MANNED ENTRY AND  
EXITS FOR SAFETY**

**REGULAR RISK  
ASSESSMENTS**

**JOINT WORKING  
WITH PHE AND  
OTHER MOSQUES**



**GREEN LANE MASJID & COMMUNITY CENTRE**  
**MASJID GUIDANCE**

**REMEMBER COVID-19 VIRUS IS STILL PRESENT AND A THREAT TO LIFE**

-  Masjid will open 15mins prior to Jamaat and close IMMEDIATELY after
-  Bring your own prayer mat and take it back home with you. Entry will not be permitted without one
-  Limited numbers allowed on a first come first enter basis
-  Bring your own bag and keep shoes with you at all times - 1 way system in effect
-  Strict 2m distance should be maintained at all times
-  There will be no access to Mushafs on site
-  Avoid coming to the masjid if you are feeling unwell
-  NO Wudu or toilet facilities - please make Wudu at home
-  No Elderly over 70, sick or children under 12 allowed
-  Avoid handshakes and close contact with all
-  All non congregational prayers must be performed at home i.e. Sunnah, nawafil etc
-  Windows will be open for ventilation so please dress warm
-  You MUST bring a face mask, entry will not be permitted without one

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## MASJID DEEP CLEAN

Throughout the week, the mosque is regularly **deep cleaned** to ensure a safe space for our congregation.



## NEW STUDIO

In the final quarter of the year, the operations team were busy renovating our old library into a **modern and high-tech studio**. Our media team now have a place they can call home onsite!



## DAILY OPERATIONS

Throughout the pandemic, the operations team have **facilitated core services** for our community, such as funerals, nikahs, onsite youth club, shahadah ceremonies and food parcel packing. Day-to-day, the operations team have also been responsible for ensuring the safety of every member of staff, congregation member and service user onsite.

### This has been done by:

- Reducing our prayer capacity
- Facilitating **2-3 Covid-safe Friday prayers** every week
- Keeping worshippers **socially distanced**
- Prayer attendance on **registration-only basis**
- **Track and trace QR codes** at all entrances
- Regular reminders by staff and medical professionals to worshippers onsite
- Ensuring that elders over 65 were staying safe by remaining at home
- **Hand sanitisation stations** throughout the building
- Manning our reception 6 days a week
- **Masks and prayer sheets** provided for all worshippers





The **closure** of schools and youth clubs this year led to some **young people feeling a little restless!** To keep them engaged, **we launched** a new youth club, held a number of youth talks,

## 2 YOUTH & SOCIAL ACTIVITIES



**‘THE BELIEVER IS FRIENDLY AND BEFRIENDED, FOR THERE IS NO GOODNESS IN ONE WHO IS NEITHER FRIENDLY, NOR BEFRIENDED. THE BEST OF PEOPLE ARE THOSE WHO ARE MOST BENEFICIAL TO PEOPLE.’  
(HADITH)**

ran our **weekly football club** and an **exclusive 3-month canoeing programme.**





# YOUTH CLUB

We **successfully** launched a new youth club in partnership with **Pitch2Progress (P2P)**, primarily aimed at **hard-to-reach** and **at-risk youth**. Starting in October, we held **Link Up Youth Club** activities every weekend which included onsite **Covid-safe youth clubs, outdoor sports, online workshops, and an online gaming tournament** with ustadh Aqeel Mahmood. Over the period of two and a half months, the P2P youth workers have formed trusting relationships with the youth which has encouraged them to open up about some of the struggles and temptations they face as teens in our community.



## 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

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CONTACT@PITCH2PROGRESS.CO.UK

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## LINK UP OUTDOOR SPORTS

FREE AGE 15+

EVERY SATURDAY 10.30AM-1.30PM

BRING OWN DRINKS

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## LINK UP YOUTH CLUB

FREE

ACTIVITIES

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

EVERY SUNDAY 2PM-4PM | GIRLS 11-19

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# YOUTH TALKS

We have regular talks for the youth such as, our February seminar on the topic of love and romance in Islam which coincided with Valentine's day. The aim was to **engage with the youth and to guide them** to the correct method of pursuing a spouse.



# CANOEING

We worked in **partnership with former Olympian Andy Train** to run a **3-month canoeing programme** for youth.

After the first lockdown ended, it was a safe activity for individuals to paddle in their own canoes whilst guided by Andy Train. **Over 30 young people** attended **every Sunday between 9am – 5pm**. Many participants were canoeing for the first time and were unaware of how much fun they could have on the canals which are on the **doorstep of the mosque!**



# GLM FOOTBALL CLUB

Our football club is one of our **most popular youth activities**. While it was safe to do so, football remained a weekly activity that everyone looked forward to. An average of **40 boys** attended our football sessions **every Saturday** during the Summer. We are also glad to have secured a new home for our football and sporting activities at **Saltley Stallion's** Green Lane Playing Fields.







# 3 DAWAH & OUTREACH

‘AND WHOSE WORDS ARE BETTER THAN SOMEONE WHO CALLS (OTHERS) TO ALLAH, DOES GOOD, AND SAYS, “I AM TRULY ONE OF THOSE WHO SUBMIT.”?’  
(QURAN 41:33)



As a mosque, one of our primary goals is to bring **Allah (God) into the lives of people**. When the pandemic struck, we knew that **now more than ever, our community needed us** to support them. **We pulled together** and managed to provide our community with online activities, events and talks worth **hundreds of hours**.

We offered online seminars, international conferences, a Ramadan programme, podcasts, campaigns, university talks, quizzes, courses and a number of regular activities and events for both our national and international audiences to benefit from.





# RAMADAN

For many, Ramadan is a quite a social season, with many family and community events to take part in and enjoy. **For the first time ever, we were faced with the challenge of providing our congregation with the same spiritual experience – but at a distance.**



To help people prepare for Ramadan in lockdown, we held an online conference with prominent speakers from the West who shared their positive and encouraging words of wisdom. During Ramadan, we delivered **over 9 hours of daily content** for people to tune into.



**WE CONDUCTED OUR FIRST EVER 3-HOUR DAILY TAFSEER READING CLASS WITH DR. AHSAN HANIF WHICH WAS A VALUABLE ADDITION TO THE RAMADAN OF MANY.**

**‘THIS HAS TRULY BEEN A ONE-OF-A-KIND SERIES.’**

**‘AMAZING SERIES!’**

**‘MAY ALLAH BLESS THIS TREMENDOUS EFFORT...VERY TRANSFORMATIONAL’**

**‘FOR PEOPLE LIKE ME WHO WOULD HAVE NEVER PICKED UP THE ACTUAL BOOK, YOU MADE THE PATH TO UNDERSTANDING ALLAH’S BOOK SO MUCH EASIER AND ACCESSIBLE.’**

**‘NEVER THOUGHT I WOULD BE ABLE TO READ A WHOLE TAFSEER IN ARABIC, THESE LESSONS HAVE REALLY PUSHED ME TO CHALLENGE MYSELF...’**



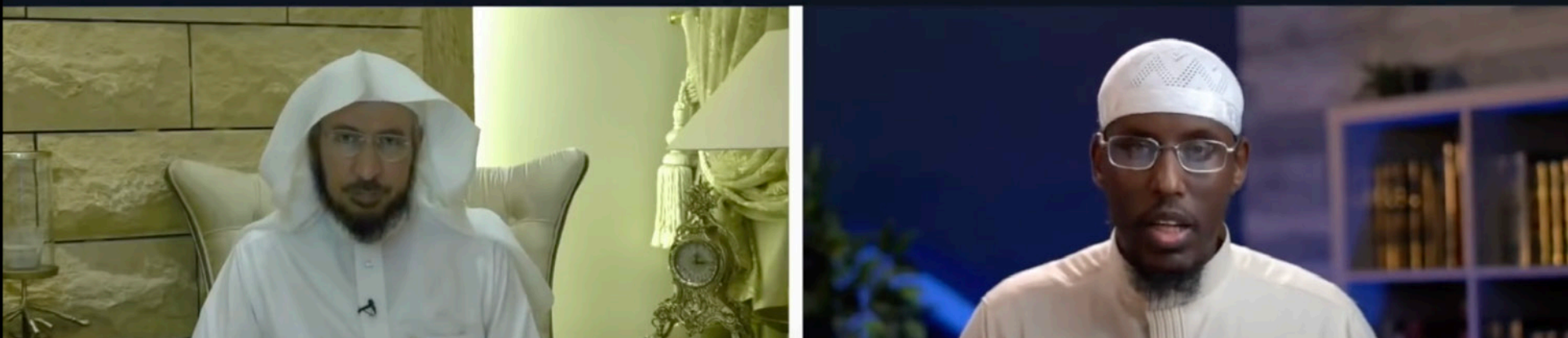
## 30-YEAR TAFSEER CLASS COMPLETED !

This year the **Dawah department** reached a significant milestone. **Sheikh Hafeezullah Khan** completed his **weekly Tafseer class** which he **started in 1988!** We were honoured to be able to present the sheikh with an **appreciation award** for his commitment to help our community understand **the words of Allah** (swt). We also interviewed the sheikh on our YouTube channel to gain insight into his experience of teaching this class for **over 30 years**.

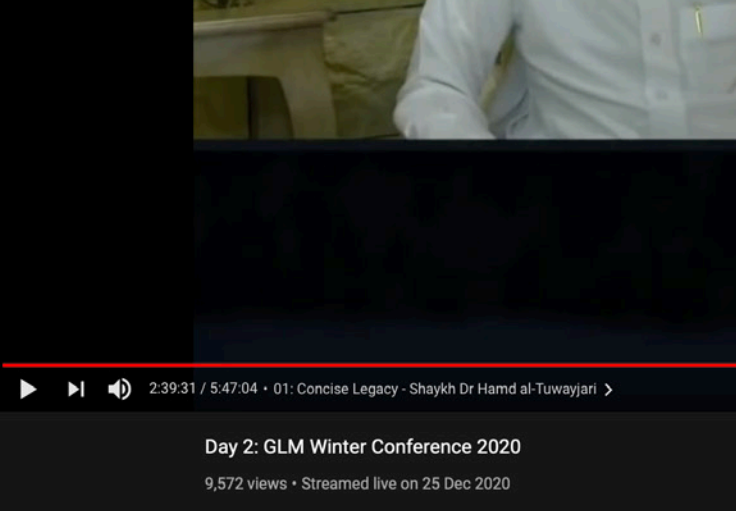


"I am very **honoured** that **Allah subhanahu wa ta'ala** (the Glorified and Most High), out of his **blessings and mercy**, has allowed me to complete the **Tafseer of the quran** after **30 years of classes** at Green Lane Masjid, I would also like to thank all the attendees of my class and the management of GLM for facilitating this noble cause. May **Allah** accept it from us all." - **Sheikh Mohammad Hafeezullah Khan**





# OUR FIRST EVER ONLINE WINTER CONFERENCE



Our annual winter conference is one of our most popular events of the year. **Thousands of Muslims from all over Europe** travel to GLMCC to learn directly from **world-renowned Islamic scholars** of the highest calibre in their academic fields. For the first time in our history, we moved this experience online. Our online winter conference lasted 9 days and was **packed with knowledge, stories and gems** for our online audiences to reflect on over the winter break.



OVER **45K** VIEWS  
FOR THE SESSIONS ON  
YOUTUBE

ON AVERAGE  
**150-200** PEOPLE  
TUNING IN LIVE DAILY





OVER **100K**  
SUBSCRIBERS  
YOUTUBE AWARD

APPROX. **600-800**  
HOURS OF ONLINE  
CONTENT

“Lockdown resulted in a **HUGE** increase in our online output which meant that we had to **work harder than ever**. Over **30 hours of content** was edited for our **online Winter Conference** alone!”  
**Ibraheem Naeem - Videographer**



# OVER 1000 STUDENTS BENEFITTED FROM OUR WORK THIS YEAR!

In the space of just 3 months (before Covid-19 struck) we carried out 22 events across 8 universities including lectures, Friday sermons, speaker tours and support for Discover Islam Week.



We currently deliver two regular classes to **over 10** Islamic societies across the UK. **Over 20 UK Islamic societies** also continue to benefit from our wide range of student friendly services.



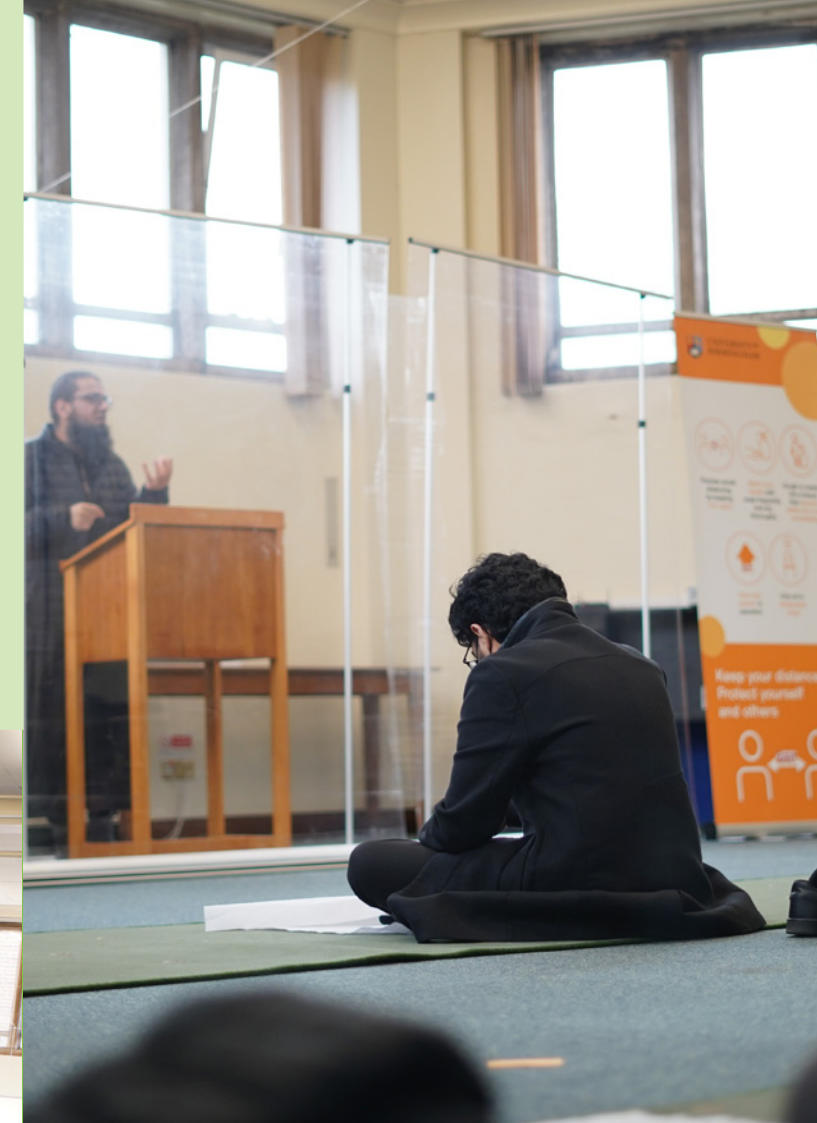
"Alhumdulillah, GLM has been immensely helpful for Bristol ISoc throughout semester 2 in providing our members with regular and impactful quality content which covers various aspects of student life. These were much needed for Bristol Isoc especially in the Covid era.

From teachers to admin staff, we are forever grateful to everyone involved in the GLM team."

Aamir Mohamed, Bristol Isoc President

## CHAPLAINCY

Imam Adil Saleem, who is the Head of Dawah at GLMCC was appointed as Muslim Chaplain at the University of Birmingham in 2020. The university write that Adil is 'a respected and valued member of the Multi-Faith Chaplaincy team' and has 'acted as an advisor and critical friend to the University.'



### As a Muslim Chaplain, Adil has been involved in:

- Keeping the Multi-Faith Chaplaincy open and accessible by providing guidance and sharing best practice to ensure worship spaces were Covid-19 safe
- Leading on planning and executing **Friday prayers**
- Providing 1:1 **pastoral support** to staff and students
- Working with and **advising staff** in various schools on mental health from an Islamic perspective
- Working closely with the University to **raise awareness** of Islam and the needs of Muslim students





APPROX. **500**  
**KHUTBAHS/LECTURES**  
**AND ONLINE SEMINARS**  
**DELIVERED IN THE YEAR**

"This appointment has provided much needed spiritual and pastoral support to staff and students of the University. As a respected and valued member of the Multi-Faith Chaplaincy team, Adil has acted as an advisor and critical friend to the University providing a faith perspective on numerous issues of importance to staff and students, such as tackling hate crime and incidents, equality, diversity and inclusion matters, and Student wellbeing support."

University of Birmingham



# ANTI-RACISM CAMPAIGN

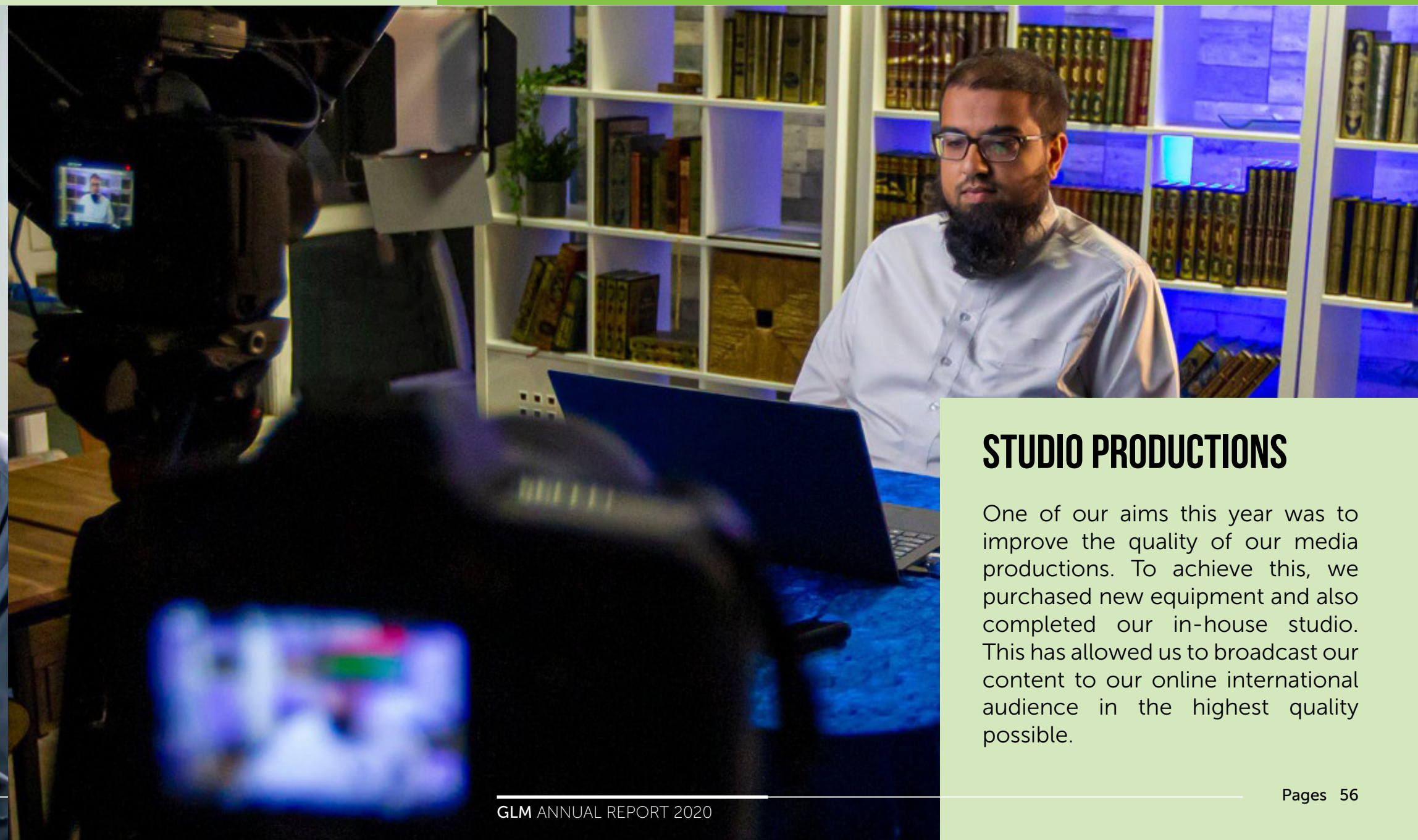
Severe racial injustices came to surface this year with the events surrounding George Floyd's death. We released an article titled 'Stand for Change: 5 Things we can do to Counter Racism' to encourage our community to let go of deeply held racial prejudices which are completely antithetical to our faith.

We designed social media posts to educate our community on some of the greatest companions of the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him), who also happened to be black.

Sheikh Abu Usamah At-Thahabi also delivered a lecture on Islam's zero tolerance stance on all forms of racism. Later in the year we had further discussions on social activism and a conversation on racism with Dr Abdul Haqq Baker.

## PODCASTS

Launching a podcast this year has given us the opportunity to have more personal and informal conversations with key speakers and Imams. We feel that these discussions play an important role in helping our community to connect with their religion and religious figures on an individual level. Speaking about current affairs, common struggles and personal journeys displays that Islam is a religion for all, and that everyone has a story to tell...



## STUDIO PRODUCTIONS

One of our aims this year was to improve the quality of our media productions. To achieve this, we purchased new equipment and also completed our in-house studio. This has allowed us to broadcast our content to our online international audience in the highest quality possible.



# MUSLIMS JESUS CAMPAIGN



**HOW  
MUCH DO YOU  
KNOW ABOUT  
PROPHET EESA (AS)?  
TAKE THE QUIZ**



MUSLIMS  JESUS  
CAMPAIGN

## MUSLIMS LOVE JESUS

Through our Muslims Love Jesus campaign, we started a conversation on the life and virtues of Prophet Eesa (peace be upon him) and his mother Maryam. We did this by releasing two educational videos, an article on Maryam (peace be upon her), and a beautifully designed pack of cards to give to non-Muslim colleagues and neighbours.



**BESIDES ALL OF OUR NEW AND EXCITING VENTURES  
THIS YEAR, WE HAVE ALSO CONTINUED WITH:**

- SCHOOL VISITS
- REGULAR LECTURES
- ONLINE COURSES
- MONTHLY QUIZZES
- STREAMING OUR KHUTBAHS AND BROADCASTING ON EMAN CHANNEL
- VIDEO GUIDANCE ON TOPICAL ISSUES



**OUR PLANS FOR 2021 INCLUDE DEVELOPING A LONG-TERM  
STRATEGY FOR CLASSICAL ISLAMIC STUDIES, A LONG-TERM YOUTH  
STRATEGY AND MANY MORE CAMPAIGNS!**







# 4 EDUCATION

‘NO ONE LEAVES THEIR HOUSE IN SEARCH OF KNOWLEDGE BUT THAT ANGELS WILL LOWER THEIR WINGS IN APPROVAL OF WHAT HE (OR SHE) IS DOING.’  
(HADITH)

A core objective of ours is to provide **outstanding Islamic education** for people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities within our community.

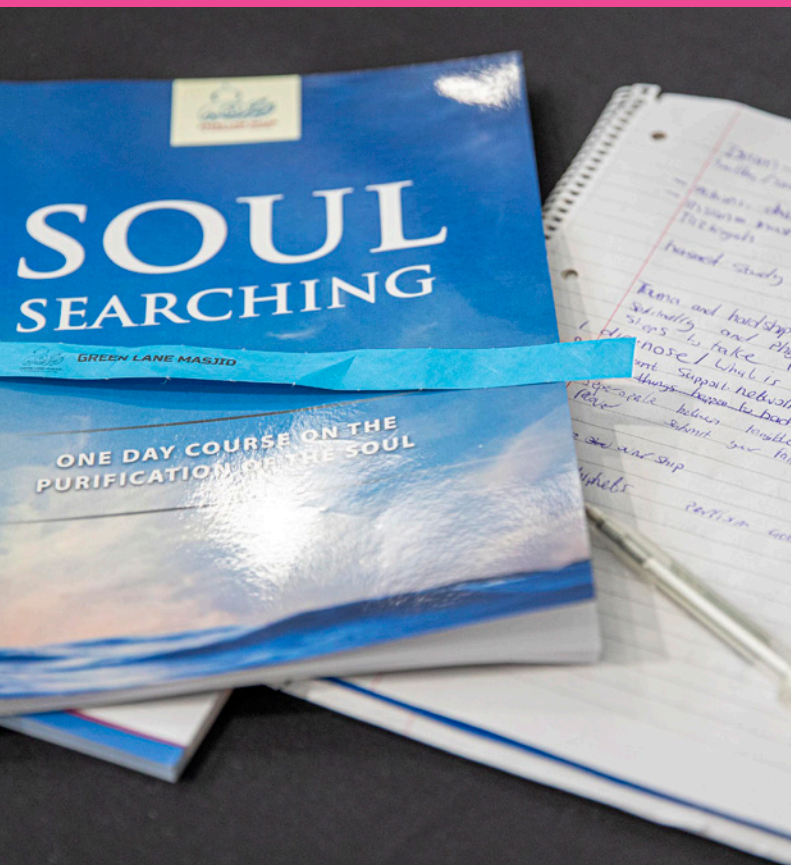
We want **every single student** of ours to **flourish** and be confident in their Islamic knowledge and identity.



During the pandemic, we have continued to provide **over 70 hours of learning** each week for adults. Our weekly

children's supplementary evening school (Madrasah) runs 4 days a week. **over 400 children** registered...





## ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES

When the pandemic started, we didn't want to put our educational programmes on hold indefinitely. We quickly adapted our plans and managed to launch everything online alhamdulillah.

We launched new Arabic online short courses to enable those who had been furloughed to gain some new language skills. We offered a free online Tafsir course to sisters, to help them to connect with the Quran and reflect on important life-lessons. Our online sisters programme including Islam Intensive, Bow Down and Islam Essentials courses also went virtual, allowing sisters to learn from their home.



**OVER 40 WEEKLY  
ONLINE ADULT CLASSES**

## MADRASAH - SUPPLEMENTARY SCHOOL



The routines and schedules of so many children had been disrupted due to the pandemic. For this reason, we decided that we had to find a way to continue with our Madrasah, to protect the learning and wellbeing of our students.



Alhamdulillah, we successfully launched our online Madrasah in March, giving children from other cities the opportunity to learn with us too. Alhamdulillah, we also recruited Naseem Khan, who is our new Madrasah head teacher.

Despite everything being virtual, our students still managed to raise an impressive **£22.5K** for the masjid over Ramadan!



# EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S KEY ACTIVITIES OVER 2020





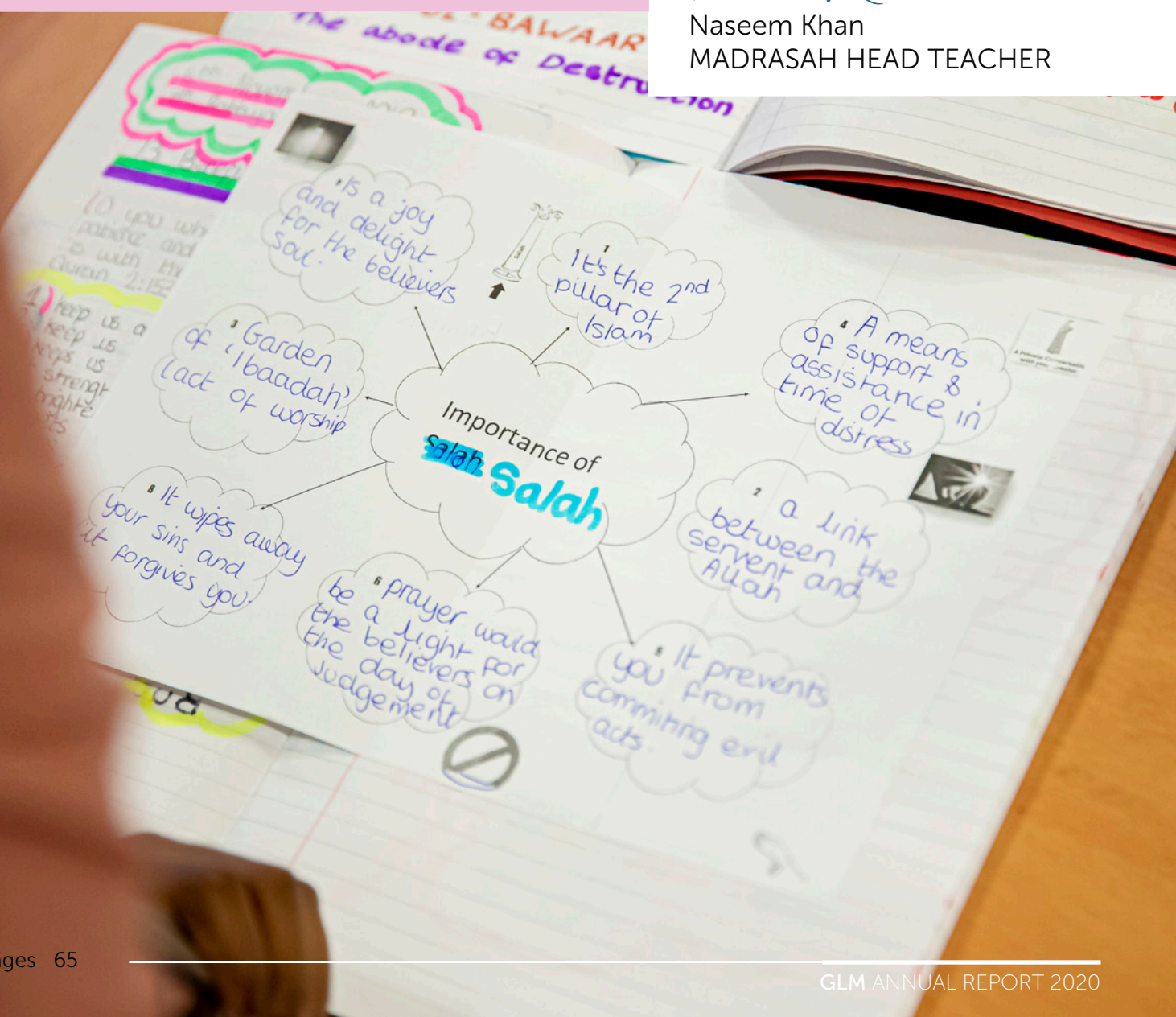
# MESSAGE FROM MADRASAH HEAD TEACHER

"This year certainly has been anomalous. Having stepped into my new role back in November, my speculations of student life returning to the classroom were full of optimism. No sooner had I begun to entertain the idea the nation was drawn into another lockdown. Knowing "with hardship comes ease" [94:5], provided a sense of relief and contentment; a promise that raises hopes.

We continued with our online madrasah, extending beyond our regular boundaries to welcome children and families who previously could not be reached. As we look ahead to the coming year with renewed optimism, plenty of developments are planned that will enable the Madrasah to further support the Islamic education of our children in the hope it will strengthen ties with the communities they represent, inshaAllah."

*Naseem Khan*

Naseem Khan  
MADRASAH HEAD TEACHER



**OVER 400  
CHILDREN  
REGISTERED**





# OUR PLANS FOR 2021 INCLUDE:

- Restarting an onsite Madrasah in conjunction with the Online Madrasah
- Develop and record more short courses for Education
- Develop Education Website
- Develop Tarbiyah courses for sisters
- Consider developing a Weekend Madrasah



**‘I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR ACCEPTING ME ONTO THE FIQH AND AQEEDAH COURSE. [...] I WOULD JUST LIKE YOU TO KNOW THAT I LOVE LEARNING ABOUT ISLAM. I ALSO THINK IT IS A GOOD THING THAT IT IS RECORDED SO I CAN LISTEN TO IT AGAIN AT MY OWN PACE IN ORDER TO TAKE NOTES PROPERLY. MAY ALLAH BLESS YOU ALL AT GREEN LANE MASJID AND ALL THE WORK THAT YOU DO.’**  
**- STUDENT, FIQH AND AQEEDAH SHORT COURSES**

**‘IT IS REALLY HELPFUL FOR EVERYONE’S PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH.’**  
**- PARENT OF MADRASAH STUDENT**

**‘ALHAMDULILLAH I AM CONTEMPLATING A LOT MORE ON THE BLESSINGS ALLAH GIVES ME ON A DAILY BASIS THAT NORMALLY I WOULD NOT EVEN ACKNOWLEDGE...’**  
**- STUDENT, ISLAM INTENSIVE COURSE**

**‘A TEACHER CAN EITHER MAKE A STUDENT LIKE OR DISLIKE A SUBJECT AND FOR ME IT IS THE FORMER. I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU EVER SO MUCH FOR ALL YOUR GUIDANCE.’**  
**- STUDENT, ISLAM INTENSIVE COURSE**

**‘I WAS REALLY WORRIED THAT I HAD BEEN MISSING GREEN LANE’S MADRASAH. ONCE I GOT A PLACE ONLINE I COULDN’T STOP THANKING ALLAH. ALHAMDULILLAH!’**  
**- PARENT OF MADRASAH STUDENT**





Over the last **seven years**, **Taskforce GLM** have raised and distributed over **£8 Million** to those facing humanitarian crises across the world. In **2020** alone, we managed to raise **£1.6 million for those in need**. We are proud to say that our work bears testimony to the generosity the Muslim community is well known for.

Whether it is at home in the **UK**, or across the world, we strive to implement the **way of the Prophet** (peace be upon him).



# 6 HUMANITARIAN & SOCIAL CAMPAIGNS

**“HE IS NOT A BELIEVER WHOSE STOMACH IS FILLED WHILE HIS NEIGHBOUR GOES HUNGRY.”**  
(AL-SUNAN AL-KUBRA)





# SUPPORTING THE MOST NEEDY AROUND THE WORLD

## COUNTRIES WORKED IN

- PAKISTAN
- IRAQ
- SYRIA
- TURKEY
- LEBANON
- PALESTINE
- YEMEN
- SOMALIA
- SUDAN
- BANGLADESH
- MYANMAR
- NEPAL
- UK
- JORDAN
- TUNISIA
- GREECE



**ALL PROJECTS ARE OVERSEEN BY GREEN LANE MASJID**



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**TASKFORCE GLM**  
**Emergency Winter Aid Dist**  
2020/2021

KEEPING OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS WARM

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ONE UMMAH CHARITY

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**OVER 8 MILLION** DISTRUBITED SINCE  
**INCEPTION OF THE TASKFORCE**



# THE YEAR OF COVID DID NOT SLOW US DOWN

WE CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR OUR SYRIA BREAD FACTORY PROVIDING OVER 1000 TONNES OF BREAD (APPROX. 6 MILLION LOAVES!)

ALHAMDULILLAH WE HELPED THE DISPLACED IN MYANMAR AND BUILT CLEAN WATER WELLS IN

WE SUPPORTED THE BUILDING OF A HOSPITAL IN PALESTINE

OUR WINTER FREEZE PROJECT PROVIDED ESSENTIAL CLOTHING, HEATING AND 5 MONTHS' WORTH OF FOOD FOR REFUGEES IN SYRIA, LEBANON AND YEMEN

WE PROVIDED SPONSORSHIP FOR ORPHANS IN SUDAN AND LEBANON



WHEN THE TEMPERATURES DROPPED IN BIRMINGHAM, AND THE STREETS WERE EMPTY DUE TO COVID, THE HOMELESS WERE LEFT COMPLETELY HELPLESS

DUE TO COVID, IMPOVERISHED COMMUNITIES AROUND THE WORLD FACED EVEN GREATER FINANCIAL BURDENS. WE ESTABLISHED MICRO FINANCE INITIATIVES AND ECONOMIC REGENERATION PROJECTS

WE DISTRIBUTED YOUR QURBANI IN BANGLADESH, SOMALIA, MYANMAR AND PAKISTAN

WHEN THE DREADFUL BLAST TOOK PLACE IN BEIRUT, LEBANON INJURING 7,500 PEOPLE AND MAKING A FURTHER 300,000 HOMELESS — WE WERE THERE WITH YOUR EMERGENCY AID. WE ALSO PROVIDED ESSENTIAL SUPPLIES TO PROTECT FURTHER AGAINST COVID



# 7 YEARS OF SERVING HUMANITY



**RUN BY THE  
COMMUNITY,  
FOR THE  
COMMUNITY**



**REACHING  
THE MOST  
NEEDY**



**PROJECTS  
PERSONALLY  
OVERSEEN  
BY THE  
MASJID**

## BECOME PART OF THIS LEGACY

## OVER £8 MILLION OF AID DELIVERED

**PROJECTS  
WORKED ON**



- BREAD
- FOOD PARCELS
- WINTER CLOTHING
- HEATING
- SHELTERS
- IFTAAR PACKS
- ORPHANS SUPPORT
- ORPHANS PLAYGROUND
- COMMUNITY IFTAARS
- MEDICAL CAMPS
- OPERATIONS
- HYGIENE TRAINING
- CASH GRANTS
- FIRST AID KITS
- FIREWOOD
- SLEEPING BAGS
- HYGIENE KITS
- MEDICINE
- HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT

**COUNTRIES  
WORKED IN**

- PAKISTAN
- IRAQ
- SYRIA
- TURKEY
- LEBANON
- PALESTINE
- YEMEN
- SOMALIA
- SUDAN
- BANGLADESH
- MYANMAR
- NEPAL
- UK
- JORDAN
- TUNISIA
- GREECE





EMERGENCY WINTER AID 2020/21

‘AND (THEY) GIVE FOOD - DESPITE THEIR DESIRE FOR IT - TO THE POOR, THE ORPHAN, AND THE CAPTIVE, (SAYING TO THEMSELVES), “WE FEED YOU ONLY FOR THE SAKE OF ALLAH, SEEKING NEITHER REWARD NOR THANKS FROM YOU.”  
(QURAN 76:8-9)



# MEDIA

## OUR MEDIA APPEARANCES THIS YEAR HAVE INCLUDED

### Radio interviews

BBC WM, BBC Asian network, Heart FM, Unity FM, Luton FM

Over **40** **journalist** and media organisations engaged

Over **40 articles** and statments written about GLMCC

**TV interviews include** BBC, ITV, Sky News, Eman Channel, Islam Channel

### Articles

Metro, Guardian, Birmingham Mail, Al-Jazeera, Islam21c, 5Pillars, Eastern Eye, Arab news, Asian Image etc



## MEDIA

This year, our every move has been closely watched. As Covid-19 started to spread, it wasn't only the eyes of our congregation, community and other mosques that fell on us, but also the eye of the media.

We sought to honour our position of leadership this year by setting the right example of how to react to illness, difficulty, and hardship according to the teachings of Islam.



## 2020 PRESS STATEMENTS

**PUBLIC HEALTH GUIDELINES**

**CALL TO PRAYER**

**MOSQUE CLOSURES**

**PLASMA CAMPAIGN**

**COMMUNITY SUPPORT**

**YOUTH VIOLENCE STATEMENT**

**CALL FOR TOLERANCE, RESPECT AND UNITY**

**VACCINE GUIDANCE**

**LOCKDOWN MEASURES**

**HATE CRIME**

**SYRIAN FAMILY RE-LOCATION**

**EID IN THE PARK**

**ENVIROMENTAL CAMPAING**

**WINTER HOMELESS CAMPAIGN**

**LONDON MOSQUE ATTACK**

**INCLUDING: COVID EMERGENCY MEASURES**





Our media engagement has allowed us to further share core moral and ethical teachings of Islam. Some of the key principles we have been sharing are:

**Preserving human life:**

“If anyone saves a life it would be as if he saved the lives of all mankind.” Quran 5:32

**A lesson in patience:**

“And We will surely test you with something of fear and hunger and a loss of wealth and lives and fruits, but give good tidings to the patient” Al Quran 2:155

**Accepting medical treatment:**

‘Make use of medical treatment, for Allah has not made a disease without appointing a remedy for it.’ (Abu Dawud)

**Listening to the experts:**

‘Ask the people of knowledge, if you do not know.’ Al Quran 21:7

**Allah is the One who cures:**

‘Oh Allah you are the Curer. There is no cure except through You. Cure (him or her), a cure that leaves no disease].’ (Bukhari)



**“ALHAMDULILLAH, THIS YEAR WE LED BY EXAMPLE. OUR MEDIA ENGAGEMENT HELPED US TO RELAY A TRUE ACCOUNT OF OUR DEEN AND OUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO SOCIETY OVER THE PANDEMIC.”**

**HANIYA AADAM - PRESS & MEDIA LEAD**





## A VOICE OF LEADERSHIP

As Covid-19 started to spread, we knew that every action we took was being watched intently. We understood that every decision needed to be measured, decisive and responsible.

It was our responsibility to raise a voice of leadership, support and guidance for the Muslim community and other UK mosques during this time of disarray.

## SOME OF OUR 2020 LEADERSHIP WORK INCLUDED:

- Delivering a number of **webinars** for UK mosques
- Creating **best practice templates** to be shared with UK mosques with the help of the British Islamic Medical Association (BIMA), the Muslim Council of Britain (MCB) and Faith Associates.
- Liaising with other organisations to agree **guidance** and actions for the Muslim community. Organisations we have worked with to show leadership include Public Health England, MCB, NHS, BIMA and the Birmingham Mosques Group
- Leading on many **joint mosque statements** and forums with 25-40 signatories on each statement
- Being called on for a witness statement by the government for inquiry as a **best practice masjid**
- Receiving **awards** for the work that we did
- Informative and educational Covid safety videos





# CASE STUDIES

## **“I found this course very informative and interactive”**

“I’m originally from Birmingham and I had attended a couple of courses previously at Green Lane Masjid. I now reside in Manchester. When I had moved away, I was sad about not being able to attend the courses in-person at GLM. However, since the pandemic had started, I was delighted to hear about the courses being offered online.

The first course I attended was the Islam Intensive course. I found this course very informative and interactive, despite this being an online event. It was well structured and there was also an exam at the end, which was conducted well. Throughout the course, I was able to ask questions and clarify any misconceptions that I had, and this helped me with my understanding. Studying this course had motivated me to start studying the religion, which I had neglected for such a long time. I felt interested in learning more and since my experience was a very positive one, I signed up to more courses, namely, Islam Essentials, the monthly Islamwise/Sisters Tarbiyah sisters webinar, Tadabbur, Our innate Need and the Fiqh of Fasting.

For the courses which I have been unable to attend at the scheduled time, I have had the chance to study these in my own time, through a recording link. Resources have also been shared during the courses.

All the courses have been very illuminating for me. They have given me focus, a sense of belonging and hope. They have inspired me to continue learning and I really hope that future courses can be offered in this way also.”

**GLM Education Student**



## **A mother and 6 children in desperate need**

Sister R is a single mother with 6 children. She is a British national. Two of her children have special needs and require permanent care. For this reason, she cannot work and is receiving benefits. She has also faced domestic abuse in her marriages. Last year, Sister R undertook repair works in her home but was defrauded by the contractor. He took her money and did not complete the work, whilst also leaving the home in a very dangerous state. After viewing her home, it was clear that it needed a lot of work and was not safe for her young children. She was in urgent need of carpets for the whole house as there were only floorboards and concrete floors at the time of viewing.

During winter, the house was freezing cold and the lack of carpet made it worse. Sister R and her children were suffering. She had no suitable kitchen facilities and no taps. This was her second most urgent need. She was using two hot plates to cook for her family and a pipe out of the wall for water. Sister R had borrowed money from family to help with plastering, painting, having a usable bathroom and skirting/doors. She was finding it difficult to ask for more as her family had already given her what they could.

Alhamdulillah, our Zakat service was able to pay for the carpet for the whole house as well as the installation of her kitchen and other building work that needed attending to. Sister R is one of many applicants that we help and provide Zakat to. There are many cases like sister R’s that require local distribution of Zakat.





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“I always knew that Islam doesn’t encourage racism in any form... however coming across Green Lane Masjid’s social media posts which detailed the lives of black prominent Muslims from the sahabah and seerah were very informative and beneficial to me; I took a great deal away from them. Before the posts, I embarrassingly only knew 2 black figures in islamic history: Bilal (ra) and the Abyssinian king who had become Muslim, however after the posts, I know of many more and feel like my knowledge has been broadened. The posts came at a pertinent time with the current events which were taking place and were exactly what was needed from a leading masjid, keep up the good work GLM.”

**Social Media Follower**

## **LIFE AS SHE KNEW IT CHANGED FOREVER!**

Sister Iman (not her real name) was living happily overseas with her husband and four children. Her husband was the family bread-winner, but tragically passed away in 2019. Life as she knew it changed forever. She was alone with four children, and no income. Having limited work experience, she searched far and wide for jobs, but was unable to find anything. Her family and friends based in Birmingham saw her dire situation and asked her to come to the UK where they could support her.

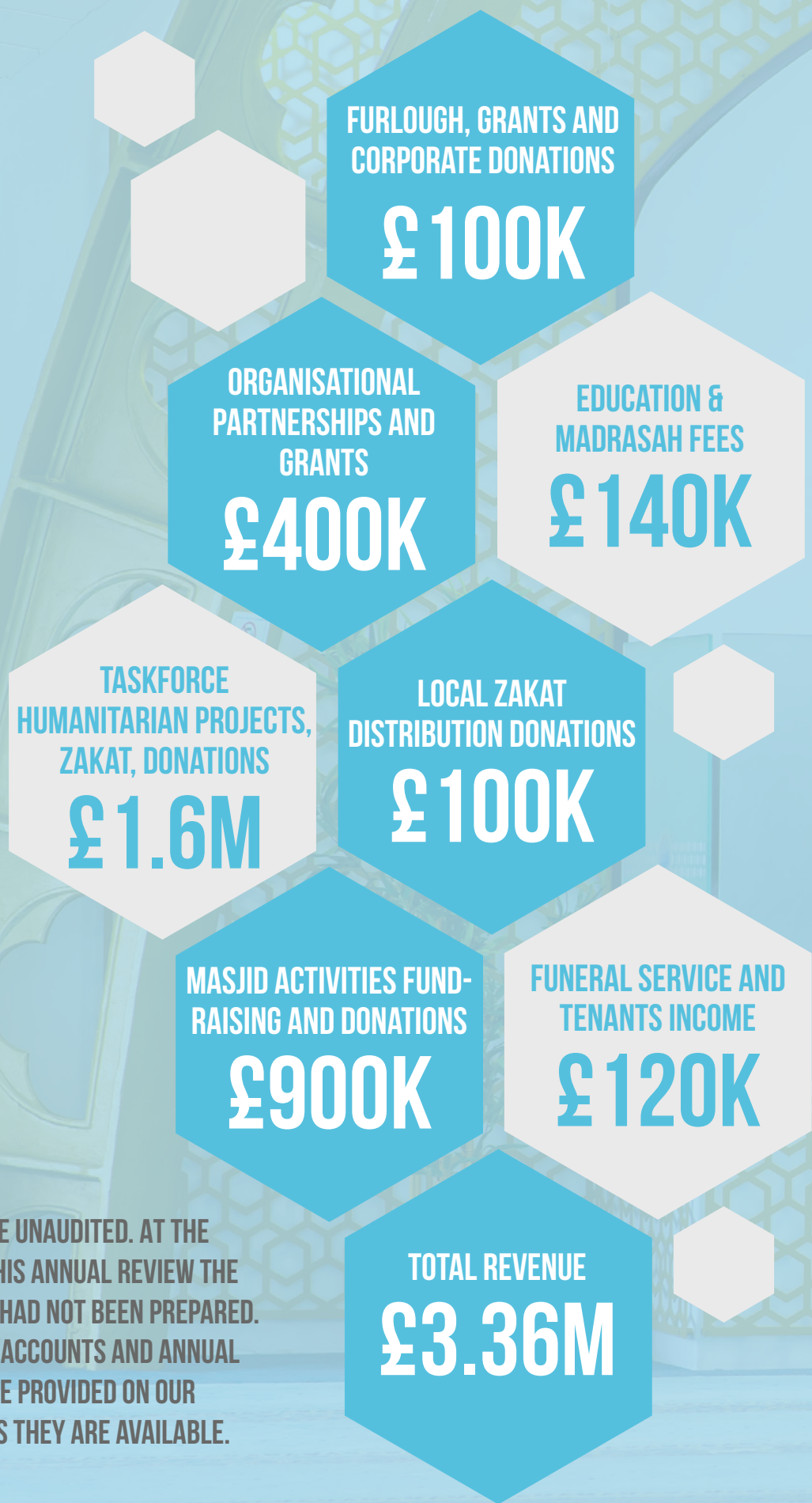
After arriving in the UK, her family and friends managed to arrange a place for her and her children. Shortly after this, sister Iman also started to work part-time at a local shop and things finally improved. Then Covid-19 struck. The shop was forced to close and once again she was being tested, with no income. Sister Iman heard about GLMCC and the services we provide, including our zakah service.

After meeting with our case worker, we assessed her situation and were able to agree a suitable level of support. At GLMCC we have a rigorous process where we evidence each applicant’s situation to prevent any false claims. Alhamdulillah, we receive many applications every week and our case worker and Imam work together to ensure that each application is genuine and that your sadaqah and zakat is directed to those truly in need.



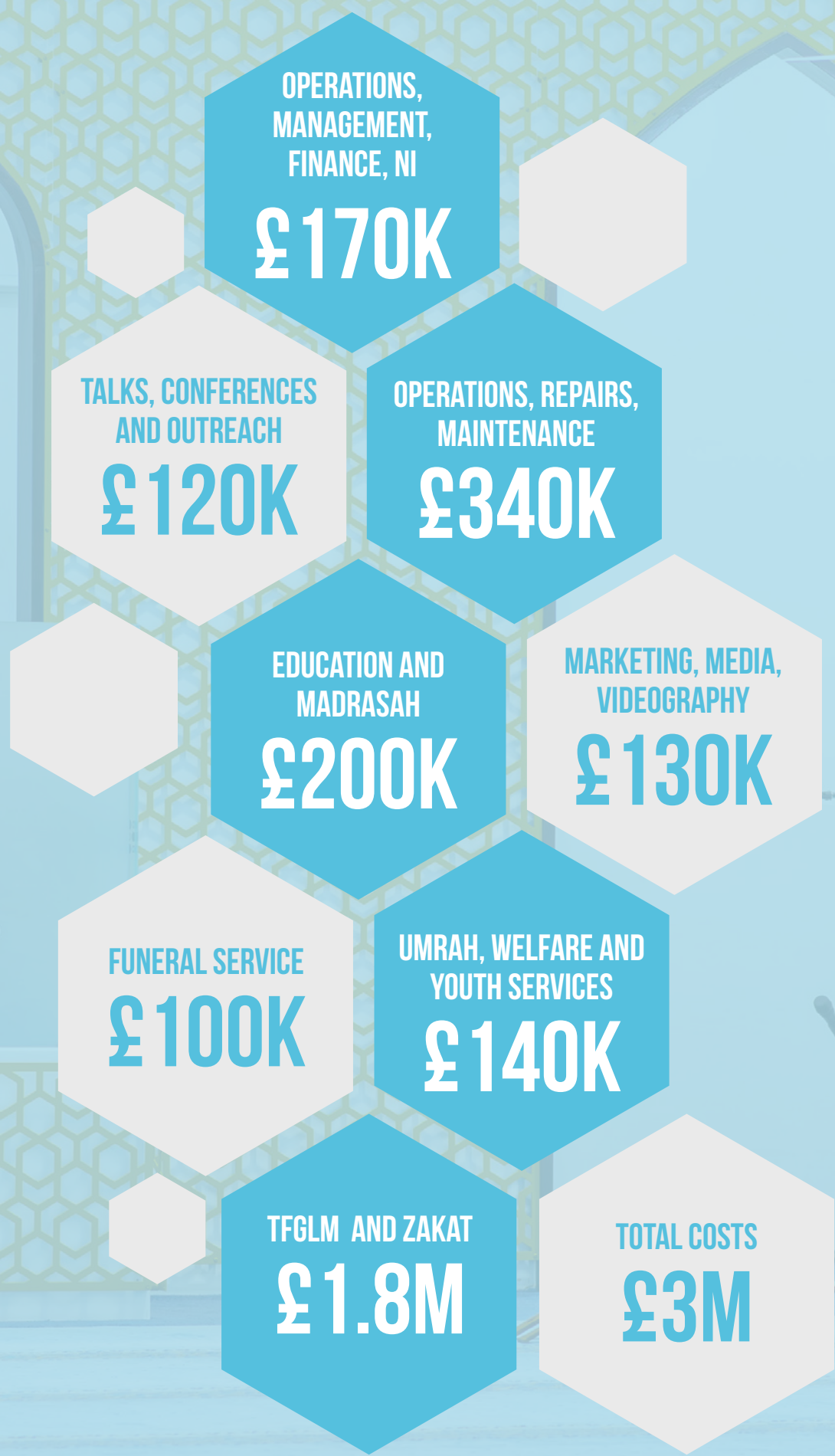
# FINANCIAL SUMMARY

## REVENUE



THESE NUMBERS ARE UNAUDITED. AT THE TIME OF PRINTING THIS ANNUAL REVIEW THE AUDITED ACCOUNTS HAD NOT BEEN PREPARED. A FULL SET OF 2020 ACCOUNTS AND ANNUAL STATEMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED ON OUR WEBSITE AS SOON AS THEY ARE AVAILABLE.

## COSTS





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