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**OUR MOSQUE OUR
VOLUNTEERS**

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OUR VOLUNTEERS IMPROVE LIVES

We have a blessed group of tireless volunteers



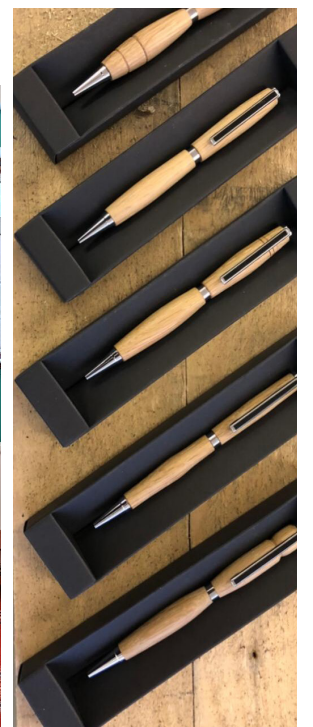
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KMWA GENERAL SECRETARY

Assalamu alaikum wa rahmatullahi wo barakatuhu.

We continue to keep the Masjid open and the school running. Mask wearing should be compulsory in the Masjid unless you have a valid exemption in order to protect others. We would like to resume our normal services as soon as possible but in the current situation with Covid-19 levels at very high levels and Government restrictions in place we have to act responsibly.

We are pleased to start ladies' Tajweed sessions on Sundays from 1pm - 2pm in Gillingham Masjid from 9th January 2022.

We hope that this will generate enough interest to be well attended.

We will continue with the boys' and men's Tajweed classes in the New Year in shah Allah. We were pleased that the second working with woodcraft class via our partnership with the Octopus Foundation took place in December. A further class for those who missed out is planned for January.

The volunteer group which has brought together an amazing group of people. They worked so well in the initial Covid lockdown in March 2020. But for the past year they have been delivering food to the hostels housing homeless people every day. This has covered Medway, Sheppey and Sittingbourne and Maidstone. This demonstrates how the Muslim community can make a positive difference to the lives of other people who are less fortunate.

May Allah keep you and your families in good health and Iman.

Azeem Nader
General Secretary KMWA.

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ARK ANSWERS YOUR QUESTIONS

How many additional Standing Orders achieved since the launch of the campaign?

We launched the Standing Order Campaign at the beginning of November 2021. We are in the process of developing a format in which to present the progress of the fundraising to publish in this newsletter.

How are you going to be inclusive of all races?

As Ark's continuous organisational objective, inclusivity, is at the forefront of organizational discussions.

Ark is trying to understand the lived experiences of marginalized groups and developing activities to produce robust systematic change.

Robust diversity and inclusion organisational objectives, must be leadership-led. They must form part of the operational, as well as systemically focused functions of ARK

We are looking for a diverse team, if you want your voice to be heard and you feel you are under-represented, please get in touch, and climb on the Ark

How can we empower the younger generation to be proud of their religion. How can we put the love of Islam in their hearts?

This question isn't an immediate objective of Ark our main focus is to fund raise at this stage.

This question can be directed to KMWA who can answer this in more depth.

ARK UPDATE



What other projects are you working on to help the fundraising?

We have a pipeline of around 10 projects that we want to launch steadily throughout the year with the will of Allah. We want to ensure that each one is successful before we focus on the next one.

As a taster of things to come, we are looking at a donation program of household items you may have in your attic or garage you can give to us to sell on eBay or Facebook for the mosque.

£5 Million is a huge sum is this achievable?

We know that £5million is a drop in the ocean for the ummah at large. We simply need to be creative enough, utilise our collective talent of marketing, technology, sales, events management, communication etc. We have to start in our local community first and make plenty of dua.

CHAI / COFFEE FUNDRAISER SUNDAY 16TH JANUARY

ARK PROJECT WITH KMWA IS ARRANGING
AN INFORMAL CHAI GET TOGETHER
REASONABLY PRICED SNACKS AND TEA

TIME: 12.30PM -3:30PM
LOCATION: ST MARYS ISLAND
COMMUNITY CENTRE
ST MARY'S ISLAND
CHATHAM
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IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME TO HELP OR
USE YOUR BAKING SKILLS CONTACT ATIF ON 07957600997 OR
ARK@KMWA.ORG.UK



MEET THE ARK TEAM

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CHAIR & STANDING ORDER PROJECT LEAD
PROPERTY DEVELOPER

FAYAZ IQBAL

NEWSLETTER LEAD
BUSINESS ANALYST

ISMAIL KHWAJA

NEWSLETTER EDITOR
JOURNALIST FOR KMFM

OMER SHAFFI

FINANCE LEAD
MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTANT

AJAIB HUSSAIN

EVENTS PROJECT LEAD
ELECTRONICS CONSULTANT

AMIR KHAN

TECHNICAL LEAD
QUALIFIED ELECTRICIAN

KMWA LIASON

ISSA RAMJAUN

KMWA LIASON
RETIRED TURNING

AZEEM NADIR

KMWA LIASON
GENERAL DENTISTRY

MUHAMMED SHAFFI

KMWA LIASON
RETIRED ENGINEER

CLIMB ABOARD THE ARK

To help raise the fundraising target of £5million, if you can't help with money, we need your time.

Our intention is to create a modern vibrant community, a genuine and attractive alternative to the distractions of Netflix, YouTube, and TikTok. Not only for us but for our children too.

We want to be able to dictate the narrative that is given to our children, have a learning and social experience that is far superior to what society and its friends currently offer them. We want to create an Islamic culture that is an easy choice for us, our children, and the non-Muslims that want to know more about us.

We want you if you are passionate about making the community flourish, bringing your skills, your energy, and your creativity to Medway. There is so much low-hanging fruit in which you can make a real difference and your efforts can become an ongoing reward for you.

Our near-term goals are to make the newsletter successful, consistent and maintainable.

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We need people who can contribute to this newsletter.

Ark are also planning larger scale projects to help raise funds for the new mosque. So your skills in project management and entrepreneurship would be valuable.

We want to utilise technology to the maximum, so any social media savvy people, we even have NFT ideas bubbling away.

So in three simple words
We Want You!

Join us on the Ark Team
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ASK THE TRUSTEES



Q: Who is the developer managing the construction of the masjid?

A: The trustees are in consultation with our architect Umair Waheed - Atelier Architects.

Our technical team: Faheem Anwar (Chartered Building Surveyor), Gulam Nadat(QS), Shahid Khan (Structural Engineer).

Principal contractor : Ruprai Construction Limited.

Q: Has the new mosque ground floor been completed? If so, what would be the chance of moving into the new mosque?

A: The ground floor slab has been completed but in order to provide a functional masjid the whole framework of the building has to be constructed including all of the floors and the roof and the windows. For this we will need to raise over £1.5 million.

Q: How will it serve women better?

A: There will be dedicated prayer space for women which will more than meet their present,

as well as future needs. They will have improved and dedicated ablution facilities and there will be space for women to meet and hold functions. There will be a rooftop garden in the ladies section. There will be a library whereby ladies' will have access. The ground floor will house creche / nursery facilities.

The improved classroom facilities will benefit both children and adults, male and female.

There is potential for ladies to use the cafe to meet each other and in shah Allah we would like to offer gym facilities whereby ladies could have dedicated periods of usage if the demand is high enough.

Q: Detailed costs so far of the project

A: We have so far spent approximately £1.8 Million on the building, the details of the expenditure has been publicised in our accounts each year since the project began. When the masjid will be finished depends quite simply on when we will raise the funds to complete it!

We have around £150,000 currently in our building account. If we seriously expect to complete the building within the next few years, the level of donations will need to

increase significantly.

Q: At present, I don't feel the mosque is a place that represents the community. It serves the men better and women do not feel valued.

A: Firstly the masjid is open to all races and ethnicities. We have strived to make everyone feel welcome. Our trustees are represented by Pakistani, Afghani, Mauritian, Bengali and English people.

If you would like to become involved in KMWA we will not restrict you according to your race. We want our community to work with us and help us benefit the diverse community we have.

With respect to women, we want women to feel welcome in the masjid. There is a women's group who until the covid restrictions, met regularly in the masjid. We do not try to control or restrict their activities.

Sister Rizwana Shelley is one of our coordinators. It is important that you discuss any of these issues with her primarily if you feel that women are not catered for.

KNOW YOUR TRUSTEES

AZEEM NADIR

20 YEARS AS GENERAL SECRETARY
GENERAL DENTAL SURGEON

ISSA RAMJAUN

25 YEARS AS CHAIRMAN
RETIRED NURSING

SAJID KHAN

12 YEARS AS A TRUSTEE
DRIVE A TAXI

CHAUDHRY BASHIR AHMED

25+ YEARS AS A TRUSTEE
RETIRED RETAIL

EMANUL HOQUE

15 YEARS AS A TRUSTEE
KMWA IMAM

AGAH NAEEM KHAN

12 YEARS AS A TRUSTEE
TOOL SETTER

RIZWAN CHOWHAN

12 YEARS AS A TRUSTEE
BUSINESS MANAGER

AMIR A QURESHI

15 YEARS AS A TRUSTEE
RETIRED TOWN PLANNER

WASEEM MIRZA

5 YEARS AS A TRUSTEE
ACCOUNTANT

ZAKI A RAWFY

9 YEARS AS A TRUSTEE
NETWORK ENGINEER

SHERBAZ KHAN

25+ YEARS AS A TRUSTEE
RETIRED FACTORY WORKER

MAJID ARSHAD

5 YEARS AS A TRUSTEE
DRIVING INSTRUCTOR

CO-ORDINATORS

AJAIB HUSSAIN

8 YEARS AS A CO-ORDINATOR
ELECTRONICS CONSULTANT

RIZWANA SHELLEY

15 YEARS AS A CO-ORDINATOR
RETIRED MAGISTRATE

SHOULD THE TABLIGHI JAMAAT BE BANNED?

YES

1. THE SAUDI GOVERNMENT HAVE THE RIGHT TO GOVERN HOW THEY WISH
2. SAUDI ARABIA CONSIDERS TABLIGHI JAMAAT AS A DEVIANT GROUP
3. THE CLAIM THEY USE MANY WEAK AND FABRICATED HADITH

NO

1. TABLIGH IS APOLITICAL
2. ITS 400MILLION FOLLOWING HAVE A HUGE GLOBAL INFLUENCE
3. THEY HAVE TURNED MANY LIVES AWAY FROM A LIFE OF DRUGS AND SINS

Recently, the Minister of Islamic Affairs, Saudi Arabia, Dr. Abdulatif Al- Ash Sheikh, announced the decision that the government is officially banning the Indian-origin Tablighi Jamaat. He said that the Jamaat is dangerous and false and 'a gateway to terrorism'.

Who are Tablighi Jamaat?

Tablighi Jamaat is a missionary movement (orthodox). The motive of this movement is to urge fellow Muslims to follow Islam for every aspect of life (primarily, personal behaviour, dressing, and rituals).

Tablighi Jamaat has more than 400 million followers worldwide, and the group strictly stays away from political activities and riots. Instead, it solely focuses on religion.

Since the US government is very much interested in Islam and what Muslims of the world are doing, it has closely monitored the Tablighi Jamaat since 2001. This is because they consider the teachings of a Muslim religious group as a starting point towards radical and terrorist organizations.

The world was made to believe with the collective efforts of the USA and India that Tablighi Jamaat sows the seeds of terrorism in young minds with their teachings. This fact was further

made solid when an operation led to catching seven Tablighi members by Russian intelligence in Russia in February 2020. The terrorist cell was entailed in fanaticism

The Indian media is curiously using this news extensively and spreading hate crime. Their point is that since the Tablighi Jamaat is originated from India that is why Saudi Arabia banned it. Muhammad Ilyas Khandhalvi founded the Jamaat in Haryana via a tweet.

But, considering that Saudi Arabia houses the holiest places of Islam; Mecca, the Ka'ba, and Medina, where Islam was born and grew up; where Prophet Muhammad SAWW lived for the last 10 years of his life in exile.

Why was the Tablighi Jamaat and Dawah Group banned?

The tweet posted by the Minister of Islamic Affairs was directed towards the preachers of the mosques which hold sermons against the Dawah group of Al Ahbab.

The tweet informed the preachers about the topics they should cover in their next Friday sermon, which was about "the misguidance, deviation and danger of this group, and that it is one of the gates of terrorism, even if they claim otherwise" such false

group claiming to spread correct Islamic views is now banned in Saudi Arabia.

The Jamaat was most certainly banned from performing their Tabligh in Saudi Arabia because of some interpretations and ideas which didn't fall within the views of the Saudi government.

Why was banning the Tablighi Jamaat unjust?

Saudi Arabia banned the Tablighi Jamaat some 30 years ago, and their recent ban is the revival of the old ban. However, this time they have linked the Tablighi Jamaat to terrorist activities, which is the first time and will impact the future endeavours of Tablighi Jamaat.

Since it was considered that the tweet from the Minister of Islamic Affairs was directed towards Indian Tablighi Jamaat, so the religious leaders and organizations of India like Shaikhul Hadith Maulana Mufti Abul Qasim Nomani, who is the chairperson of Darul Uloom Deoband, issued a declaration saying that Saudi Arabia's decision which said that the Islamic organisation is linked to bidats and terrorism is totally baseless and that Saudi Arabia should review their policies. Because they are one of the most dominant Islamic countries of the world, they shouldn't go against people and organisations preaching Islam.

The gesture was also unjust because the Tablighi Jamaat has been working tirelessly to improve religious practices and social well-being worldwide, and they have also been successful to an extent. The members of the Jamaat are working with various schools of thought that is based on Islamic teachings and reject everything that is not a part of Islam. They urge Muslims to read the Quran, Hadith and follow Islam. Apart from this, the members also undertake religious journeys along with fellow Muslims. Overall, the Tablighi Jamaat tries to make Muslims better Musalmans.

Conclusion:

We can conclude from the whole situation that Saudi Arabia is rapidly moving towards fascism and are banning everything or anything that they consider will pull them back from their newfound freedom. Any ideology or difference in opinion which goes against the state or the kingdom is instantly banned. Saudi Arabia banned the Tablighi Jamaat many years ago, but the Jamaat was still operational in some parts of the country. And that is why recently, the government banned the Islamic Jamaat by calling it a 'danger to the society and 'one of the gates to terrorism.' The Mosques and other institutes were also warned.

THE WORLD THIS MONTH

EXPECTANT REFUGEES
AT RISK FROM LACK OF
TREATMENT POST ARRIVAL
IN THE UK



PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN
WELCOMES AGREE-
MENT BY CONGRESS
ON UYGHUR FORCED



SAUDI ARABIA SAYS IT'S
READY TO RECOGNISE
ISRAEL ON 1967 BOR-
DERS

**DANISH MUSLIM STUDENT MAY
HAVE CREATED THE CURE TO
AORTIC REGURGITATION**



**MORE MASJIDS NEEDED
AS ISLAMIC POPULATION
RISES TO 2 BILLION**

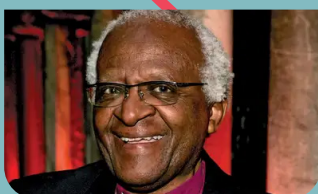


**AFGHANISTAN'S ECON-
OMY IN 'FREE FALL',
23 MILLION FACING
HUNGER**

**HORRIFIC BANGLADESH
FERRY BLAZE RESULTING IN
DOZENS DEAD AND INJURED**



**PAKISTAN HAS RE-
CEIVED \$3BILLION
FROM SAUDI ARABIA AS
PART OF AN ECONOMIC
PACKAGE TO BOLSTER
FOREIGN EXCHANGE
RESERVES**



**ARCHBISHOP DESMOND
TUTU DIES AGED 90**

CLASSES AT GILLINGHAM MOSQUE

KMWA is pleased to be running a Quran tajweed course for ladies - at Gillingham Masjid.

Classes will run on SUNDAYS in the Masjid

They will be every Sunday for one hour between 1pm and 2pm.

They will start from Sunday 9th January 2022 in shah Allah.

It is expected that participants will already be familiar with reading the Quran.

If you would like to sign up for this course or have any questions, please contact or leave your details with

Br Azeem Nader via WhatsApp/text message only on 07739008000.

NEW TAJWEED & AQEEDAH CLASSES AT GILLINGHAM MASJID

KMWA is pleased to be running a second course that will cover Quran tajweed as well as Aqeedah for boys (aged 11 to 18) at Gillingham Masjid.

Classes will run on Monday evenings in the Masjid

They will be every Monday night for six weeks after Isha Prayer between 7pm (at Salaat-ul-Isha) for one hour until about 8.15pm.

They will run from Monday 10th January 2022 for six weeks inshAllah.

It will be a six week course with classes taught by Maulana Irfan.

It is expected that participants will already be familiar with reading Arabic.

ROYAL VISIT

His excellency Khalid bin Bandar Al Saud made a visit to Gillingham Mosque



Visit to Gillingham Masjid by his Excellency Khalid bin Bandar Al Saud:

We were fortunate to host the Ambassador for Saudi Arabia to the UK on Friday 10th December. His excellency Khalid bin Bandar Al Saud attended Gillingham Masjid as part of his visit to the Medway Towns. We were able to present and discuss with him our plans for the new masjid, the progress so far and the challenges we face. We also presented our community activities to him and he discussed with us the changes in the New Year to the Hajj and Umrah visas. He stated that visas will start to be issued in 2022 via an easy-to-fill-out electronic form. We are grateful to our local MP, Rehman Chisti for having arranged this visit.

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The cost of the entire six weeks is £30. There is a discount of £5 for multiple family members - ie. 2 brothers from the same family would pay £25 each.

THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PEOPLE FOR THE COURSE IS 12. YOU WILL NEED TO PREREGISTER AND PAY THE COURSE FEE IN ADVANCE BY FRIDAY 7TH JANUARY AT THE LATEST IN ORDER TO RESERVE A PLACE.

If you would like to sign up for this course or have any questions, please contact Br Azeem Nader via WhatsApp/text message only on 07739008000.

New 2022 Calendars

We are pleased to announce that 2022 calendars are now printed. They are available at:

- 1: Altaf Halal Meat Chatham
- 2: Lahore Halal Meat Gillingham
- 3: Red & Green Gillingham
- 4: Computer 360 Canterbury High Street
- 5 Kent Food Store Canterbury High Street

They are also available in Gillingham Masjid.

They are priced at £3.00 each or 2 for £5.00.

KMWA VIGIL

TRAGIC DEATH OF ASYLUM SEEKERS

A vigil has been held in Chatham in memory of the 27

Asylum seekers who tragically died, in November, trying to cross the English Channel after their dinghy sank in the worst disaster on record involving refugees in the sea separating France and the UK. The vigil - at the Sun Pier on Wednesday 1st December - Was organised by Medway Stand Up to Racism (@MEDSUTR). Ajaib Hussain from KMWA took part in the prayers to remember those poor human beings who lost their lives searching for sanctuary in the UK. It was a chilly night and reminded all those present how difficult it would have been for the families - including women and children - making that treacher-

ous journey across the world's busiest shipping lane. Mr Hussain said the following prayer: "Oh Allah, forgive our living and our dead, those present and those absent, our young and our old, our males and our females. Oh Allah, whom amongst us You keep alive, then let such a life be upon Islam, and whom amongst us You take unto Yourself, then let such a death be upon faith. Oh Allah, do not deprive us of his reward and do not let us stray after him. Ameen." The memorial culminated in white flowers being cast into the sea - one for each victim. It is the least we can do; not just to remember those who lost their lives but also to stand in solidarity with those

who have arrived in the UK and are trying to build a better life.

If you would like to support more of these

humanitarian activities, please get in touch with Ajaib Hussain:
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07824445346



ISLAMIC CALLIGRAPHY

GET CREATIVE!

A few months ago Sr Rizwana arranged an Islamic calligraphy class with the Octopus Foundation which provides educational and vocational activities for the local community. They kindly invited a group of us to create stylish Islamic calligraphy art carved out of wood and also to do some wood burning (Pyro-graphic art). It was an enjoyable creative session.

We returned to the Foundation recently to do another interesting craft activity where we made handmade pens carved out on a lathe.

Although the groups had never done any of these activities before, the final results were impressive, to say the least.

There is another pen-making session on 9th January 2022 and if you are feeling up to the challenge, then please get in touch. Places are very limited, so it will be on a first come first serve basis. We hope to do further creative activities in the future InshaAllah, so watch this space.

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F - A - M - I - L - Y

I ran into a stranger as he passed by,
 "Oh excuse me please" was my reply.
 He said, "Please excuse me too;
 I wasn't really watching for you."
 We were very polite, this stranger and I.
 We went on our way and we said goodbye.

But at home a different story is told.
 How we treat our young ones, young and old.
 Later that day, cooking the evening meal,
 My son stood beside me very still.
 When I turned, I nearly knocked him down.
 "Move out of the way," I said with a frown.
 He walked away, his little heartbroken.
 I didn't realise how harshly I'd spoken.

While I lay awake that night in bed,
 A still small voice came to me and said,
 "While dealing with a stranger, common courtesy you use,
 But the children you love, you seem to abuse."

Go and look on the kitchen floor,
 You'll find some flowers there by the door.
 Those are the flowers he bought for you.
 He picked them himself: pink, yellow and blue.
 He stood very quietly not to spoil the surprise,
 You never saw the tears that filled his little eyes."

By this time, I was feeling very small,
 And then my tears began to fall.
 I quietly went and knelt by his bed;
 "Wake up, little one, wake up", I said.
 "Are these the flowers you picked for me?"
 He smiled, "I found them, out by the tree.
 I picked them because they are pretty like you.
 I knew you'd like them especially the blue."

I said, "Son, I'm very sorry for the way I acted today;
 I shouldn't have yelled at you that way".
 He said, "Oh Mom, that's okay, I love you anyway."
 I said, "Son, I love you too, I do like
 the flowers, especially the blue."

So what is behind this story?
 Do you realise that if we died tomorrow, the company that we
 are working for could easily replace us in a matter of days.
 But the family we left behind will feel the loss for the rest of
 their lives. And come to think of it, we pour ourselves more to
 work and accumulating things than into our own family ---- an
 unwise investment indeed, don't you think?!

Prophet () have said: "The best of you is he who is best to his
 family, and I am the best among you to my family. When one of
 you dies speak no ill of him." (Mishkat Al'Masabih 170)

Family = (F)ather (A)nd (M)other (I) (L)ove (Y)ou!

Extracts from Inspirations by Molana Irfan

**ENCOUNTER
WITH A THIEF**

Imam Bukhari (RA) recorded the following hadith in his Sahih from Abu Hurairah (RA) in the chapter on the virtues of the Qur'an.

Narrated Abu Hurairah (RA) Allah's Messenger () ordered me to guard the Zakat revenue of Ramadan. Then someone came to me and started stealing from the foodstuff. I caught him and said, "I will take you to Allah's Messenger ()!" That person said (to me), "I am needy and have many dependants, and I have a great need". I released him.

In the morning Allah's Messenger () asked me "What did your prisoner do yesterday?" I said "O Allah's Messenger () the person complained of being needy and of having many dependants so I pitied him and let him go."

Allah's Messenger () said "Indeed he told you a lie and he will be coming back".

I believed that he would show up again as Allah's Messenger () had told me that he would return. So I waited for him watchfully. When he (showed up and) started stealing handful of foodstuff, I caught hold of him again and said "I will definitely take you to Allah's Messenger (). He said "Leave me, for I am very needy and have many dependants. I promise I will not come back again." I pitied him and let him go.

In the morning Allah's Messenger () asked me, "What did your prisoner do?" I replied, "O Allah's Messenger! He complained of his great need and of too many dependants, so I took pity on him and set him free."

Allah's Messenger () said, "Verily, he told you a lie and he will return."

I waited for him attentively for the third time, and when he came (came and) started stealing handful of foodstuff, I caught hold of him and said, I will surely take you to Allah's Messenger () as it is the third time you promise not to return, yet you break your promise and come, "He said, "(forgive me and) I will teach you some words with which Allah will benefit you." I asked, "What are they?" He replied, "when you go to your bed, recite Ayat-al-Kursi, (Qur'an 2/255) till you finish the whole verse, if you do so Allah will appoint a guard for you who will protect you all night long, and Satan will not be able to come near you till dawn." So I released him.

**IMAMS
CORNER**

In the morning Allah's Messenger () asked, "What did your prisoner do yesterday?" I replied "He claimed that he would teach me some words by which Allah will benefit me, so I let him go."

Allah's Messenger () asked, "What are they?" I replied, "he said to me, when you go to bed, recite Ayat-al-Kursi from the beginning till the end, he further said to me if you do so, Allah will appoint a guard for you who will stay with you, and Satan will not come near you until the morning." (Abu Hurairah (RA) or another narrator) added that they (the companions) were very keen to do good deeds.

The Prophet () said, "He really spoke the truth, although he is an absolute liar. Do you know whom you were talking to these three nights O Abu Hurairah?" Abu Hurairah (RA) said, "No." He () said "It was satan" (Sahih Al'Bukhari Vol 3)

By Molana Irfan

**ASK THE
IMAMS**



Question: There is a lot of emphasis on equal rights in this society, what does Islam teach about it?

Answer: Equality means equality. Equal rights means that all citizens have equal rights, and everyone has access to national resources without any regional, national, or racial discrimination. To that extent the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah swt be upon him) said in his Farewell Sermon:

All the customs and traditions of the age of ignorance are under my feet today, and no Arab has any superiority over a non-Arab, and a non-Arab has no superiority over an Arab, a white has no superiority

over a black, and a black has no superiority over a white.

And if equal rights mean that all human beings are provided with the same salary, the same food, the same clothing, and that men and women are equal in all matters, then there is no place for it in Islam. Neither is this in accordance with the principles of nature, because Allahswt has endowed human beings with different abilities, and each human being differs from the other in his ability to use his knowledge, experience, mental capacity and resources.

Allahswt says in the Qur'an to the Messenger of Allahswt (peace and blessings of Allahswt be upon him): (Surat al-Zumar: 9)

Tell me, can those who know and those who do not know be equal?

That is, those who have knowledge have superiority over non-scholars.

He also said:

(Surat an-Nahl: 2)

And Allahswt has preferred some of

you over others in provision.

In other words, Allahswt Almighty has given less wealth to some people and more wealth to others, and if all people were equal in wealth, then this system of the world could not work.

Similarly, the basic rights of men and women are equal, but since more responsibilities have been placed on men, they have been given precedence over women in certain matters, as Allahswt says in Surah Baqara (228:)

And men have a degree of superiority over women.

And in Surah An-Nisa (34) Allahswt Almighty has given two reasons for this;

The first reason is that (because of some special expediency and wisdom) Allahswt Almighty has given some superiority over others.

Therefore, if men are given precedence over women in any matter, then there is no humiliation of woman in it, but this virtue of man is based on some wisdom and expediency from Allahswt Almighty alone.

And the second reason is because men spend (on women).

That is, all the financial needs of a woman are the responsibility of the man, and he is responsible for her housing, her clothing, treatment, food and all her needs. So because of this extra responsibility on man, he has superiority over woman in some matters, for example, man's share in inheritance is more than woman's, In the same way, there is a great deal of wisdom in the Sharia that gives the right to divorce to a man instead of a woman. There is a great deal of wisdom in this too. Otherwise, in the countries where women also have the option of divorce, the family system has become dysfunctional.

By Molana Zahoor

مثلاً وراثت میں مرد کا حصہ عورت سے زیادہ ہے، اسی طرح شریعت نے جو طلاق دینے کا اختیار عورت کے بجائے مرد کو دیا ہے، تو اس میں بھی بہت بڑی حکمت پوشیدہ ہے، ورنہ جن ممالک میں عورت کے پاس بھی طلاق کا اختیار ہے وہاں خاندانی نظام کس قدر ٹوٹ پھوٹ کا شکار ہو چکا ہے۔
الحاصل، اللہ سبحانہ و تعالیٰ نے جن معاملات میں بھی ایک کو دوسرے پر فضیلت دی ہے تو وہ کسی حکمت اور ضرورت کے تحت ہے، اور اسلام میں محض مساوات نہیں، بلکہ اس کے ساتھ تفصل و انصاف بھی ہے۔
شراب سے بتتا ہے، تو کیا اس کا (vinegar) سوال: سرکہ کھانا جائز ہے؟

جواب: شراب تو اصل میں قطعی حرام ہے، لیکن اگر اس کا سرکہ بنادیا جائے تو چونکہ اس کی بیہوشی بھل جاتی ہے، اور اس کے حرام ہونے کی جو علت ہے نشہ و بھوشی زائل ہو جاتا ہے، اس لیے اس کا استعمال جائز ہے۔ بعض احادیث سے بھی شراب کے سرکہ بننے کے بعد اس کے حلال ہونے کا (ثبوت ملتا ہے)۔ (تَضْبِیْطُ الرِّیَایَةِ: 9/1، ق/1، بی/1)
سوال: رزق حلال کمانے کے لیے کوئی مسنون دعا بتائیں گے
جواب: احادیث میں رزق حلال کے لیے کئی دعائیں منقول ہیں، جن میں سے ایک دعا یہ ہے

اَللّٰهُمَّ اِنِّیْ بِحَیْثُ کَانَ عَزَامِکَ وَ اَعِیْزِیْ بِفَضْلِکَ عَمِّنْ (سُورَةُ التَّوْحِیْدِ: 86)

ترجمہ: اے اللہ! اپنی حرام کردہ چیزوں سے بچاتے ہوئے اپنی حلال کردہ چیزوں کو میرے لیے کافی کر دے، اور اپنے فضل سے مجھے اپنے سوا ایک سے بے پروا کر دے۔
یہ دعا رزق حلال اور ادائیگی قرض دونوں کے لیے مفید ہے۔

(وَاللّٰهُ فَضَّلَ بَعْضُکُمْ عَلٰی بَعْضٍ فِی الرِّزْقِ) (سُورَةُ النَّحْلِ: 9)
اور اللہ تعالیٰ نے تم میں سے بعض کو بعض پر رزق میں فضیلت دی ہے۔

یعنی اللہ تبارک و تعالیٰ نے حکمت و مصلحت کے تحت بعض لوگوں کو کم اور بعض کو زیادہ دولت دی ہے، اور اگر سب لوگ دولت میں برابر ہوتے تو پھر دنیا کا یہ نظام نہ چل سکتا۔

اسی طرح مرد اور عورت کے بنیادی حقوق مساوی ہیں، لیکن چونکہ مرد پر ذمہ داریاں زیادہ ڈالی گئی ہیں، اس لیے بعض چیزوں میں مردوں کو عورتوں پر فضیلت دی گئی ہے، جیسا کہ: اللہ تبارک و تعالیٰ ارشاد فرماتے ہیں
(وَلِلرِّجَالِ جُلُودٌ عَلَیْہِمْ ذَرَجَةٌ) (سُورَةُ الْبَقَرَةِ: 8)
اور مردوں کو عورتوں پر ایک درجہ فضیلت حاصل ہے۔

اور سُورَةُ الْاَنْشَاءِ (ق/1) میں اللہ تعالیٰ نے اس کی دو وجہیں بیان کی ہیں پہلی وجہ یہ ارشاد فرمائی کہ (کسی خاص مصلحت و حکمت کی وجہ سے) اللہ تعالیٰ نے بعض کو بعض پر فضیلت دی ہے۔

لہذا اگر عورتوں پر مردوں کو کسی معاملے میں فوقیت دی گئی ہے تو اس میں عورت کی کوئی تخیل نہیں، بلکہ مرد کی یہ فضیلت محض اللہ تعالیٰ کی طرف سے کسی حکمت و مصلحت پر مبنی ہے۔

اور دوسری وجہ یہ بیان کی کہ مرد چونکہ (عورتوں پر) خرچ کرتے ہیں۔

یعنی عورت کی تمام مالی ضروریات مرد کے ذمہ ہیں، اور وہ اس کی رہائش، اس کے لباس، علاج، کھانے پینے غرض اس کی ہر ضرورت کا ذمہ دار ہے۔ تو مرد پر اس زائد ذمہ داری کی وجہ سے اس کو عورت پر بعض امور میں فوقیت حاصل ہے،

سوال: اس معاشرے میں مساوی حقوق کا بہت زور دیا جاتا ہے، اسلام اس کے متعلق کیا سکھاتا ہے؟

جواب: مساوات کا مطلب یہ برابری، اب اگر مساوی حقوق سے مراد یہ ہے کہ تمام شہریوں کے حقوق برابر ہیں، اور سب کو ملکی وسائل تک رسائی بغیر کسی علاقائی، قومی، اور رنگ و نسل کی تفریق کے حاصل ہے تو یہ بات اس حد تک درست ہے، کیونکہ رسول اللہ صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم نے اپنے خطبہ حجۃ الوداع میں فرمادیا تھا کہ زمانہء جاہلیت کے تمام رسم و رواج آج میرے قدموں کے نیچے ہیں، اور کسی عربی کو عجمی پر اور کسی عجمی کو عربی پر کسی گورے کو کالے پر اور کسی کالے کو گورے پر کوئی فضیلت حاصل نہیں۔

اور اگر مساوی حقوق سے مراد یہ لی جائے کہ سب انسانوں کو ایک قسم کی تنخواہ، ایک جیسا کھانا، ایک طرح کا لباس فراہم کیا جائے، اور مرد و عورت تمام مسائل میں برابر ہیں تو اس کی اسلام میں کوئی گنجائش نہیں، اور نہ ہی یہ فطری اصولوں کے مطابق ہے، کیونکہ اللہ تبارک و تعالیٰ نے انسانوں کو مختلف صلاحیتوں سے نوازا ہے، اور ہر انسان اپنے علم، تجربہ، ذہنی صلاحیت اور وسائل سے استفادہ کرنے کی استعداد میں دوسرے سے مختلف ہے۔

اللہ تعالیٰ قرآن مجید میں رسول اللہ صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم کو مخاطب ہو کر فرماتے ہیں
قُلْ هَلْ یَسْتَوِی الَّذِیْنَ یَعْلَمُوْنَ وَالَّذِیْنَ لَا یَعْلَمُوْنَ (سُورَةُ الزُّمَرِ: 9)

آپ کہہ دیجئے کہ کیا جاننے والے اور نہ جاننے والے برابر ہو سکتے ہیں۔
یعنی علم والوں کو غیر عالموں پر فضیلت ہے۔
نیز فرمایا:

WHAT IS THE BARRY CLOUT AWARD?

Barry Clout Award is awarded to the volunteers who provide remarkable contributions to the people of the community and the people of Medway Towns. It is granted by the Medway Voluntary Action Committee for contributions to the voluntary sectors.

WHO WAS BARRY CLOUT?

Barry Clout was one of the first MVA trustees and a massive supporter of the voluntary sector. He worked tirelessly to make the lives of needy people of his community better and make the world a better place overall before he died. He appreciated and was involved in any contribution that made a positive difference. And so, in his memory, MVA presents the Barry Clout Award each year to a nominee for their hard work, support, and involvement to make the lives of less-privileged people better in the community and all over Medway.

THANK YOU!

The award is a huge thank you from all the people who can sleep better because they have food in their stomachs. The commitment that these volunteers show without expecting anything in return deserves to get an appreciation award of Barry Clout by MVA.

RIZWANA SHELLEY

Awarded the Barry Clout Award for helping the homeless



Rizwana Shelley, a coordinator with the Kent Muslim Welfare Association (KMWA), has been doing fantastic work for the underprivileged people of Medway and surrounding areas. She, along with her team of volunteers, which included children as well as adults, organized a collection of surplus food items from the local Co-ops and then delivered them to the people (in person) who needed it the most.

This outstanding service of Rizwana Shelley has got her nominated for the Barry Clout Award by Medway Voluntary Action. This was the first time that a volunteer from an outside organization such as Kent Muslim Welfare Association (KMWA) was nominated for such a prestigious award. But, this nomination happened only because of Rizwana's dedication and hard work to feed the poor.

So, on 6th December 2021, Rizwana Shelley received the Highly Commended Volunteering Award in Medway by the

Medway Voluntary Action Committee. The beautiful and elegant glass award with Rizwana Shelley's name engraved upon it was signed by Jane Howard, the Chief Executive Officer of Medway Committee.

WHO ARE MEDWAY VOLUNTARY ACTION?

Medway Voluntary Action is a promoter of positive social change. They support and encourage Medway communities to work together towards improving people's lives, including theirs, and to solve problems that occur in their community.

This organization was established in 1989 and had been working with various Medway communities for more than 30 years. The Medway Voluntary Action or MVA has strongly supported and represented the Voluntary, Community and Social

Enterprise (VCSE) organisations.

Every year, Medway Voluntary Action surveys what non-profit organisations are doing, who they are collecting from and who they are delivering to, and what issues they are facing. MVA reviews all the stats and reports of organisations and then supports the organisations in achieving their goals of making the lives of deserving people better.

Conclusion

Rizwana Shelley became a source of bridging the privilege gap between people via MVA. She was a champion of distribution of the issue of food surplus to an extent in her community. To fulfil her vision, she was greatly helped by the endless list of unnamed dedicated volunteers as they are the foundation of the network to facilitate the movement of food to the needy.

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WHERE YOU CAN VOLUNTEER

If you can spare an hour a week or even an hour per month for this worthy Daawah project please contact either Brother Azeem or Sister Rizwana. Many of the ladies and their families do the pick & drop on the school run. If you live near any of the stores below, please do think about helping in this project. If you can involve the children in your family then these trips can go towards their community cohesion project in their school record of achievement.

We are now picking food up from the following Co-operative stores Alhamdulillah:

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2. Watling Street Coop
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8. Delce Coop
9. Dickens Estate Marley way Coop
10. City Way Rochester Coop
11. Beechings Coop

**Please contact Brother Azeem on 07739008000
and Sister Rizwana 07857196560**

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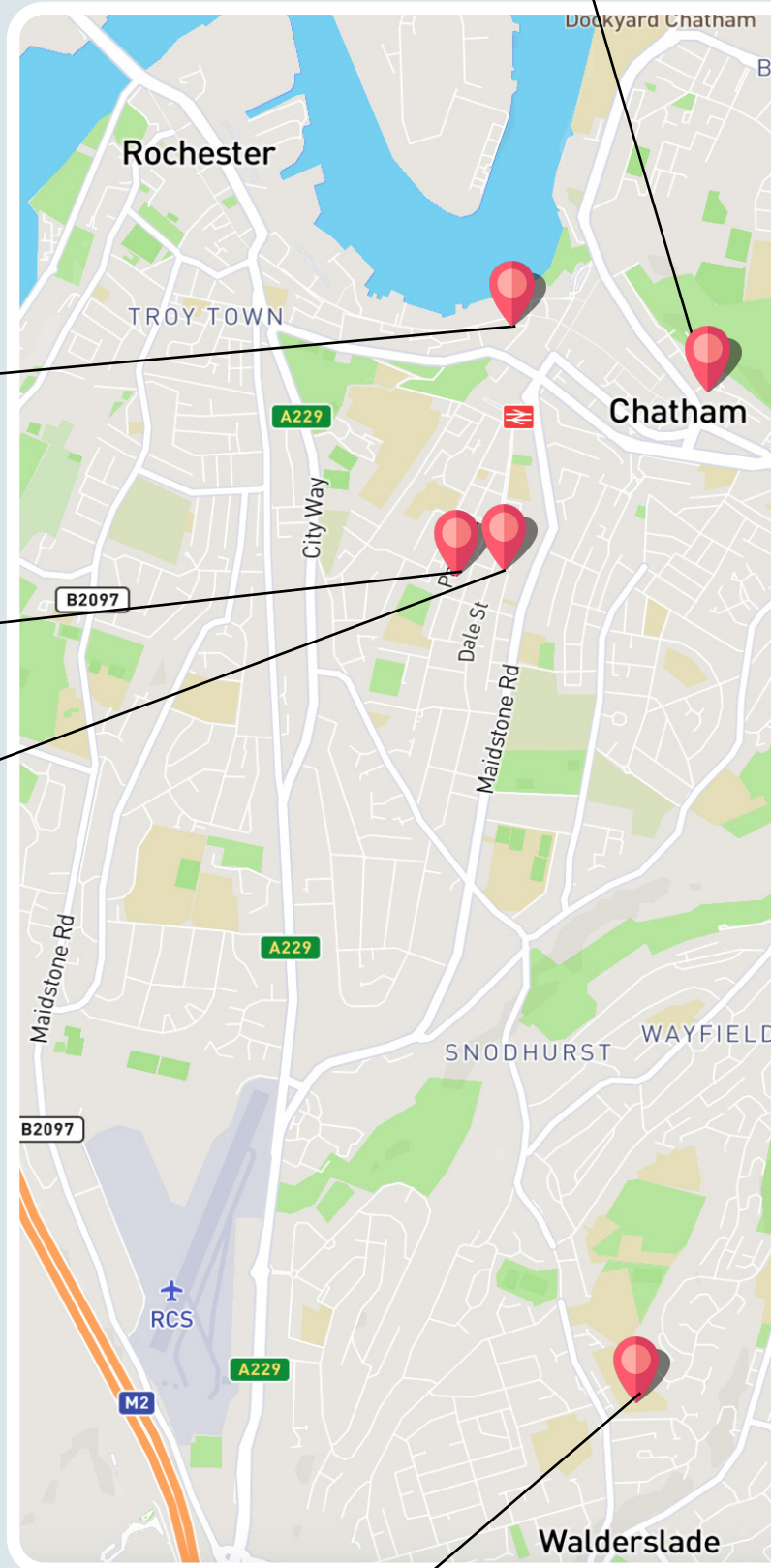
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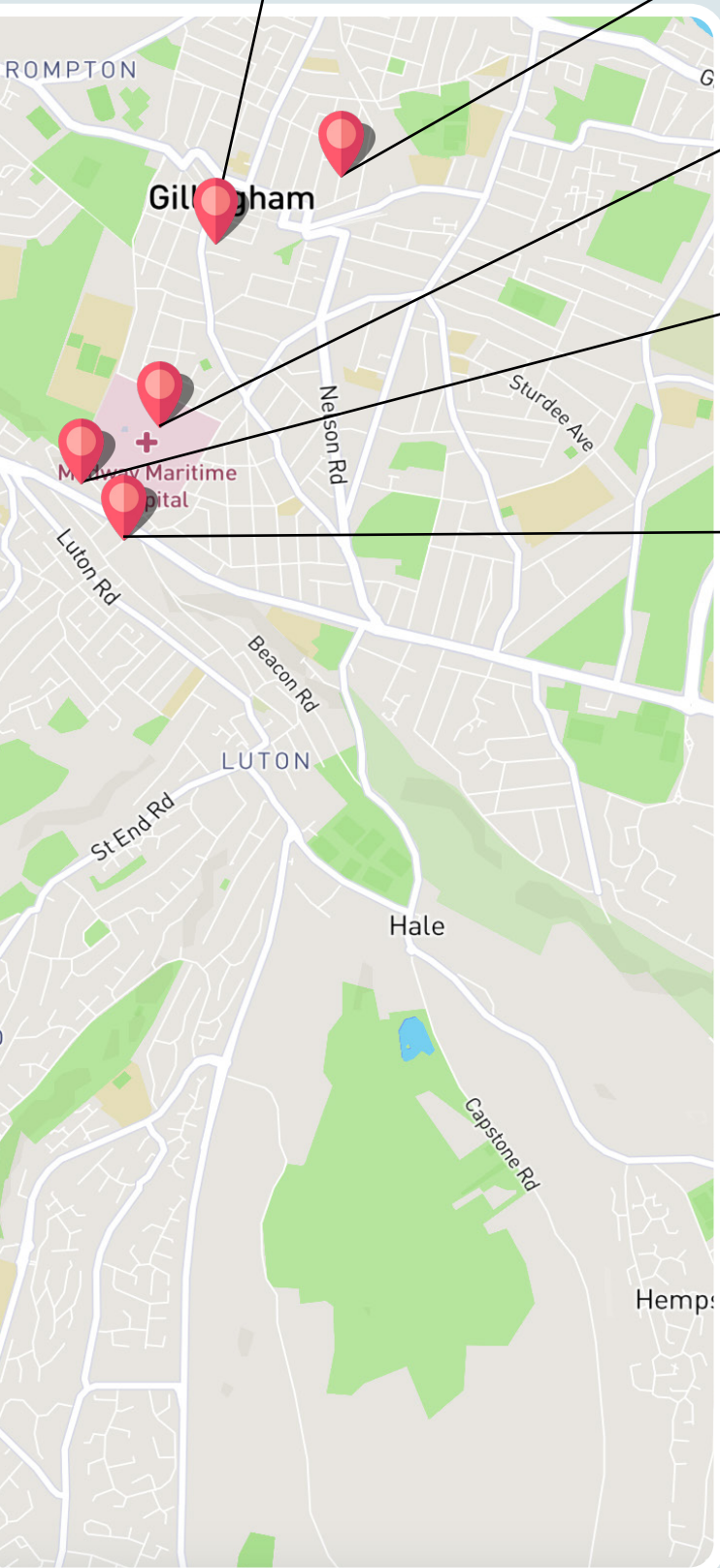
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