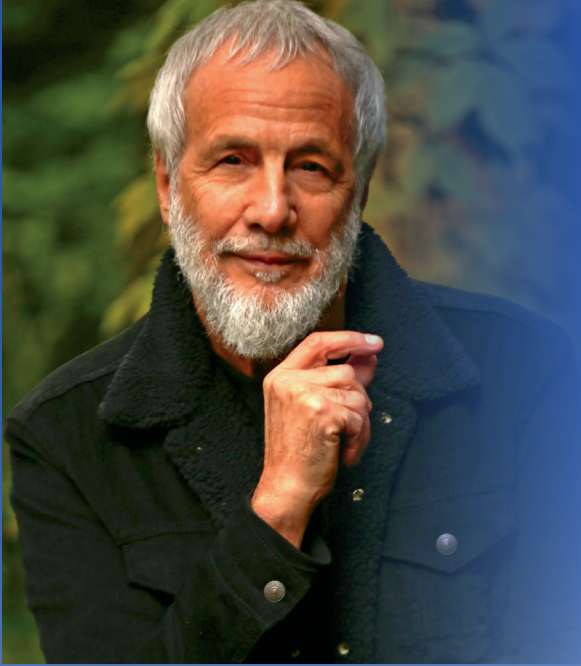


# CAMBRIDGE CENTRAL MOSQUE

## NEWSLETTER – SPECIAL RAMADAN UPDATE

INCLUSIVITY, AUTHENTICITY, COMPASSION

### Message from Yusuf Islam



Peace be upon you and the mercy and blessings of Allah. We've all been forced into a state of I'tikaf, and so has most of the world, non-Muslims included. These are strange times indeed, and there are things for us to ponder. So I wish you all the blessings of this holy month and to remember that the main purpose of this month of fasting is to increase our remembrance and closeness to Allah. In the Qur'an we read: 'Remember Me and I will remember you; be grateful to Me and don't deny Me.' This is the heart and the spiritual goal of our fasting and our abstinence in this month. But there is also an important accessory that we should remember connected to our prayers and our ibada, and this is to increase our knowledge and understanding through study and reading, something we have more time for now because of the lockdown. So, while we're confined in this time, for however many weeks or months, let the power of contemplation become the means to lift us up out and beyond the limits of this earthly imprisonment, and let our spirits fly. As-salamu alaykum wa-rahmatu'Llah!



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### THE MOSQUE GOES ONLINE

THE LOCKDOWN MEANS that the Mosque has been closed for prayer since the middle of March. After ten years of hard work to make the project for a new mosque in Cambridge a reality, the community has been saddened to see it close again temporarily. However our vibrant team of volunteers is keeping it at the living heart of Cambridge Muslim life. During the fasting month Imam Ali Tos recites a daily Juz' of the Holy Qur'an on Facebook Live, and Imam Sejad Mekic offers daily talks and reminders to our growing digital audience.

Visit [facebook.com/Cambridgecentralmosque](https://facebook.com/Cambridgecentralmosque)

### RAMADAN TV

WE HAVE BEEN delighted to announce the launch of our very own online TV service! Accessible through our website, this makes a wide range of Islamic content available free of charge. Speakers and Islamic charities and colleges throughout the world have generously donated inspiring talks, Qur'an recitals, and Islamic songs, which we broadcast 24 hours a day throughout the fasting month. Speakers include Hamza Yusuf, Zaid Shakir, Joram Van Klaveren, Ibrahim Osi-Efa, and Gibril Haddad. A special Qur'anic recitation is given by Binyamin Topçuoğlu with English subtitles. Thanks to this service our message is reaching the whole world!



## Life Membership News

On March 8 our Life Members met at the mosque to welcome new members and to discuss the first year's experience in running our mosque. We now have 197 Life Members! The cost of Life Membership is still £1,000, but from 1 September this will rise to £5,000, so if you are not a member yet, hurry to join before the September deadline!

## Mosque Website Relaunch

Thanks to our IT team we have launched a world-class website for our Central Mosque! As well as prayer times and information on upcoming events, the website

offers videos, guidance on marriages, funerals and other services, special features on the mosque's green credentials and technologies, press releases, a photo gallery, songs, poetry, and much more!

## An Award-Winning Space

Our Marks Barfield-designed mosque has raised the profile of Islamic design in the UK and internationally by scooping many significant design and build awards. These include the Royal Town Planning Institute East of England Award, the 2020 Brick Award, the Wood Award (best Education and Public Building), and the Architects' Journal Award (best Community and Faith building).

## FEEDING OUR NEIGHBOURS!

### CCM Ramadan Community Response Initiative Stats

#### Hot Food Pack Deliveries

As of May 13th we have distributed on average 70-80 packs a day.

Critical Care Unit at Papworth Hospital: 687

Individuals/Families: 885

Total Number Distributed: 1,572

Overstock Donated to Jimmie's Homeless Shelter: 66

#### Restaurant Contributors

Carlos

Sutton Tandoori

Cambridge Gourmet Grill

Taj Tandoori





## Dry Food Pack Deliveries

We have been distributing dry food packs to vulnerable families & individuals within our community.

**Food Pack A** (1-2-week supply): 27 Packs provided

**Food Pack B** (Month's supply): 32 Packs provided

We will shortly be distributing **40** dry food packs containing another month's supply of dry food items.

### FOOD PACK A

#### Items in Food Pack

Pasta	500g	Tinned Tomatoes	400g
Basmati Rice	2kg	Tinned Tomatoes	800g
Oats	1kg	Tinned Chickpeas (3)	400g
Flour	1kg	Tomato Ketchup	300ml
Lentils	500g	Tea Bags	Small Pack
Sugar	1kg	Selection of Biscuits (33)	1 Pack
Salt	500g	Juice/Squash	725ml
Extended Life Vegetable Oil	1 Litre	Crisps	3 Packets
Large White Kobez (6)	5	Instant Noodles	2 Packets
Large White Pitta Bread	6	Toilet Rolls	2
Water Bottles	2	Scarves	2

### FOOD PACK B

#### Items in Food Pack

Basmati Rice	3.5kg	Tinned Tomatoes (6)	400g
Coarse Bulgur Wheat	2000g	Tinned Chickpeas (6)	396g
Oats (2)	1kg	Potatoes	6
Flour (2)	1kg	Large Onions	2
Lentils	500g	Selection of Biscuits (33)	2 Packets
White Beans	2000g	Biscuits	2 Packets
Sugar (4)	1kg	Crisps	2 Packets
Salt (2)	2500g	Bottle of Soft Drink (2)	2 Litres
Extended Life Vegetable Oil	1 Litre	Instant Noodles	3 Packets
Pure Sunflower Oil	5 Litres	Toilet Rolls	3
Large White Kobez (3)	5	Scarves	2
Large White Pitta Bread (2)	6	Face Towel	1
Water Bottles	5	Household Surface Wipes	1 Packet
Tea Bags (2)	80 Bags/232g	Shampoo	200ml
Tomato Ketchup	300ml		

## Iftar Supplies to Addenbrookes

Cantaloupe Melons 10

Bucket of dates 1

Watermelons 18

## Contributors

Islamic Relief  
PAK foods  
Masjid Umar  
Spice Gate

IQBRO  
Hillary's Fruit & Veg  
Local Volunteers



# HOW YOU CAN HELP

We have recently launched our Ramadan Campaign to support vulnerable members of our community, including coronavirus victims, the elderly, the homeless, converts and refugee families.

Alhamdulillah, this Ramadan you can assist us!

As you are aware, as Europe's first eco-friendly Mosque we share a long-term vision which is equally as essential. Supporting Islamic education, gender inclusivity, green technology, scholarship and interfaith relations/programs Cambridge Central Mosque is leading the way for a better Britain and a better world.

This Ramadan, we need your continued support to achieve our vital work. Help to narrate the true story of Islam, that of love, peace, beauty, tolerance, mutual understanding, and building bridges.

**Your donation has never been so important!**

## FUNDRAISE

Now here is the exciting part! The top 5 fundraisers will be eligible to receive the following gifts as a token of our appreciation for the funds you raise.

If you would like to fundraise for us you can create your own fundraising link following the instructions below:

**Step 1:** Visit our Launch Good campaign page and make a donation – <https://bit.ly/Eco-Mosque>

**Step 2:** Create your unique link

**Step 3:** Share! Share! Share! Share your link with your friends and family to reach the top of the leader board.

**The top 5 fundraisers will receive:**

- An invitation to an exclusive tour of the mosque and a "Thank you" luncheon with our trustees, hosted by Shaykh Abdal Hakim Murad
- Access to any one of Cambridge Muslim College's short courses for free!
- A signed copy of Shaykh Abdal Hakim's new book *Travelling Home: Essays on Islam in Europe* with a personalised message inside.

## DONATE

If you would like to donate directly to our campaign you can use the following methods:

### VIA LAUNCH GOOD:

Donate through our Launchgood Campaign page: <https://bit.ly/Eco-Mosque>

### BANK TRANSFER

If you would like to donate via bank transfer please use the following details:

Account Name: **The Cambridge Mosque Trust**

Metro Bank Account No: **19314178**

Sort Code: **23 05 80**

Reference: **RAMADAN20**

### CHEQUE

Cheques are made payable to "The Cambridge Mosque Trust" and can be posted using the following address:  
**Cambridge Central Mosque, 309-313 Mill Rd, Cambridge, CB1 3DF, United Kingdom.**