



Monday 11th January 2021

RE: Closure of Cambridge Central Mosque

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Following the latest reports indicating the rapid surge in Coronavirus cases, to protect the public from the risk of coronavirus infection, with a heavy heart the Trustees and management of Cambridge Central Mosque regretfully announce that **the Mosque will be closed as of Tuesday 12th January 2021 until further notice.**

We recognise that the Mosque plays a central role in our community not just as a place of worship but also a place that strengthens our faith, providing us with spiritual nourishment during such difficult times. Although robust COVID protocols have been put in place, medical professionals have expressed that it is currently unclear if existing COVID secure controls are adequate to stop the spread of this new mutant strain, considered to be up to 70% more transmissible, particularly in indoor settings.

Many mosques in high-risk areas have also temporarily closed to protect the lives and livelihoods of the community. Outside such areas, while cases may not be as high, we must be ahead of the curve and anticipate the impact of hospitalisation and death that sadly will likely rapidly increase over the next few days and weeks.

In light of the national situation, the British Islamic Medical Association has emphasised that all members of our community must stay at home during this lockdown. This includes no mixing of households, however trivial the reason or short the duration. Only unavoidable essential trips as permitted by law should be considered and taken with utmost care. This is vital to control the spread of this virus, reduce hospital admissions and reduce preventable deaths. Click [here](#) to read BIMA's full statement.

The decision to voluntarily suspend congregational activities and to temporarily close has been made after careful consultation with local authorities, under advice from front line clinicians currently working in our local hospitals and most importantly keeping with the Islamic principle that 'there must be no harm and no mutual harm'. This decision will be reviewed on a weekly basis.

The Mosque will continue to conduct Nikkah and Shahada ceremonies remotely, please [contact us](#) to confirm arrangements. In addition, CCM will be offering live programs, such as our weekly Friday Programme which can be accessed through our [Live Media](#) page. Please keep an eye on our website for further information.

Our ghusl facilities remain open for those who have passed away from causes not related to COVID-19. However, Janaza prayers will be read at the burial site, all attendees must wear a face-covering and observe strict social distancing at all times. Please note that the number of attendees will be limited and you should liaise directly with funeral directors regarding any specific COVID-19 protocols in place.

Muslim Funeral Services Peterborough & Cambridge:

Mohsin Hussain (Funeral Director)

07860 125092

Raheel Hussain (Managing Funeral Director)

07521 889112

In addition to these services, our [COVID-19 Community Support Service](#) is still available to provide support to our community who are in need during this time. If you would like to volunteer for the Mosque for this specific cause, please get in touch with us via our [contact form](#).

Jazak'Allah Khair for your continued cooperation during this trying period, may Allah strengthen our congregation and our Cambridge neighbours in these difficult times.