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Eid Edition

Often abbreviated as simply Eid, sometimes spelled Eid *a*-Fitr in the Roman alphabet, is an Islamic holiday that marks the end of [Ramadan](#), the month of fasting. *Fitr* means "to break" and therefore symbolizes the breaking of the fasting period and of all evil habits. On the day of the celebration, a typical Muslim family gets up very early and attends special prayers held only for the occasion in big mosques, in large open areas, stadiums or arenas. The prayer is generally short, and is followed by a [khutba](#). The festivities and merriment start after the prayers with visits to the homes of friends and relatives and thanking the Creator for all blessings. Eid is a time to come together as a community and to renew friendship and family ties. This is a time for peace for all Muslims in the world to devote to prayers and mutual well-being.

It is a joyous occasion with important religious significance. Happiness is observed at attaining spiritual uplift after a month of fasting. Muslims dress in holiday attire. After attending the special congregational prayer in the morning, worshippers greet and embrace each other in a spirit of peace, love, and brotherhood. Visiting friends and relatives is common.

For Muslims, Eid ul-Fitr is a joyful celebration of the achievement of enhanced piety. It is a day of forgiveness, moral victory and peace, of congregation, fellowship, brotherhood and unity. Muslims are not only celebrating the end of fasting, but thanking God for the help and strength that they believe he gave them throughout the previous month to help them practice self-control.

The first Eid was celebrated in [624](#) CE by the Prophet Muhammad with his companions and relatives after the victory of the [Battle of Badr](#).

The holiday follows the month of Ramadan, falling on the first day of [Shawwal](#) (the tenth month in the [Islamic calendar](#)). As with all months in the Islamic calendar, it begins with the sighting of the new moon. For this reason there may be regional differences in the exact date of Eid, with some Muslims fasting for 29 days and some for 30 days.

Eid ul-Fitr commemorates the end of the month of Ramadan. [Fasting](#) is forbidden on this day as it marks the end of the month-long fast of Ramadan. A Muslim is encouraged to rise early and partake of some [dates](#) or a light, sweet snack, significant because for the past 30 days they have abstained from all food and drink from dawn till dusk. Many Muslims feel a sense of loss or sadness at the passing of Ramadan.

The Eid prayer (*salah*) is followed by the [khutba](#) ([sermon](#)) and then a prayer (*dua*) asking for forgiveness, mercy and help for the plight of Muslims across the world. It is then customary to embrace the persons sitting on either side of you as well as your relatives, friends and acquaintances.

Children are normally given gifts or money. Women (particularly relations) are normally given special gifts by their loved ones. Eid is also the time for reconciliations. Feuds or disputes, especially between family members, are often settled on Eid.

Thought of the Day

A short prayer recited slowly & with devotion, than a long prayer recited hurriedly & without devotion.

Facts about the Qur'an

The Qura'an is the word of Allah as revealed to his Prophet Mohammed, PBUH & his Progeny.

On reading the Qura'an one is convinced that it is the word of Allah, for no man can write such perfect guidance on so many subjects

The Holy Qura'an says that no man will be able to forge even a part of it & no corruption shall touch it from any side. Its a miracle that it has remained unchanged & unaltered during all these 1400 yrs & shall remain till the day of resurrection, for Allah has taken it on himself to protect it

Millions of Muslims read the Holy Qura'an daily. Imam Ja'far as-sadiq has said that the minimum daily read should be fifty verses or one - forth of a part, about five minutes reading.

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If you would like to receive news & latest information about programs happening in the jamaat to your fax machine. Please forward me your number.

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Khass Baat

Leicester Committee News: Sila Fitra Forms

Please return your forms with the correct payments to our Treasurer Imtiaz.

Gift Aid Forms

You all have received these forms via post & Emails, please kindly fill in your address & SIGN the form & return them to KALIM. WITHOUT YOUR SIGNATURES the Jamaat will NOT BE ABLE to claim any gift aid.

ADDRESS BOOK FORMS

Complete these forms & submit them electronically, it's very easy & will only take you a matters of minutes. Alternative you can return the forms to kalim. Distribute forms to your families that live outside the UK.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

We are will into 2006 & fees for the current year are outstanding. If you feel you might have difficulty in paying in 1 payment we would like to encourage you to pay via Direct Debit on a

Website Launch

Watch this SPACE

Leicester Jamaat will soon be launching its own website

Jokes

How can you tell when a lawyer is lying?
His lips are moving.

Why won't sharks attack lawyers?
Professional courtesy.

Men are like computers: Hard to figure out and never have enough memory.

Men are like horoscopes: They always tell you what to do, and they are always wrong.

Why are men like commercials?
You can't believe a word they say.

What have you done wrong if your wife walks into the living room and slaps you.
You have left the chain to long.

What is the difference between Bigfoot and an intelligent blonde?
There have actually been sightings of Bigfoot

Question: "What proof do you have that Iraq has Weapons of Mass Destruction?"
Colin Powell: "We kept the receipts."

Why do accountants make good lovers? They're great with figures

Judge: "Have you anything to offer to this Court before I pass sentence?"
Defendant: "No your honor, my lawyer took every penny."

Q. Are you married?
A. No, I'm divorced.
Q. And what did your husband do before you divorced him?
A. A lot of things I didn't know about.

When you go to court, you are trusting your fate to twelve people that weren't smart enough to get out of jury duty!

Photo Gallery - Ramadhan 2006



More photographs will be published in next month's edition.....

Photographs taken by Mr. Amir Kapasi

Opening of Hussein Manzil Leicester

Leicester Branch have produced a DVD containing original footage from the opening of Hussein Manzil.



This is a rare opportunity to make not only a memorable purchase but to also contribute to the future development of the hall, as all proceeds shall be donated to DBWS Leicester.

The DVD is 72 minutes in length giving lasting memories that can be enjoyed time and time again for a small price of £10.

If you would like to buy your copy, remembering that all money raised is going to DBWS Leicester, please contact the President of Leicester Jumaat.

Let us remember those who are no longer with us and the efforts made by the society. Using this as encouragement to look to the future.