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GREEN LANE MASJID
& COMMUNITY CENTRE

Annual Report 2023

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Message from Our Chair

All praise be to Allah, Assalaamu alaykum (peace be upon you),

Dear supporters of Green Lane Masjid and Community Centre,

As we close another year, I am filled with deep gratitude and pride for the journey we have undertaken together in 2023. This past year has been one of spiritual enrichment, community connection, and steadfast service. Through our collective efforts, we have not only maintained our cherished traditions but also embraced new initiatives that have strengthened our bond and enhanced our ability to serve our community.

Our religious services continued to be the cornerstone of our community life. The regular daily prayers, Friday sermons covering relevant issues, along with a plethora of programmes have provided us with a serene space for reflection, worship, and growth. The highlights of our year included the celebration of Eid, which brought together thousands in a shared expression of faith and unity. The sacred month of Ramadan was a time of deep devotion and generosity, marked by the provision of Suhoor and Iftar meals, Taraweeh prayers, and the opportunity for Itikaf. Our dedicated team also supported the community through significant life events, including Nikah ceremonies, funeral services, and essential guidance through the Imam Q&A sessions.

The numbers tell a powerful story of our community's engagement. Each week, over 5,000 congregants attended the masjid, with 3,500 joining for Friday prayers. We were blessed to facilitate 170 Nikah ceremonies and distribute £300k of Zakat locally to those in need. Ramadan saw an extraordinary 60,000 worshippers at the masjid, with 450 iftar meals provided daily. These figures are a testament to the vibrant faith and commitment that define our congregation.

Our Outreach department has also flourished, continuing to inspire and educate. Through conferences, school visits, social media engagement, and chaplaincy work, we have reached thousands, both within our community and beyond. The launch of new initiatives like the Page by Page Tafseer (Explanation of the Qur'an) series and the Safe Street campaign exemplifies our proactive approach to outreach and education. The department's success is reflected in the significant growth of our online presence, with 100k new followers and millions engaging with our content.

As we look forward to the year ahead, we are reminded that our strength lies in our unity, our faith, and our shared purpose. The achievements of 2023 were only possible because of the dedication and support of each one of you - our congregants, volunteers, and supporters. Together, we have created a space where spirituality thrives, community is fostered, and the teachings of Islam are lived out in service to others.

On behalf of the entire leadership team, I extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who has contributed to our mission this year. Your commitment and devotion are the foundation upon which our future success will be built. May Allah SWT (God) bless our efforts and enable us to continue to grow together to serve, educate and inspire.

Sincerely,



Mohammed Saeed
Mohammed Saeed, Chair

OUR SERVICES



1. Education
2. Dawah & Outreach
3. Religious Services
4. Welfare & Wellbeing
5. Humanitarian & Social
6. Youth

**INSPIRE
EDUCATE
SERVE**

EDUCATION

- Al-Isnad Programme
- Alimiyah Foundation Programme
- Arabic Language Programme
- Green Lane Academy of Sacred Sciences
- Hifdh Holiday Programmes
- Imams' Ijazah Summer Programme
- Intensive Hifdh Programme
- Onsite Madrasah
- Online Madrasah
- Online Qur'an Institute
- Ramadan Programme
- Seerah Holiday Programme
- Sisters' Qur'an Classes
- Summer School
- Tajweed Webinars & Holiday Programme
- Weekend Budding Believers Club
- Weekend Courses

WELFARE & WELLBEING

- Boxing
- Cancer Support with Macmillan
- Counselling Services
- Domestic Abuse Support
- Elders' Monthly Lunch
- Food Bank and Food Kitchen
- Immigration Surgery
- Job Clinics and Job Fairs
- Joint Pain Clinic
- Kayaking
- Legal Surgery
- Marriage events
- Refugee Support
- Squash
- Women's Coffee Mornings
- Women's Swimming and Fitness
- Zakat Hardship Fund

DAWAH & OUTREACH

- Chaplaincy
- Conferences
- Exhibitions
- Faith Line for University Students
- Friday Khutbahs (sermons)
- 'How To' Videos
- Islamic Articles & Social Media Posts
- Khutbahs at Universities
- Open Days
- Organisation Ramadan Visits
- Podcasts
- School and Inter-Faith Visits
- Training for University Students
- University Speaker Tours
- University Webinars
- Weekly Talks
- YouTube Videos

HUMANITARIAN & SOCIAL

- BIMA and NHS Health Days
- Domestic Abuse Awareness
- International Iftar Provision
- International Qurbani
- International Winter Provision
- Shelter, Food & Medical Projects
- UK Food Distributions
- Winter Homeless Shelter
- Zakat al-Fitr, Zakat al-Maal & Fidyah

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

- Celebrate Eid
- Daily Prayers
- Eid at Edgbaston Stadium
- Friday Prayers & Sermons
- Funeral Services
- Imam Q & A
- Local Qurbani
- Nikahs
- Taraweeh, Itikaf, Iftar & Suhoor
- Umrah

YOUTH

- Basketball (girls only)
- Boxing
- Football Club (boys only)
- Kayaking
- Knife Bank
- Monthly Youth Trips
- Scouts
- Squash
- Youth Club
- Youth Summer Programme





2023



Religious Services

It was another uplifting year with our Religious Services, where we have continued to provide support and spiritual guidance to the community, maintaining established and familiar activities while also introducing new initiatives to better serve our congregants.

As part of our routine services, daily prayers continued to be facilitated, providing a tranquil and aesthetic environment. The annual Eid celebration at Small Heath Park was a standout event, bringing the community together in a display of solidarity to celebrate our faith. During Ramadan, a variety of activities were provided, such as Taraweeh prayers, Itikaf, Suhoor and Iftar meals, enabling worshippers to concentrate on respective acts of devotion and reflection. Our Imam Q & A sessions also offered essential guidance on various aspects of Islam.

Friday prayers and sermons remained central to our weekly activities, consistently delivering messages that not only inspired, but also regularly challenged the congregation to reflect and aspire to the higher ideals that underscore our faith. We also conducted several Nikah ceremonies, which contributed towards fostering stronger ties of community support among participants.

GLM's Religious Services consistently served and met spiritual needs of the community, providing opportunities for members to fulfil their religious obligations.

Business as usual

- Daily Prayers
- Celebration of Eid at Small Heath Park
- Eid at Edgbaston Stadium
- Ramadan - Taraweeh, Itikaf, Suhoor and Iftar
- Friday Prayers and Sermons
- Nikahs
- Local Qurbani
- Funeral Services
- Imam Q & A



KEY STATISTICS



5000
Congregants
Attending the Masjid
every single week



3500
Attendees
On average at every
Jumma prayer each
week



170
Nikah
Ceremonies
performed
throughout the year



£300K
of Zakat
Distributed locally to
support community
needs



450
Daily Iftar meals
Provided for free to
Masjid attendees during
Ramadan

Dawah

The Dawah department maintains its core programmes as part of GLMCC's ongoing efforts, including annual winter, summer, and Ramadan conferences focused on key aspects of the faith. Regular school and organisational visits are welcomed at GLMCC to enrich student's first-hand experience of a religious and community hub, providing children with the opportunity to explore and engage with their curiosity about Islam. The department shares educational videos on social media, providing valuable resources for knowledge seekers. Lectures and Friday sermons attract hundreds, addressing spiritual and contemporary issues.

Chaplaincy work supports spiritual wellbeing across institutions, and Open Days invite visitors to experience GLM's inclusive atmosphere. YouTube videos, podcasts, and social media have expanded the department's reach, gaining 100k new followers. They also hosted exhibitions across the UK and launched initiatives like the Our Safe Street campaign in collaboration with Better Streets, Birmingham.

A Tafseer initiative was launched to complete the explanation of the Quran's meanings, emphasising the importance of understanding God's words and using them to guide us through life. Two lecture tours visited 40+ locations, and a retreat equipped ISOC committee members for leadership. The department continues to create opportunities for everyone to engage with and appreciate the beauty of Islam.

Business as usual

- Conferences
- School and Inter-Faith Visits
- Islamic Articles and Social Media Posts
- Weekly Talks
- Friday Khutbahs (sermons)
- Chaplaincy
- Open Days
- YouTube Videos
- Exhibitions
- Podcasts
- How To' Videos

New activities

- Organisation Ramadan Visits
- University Speaker Tours
- Faith Line for University Students
- Training for University Students
- Khutbahs at Universities
- University Webinars
- Retreat for University students
- Safe Street Campaign
- Page to Page Tafseer series
- Masjid best practice Conference



KEY STATISTICS



1000 students
In approximation attending BMS talks



2 Million Views
On our popular 'How to' Youtube series



100K Subscribers
Gained across our social media platforms



30 School visits
Throughout the year promoting understanding of Islam



3 Conferences
With over 2000 attendees

Children's Education

In 2023, Children's Education comprised of a number of structured programmes catered to children from 4 to 16 years of age.

The Madrassah (supplementary evening school) delivered traditional classes in Qur'anic and Islamic Studies, online and onsite. The Madrasah further expanded in 2023, separating into two independent entities; with the Onsite school catering for children from year 1 to 8, while the Online school continued to grow with provision for children from Year 1 to 13. We were able to expand the management teams and increase our pool of volunteers, teaching assistants and experienced teachers.

With an emphasis on students learning Islam through creative applications, our popular weekend programme, Budding Believers Club, continued to be oversubscribed, selling out within days of the new term dates being announced.

Our annual Summer School and Hifdh holiday programmes were held at a nearby institute, enabling over 250 children from the age of 4 to 11 to benefit from Islamic Tarbiyah, outdoor activities and play throughout the month of August.

Following a successful GCSE Intensive Course in the summer, delivered by Tutor Birmingham, we formalised our partnership and launched Tutor World in September. The team delivered high quality tuition for children from Year 1 to Year 11 which has proven popular and a welcome addition to the rest of our children's activities and services.

Alhamdulillah, overall, 1600 children benefitted from our range of programmes throughout 2023.

Business as usual

- Weekend Budding Believers Club
- Children's Summer School
- Hifdh Holiday Programme
- Onsite Madrasah
- Online Madrasah
- Ramadan Children's Programme

New activities

- Seerah (Biography of the Prophet) Holiday Programme
- Tutor World



KEY STATISTICS



160
Children
Registered for
Budding Believers
club per term



300+
Children
Attended the annual
children's summer
school



330+
Children
Registered for
children's onsite
Madrasah



260+
Children
Registered for
children's online
Madrasah



5
Children
Have completed
the Quran

Adult Education

Green Lane Academy of Sacred Sciences' (GLASS) vision is to foster an educated model Muslim community, that serves Allah through sincere worship, good character and righteous action. The department's mission is to produce exemplary Muslims by providing high quality Islamic education with a focus on academic excellence, sincerity and practical application.

Subjects taught at the academy include Aqeedah (Islamic beliefs), Fiqh (Islamic jurisprudence), Arabic, Qu'ranic Reading and Tajweed (pronunciation & recitation).

To enable students to reach their learning objectives, GLASS focused on structuring its existing courses into coherent linear learning paths across two main areas: Islamic and Qur'anic studies. These learning paths helped students to determine their respective attainment levels and what goals they could aspire to according to their abilities and interests.

GLASS also focused on delivering live events that engaged and connected the community with reputable religious scholars and organisations.

Compared to the previous year, an increase of 45% was witnessed in relation to newly enrolled students (1285 vs 889), bringing the total student number to over 2,000.

Business as usual

- Qur'an & Tajweed Classes
- 1-1 Qu'ran tuition via Online Qur'an Institute
- Arabic Language Programme
- Regular weekend courses
- Alimiyyah Foundation Programme
- Adult Hifdh Programme
- Al-Isnad Programme

New activities

- Introduction of new hybrid style courses
- Introduction of new structured learning paths
- Partnerships with Al-Kauthar Institute & Islamic Council of Europe
- Special Weekend Live Events
- Tafseer Suratul Hujurat
- Roadmap to the Twins
- Tafseer Suratul Rahman
- Marriage Mastery
- Tafseer Suratul Nur
- Final Journey & Will Writing
- Islam Essentials E-Learning Course development
- Hifdh Ijaza Program



KEY STATISTICS



1285
Students
Active & newly
enrolled on our
programmes



35
Courses
Individually taught
throughout the
year



59
Hours
of total weekly
teaching



27
Weekly
Teaching sessions
given weekly



102
Certificates
Issued in 2023 for
various subjects

Youth

In 2023, the Youth Department continued core initiatives like Youth Summer Activities, Football Club (boys), Basketball Club (girls), Youth Club, and Scouts group, fostering community engagement with a focus on the Tarbiyah of the children attending. The department also introduced a Yearlong Youth Dawah Programme offering classes and workshops centred on the basics of Islam.

These efforts emphasised holistic youth development, evident in the consistent participation and successful launch of new programmes. The initiatives also highlighted the department's commitment to empowering the youth and creating an environment where they could develop a stronger appreciation for their religion, feel safe and channel their energy into healthy choices.

In 2023, our youth football club achieved remarkable success, most notably consistently attracting 50-60 players per session. Competing in an FA-backed league with over 300 participants across six pitches, we also hosted major summer tournaments, showcasing local talent and engaging the community.



Business as usual

- Youth Summer Activities
- Football Club (boys)
- Basketball (girls)
- Boxing
- Youth Club
- Scouts
- Fencing

KEY STATISTICS



20+
Children
Attending our
youth club weekly



50+
Boys
Attending football
training sessions
weekly



150
Children
Attending our
scouts group



20+
Girls
Attending weekly
basketball sessions



20+
Boys
Attending weekly
boxing & fencing
sessions

TFGLM

In 2023, Taskforce GLM confronted yet another year fraught with significant challenges in humanitarian relief efforts globally. From the wrath of natural disasters to the relentless turmoil of ongoing conflicts, communities endured unprecedented hardships.

Undeterred by these adversities, Taskforce GLM remained resolute, rallying support and raising over £2.1M through the grace of Allah. In February, Turkey and Syria were struck by devastating earthquakes, exacerbating already dire circumstances. TFGLM swiftly mobilised, contributing over £400k to provide vital aid, including shelter, food, and medical assistance, to those affected by the disasters.

In October, Palestine continued to grapple with turmoil and conflict, with TFGLM providing critical support. From emergency medical aid to winter shelters and food provisions, our efforts remained steadfast in aiding those in need amid ongoing challenges. The persistent violence in Gaza and Jerusalem, especially during the raids on Masjid al-Aqsa in Ramadan and the escalation in October, demanded urgent humanitarian intervention. TFGLM worked tirelessly with partners on the ground to ensure aid distribution and access to medical facilities.

Amidst these crises, TFGLM successfully completed two borehole projects in Somalia, providing vital access to clean water for communities in need. Throughout the year, TFGLM remained committed to delivering essential aid to vulnerable communities worldwide. Whether through distributing hot meals to refugees or conducting regular food distributions, TFGLM efforts aimed to alleviate suffering and offer hope in times of crisis.

Alhamdulillah, the unwavering generosity of our donor community enabled Taskforce GLM to make a meaningful difference in the lives of countless individuals affected by disasters and conflicts in 2023.

Business as usual

- Iftar provisions for refugees and the displaced
- International Qurbani
- Winter Distribution of blankets and Winter supplies
- Distributing Zakat al-Fitr, Zakat al-Maal and Fidyah
- UK Food Distributions

New activities

- Afghanistan: Shelter, food and medical supplies
- Pakistan: Flood Shelters and emergency relief
- Syria Homes
- Palestine: Emergency medical aid, Winter shelters and food
- Somalia Water Projects
- Lebanon: Hot cooked meals for Syrian refugees



KEY STATISTICS



2.1M
Raised
in 2023 through
our fundraising
campaigns



£800K
Raised
in Ramadan 2023
through our
fundraising campaigns



£450K
Raised
for our brothers
and sisters in
Palestine



£400K
Raised
For Turkey & Syria
earthquake appeal



100+
Families
received food from
our Winter Food
Distribution

Welfare & Wellbeing

In 2023, the department expanded its welfare and wellbeing initiatives, introducing new services tailored to the congregation's needs.

Key welfare activities continued, including the Food Bank, Food Distribution partnership with Islamic Relief, and the Zakat Hardship Fund, offering vital support to those facing food and fuel poverty. Weekly DWP Careers Advice, Legal, and Immigration Surgeries provided professional assistance after Jummah prayers.

To meet rising demand, the Domestic Abuse Support programme recruited an additional Support Worker, enhancing resources for abuse victims.

A weekly Community Kitchen was introduced, serving free meals to over 300 attendees every Jummah, fostering social connections.

Wellbeing activities remained strong with monthly Elders Lunches, Women's Coffee Mornings, and fitness sessions for both genders. Women also gained access to the Be Fit Programme and boxercise.

Additionally, a Baby Bank was established, offering essential items for children aged 0 to 5 to support families in need.

Business as usual

Welfare

- Food Bank
- Counselling Services
- Legal Surgery
- Immigration Surgery
- DWP Careers Advice Surgery
- Job Clinics and Job Fairs
- Refugee Support
- Zakat Hardship Fund
- Domestic Abuse Support
- Cancer Support Service

Wellbeing

- Joint Pain Clinic
- Elders' Monthly Lunch
- Women's Coffee Morning
- Kayaking
- Women's Swimming
- Marriage Events
- Squash
- Boxing

New activities

Welfare

- Community Kitchen

Wellbeing

- Pop up café
- Baby Bank
- Ladies Be Fit
- Ladies Boxercise



KEY STATISTICS



60+
Families
Benefitted from
the food bank
every week



£300K
Spent
Spent annually
through Zakah
assisting local
Muslims



110
Women
Accommodated
through Domestic
abuse support
service



100+
Attendees
For our marriage
events with 60%
match rate



20
Active
Community
cancer
champions



Media

GLMCC continued its work via mainstream media with the aim of accurately portraying Muslims and Islam. The department addressed opinions and concerns across a range of topics, including an increase in Islamophobia through statistics published in 2023, the bankruptcy of Birmingham council and the adverse impact it had on areas such as Small Heath. Community concerns regarding reckless driving powerfully illustrated with the Safe Streets campaign while also raising awareness once again to the nihilism of knife crime.

Summer witnessed an unfortunate and targeted attack on GLMCC from particular social media influencers. Despite concerted efforts to tarnish the integrity and achievements of the mosque, GLMCC's dedication and continuous service to the community, remained intact during this challenging period.

GLMCC's message at the outset of the Gaza crisis conveyed a strong message for a ceasefire alongside its clarion call of support to aid Palestinian victims. The year concluded with a sombre message of prayer for those suffering from the ongoing crisis and horrific circumstances afflicting an entire marginalised population. This was coupled with a call for political leaders to act in accordance with humanitarian laws.

Engagement

GLMCC's engagement efforts in 2023 focused on enhancing public outreach and building strong partnerships. The team actively participated in radio and TV interviews on prominent platforms like BBC and ITV, discussing various community initiatives and issues. It maintained a strong online presence with widespread media coverage, and our social media channels saw significant growth. Collaboration with local organisations, educational institutions, community leaders, and key stakeholders such as West Midlands Police (WMP), the Crime Commissioner's Office, and Birmingham City Council (BCC) underscored the diversity and contributions of the Muslim community. Additionally, GLMCC's advocacy efforts, including issuing joint statements on key issues and engaging with policymakers, further strengthened its impact. These engagements highlighted the organisation's commitment to promoting dialogue, understanding, and cooperation across various sectors and communities.

Leadership

In 2023, GLMCC demonstrated strong leadership through various initiatives aimed at fostering community cohesion and addressing critical issues. A series of community forums and workshops were organised focusing on topics, such as youth mental health, climate change and social justice. These initiatives not only provided a platform for open dialogue but also reinforced GLMCC's role as a proactive and influential leader among the community. In addition to this, the leadership team continued to engage with policymakers and other community leaders, advocating for local and wider community issues to ensure their respective voices were being represented in important decision making processes.

Partners



Partners





FINANCIAL
& LEGAL



Revenue



Costs



Legal & Administrative Details

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