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1: ATTENDING WINTERSPRING MAWLID

WINTERSPRING MAWLID 2026

Come! Quench your thirsty, weary hearts
with the name of the Beloved ﷺ

Join us this Rabi al-Awwal for 12 captivating nights
of praise, poetry, insightful lessons and remembrance,
heralding the blessed birth of the Prophet ﷺ

14th -25th
August 2026
19:30-22:00

The Light House
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2: MEET OUR HOST, SHAYKH SAYYID ASIM YUSUF

Shaykh Sayyid Asim Yusuf al- Habibi OBE is a Sufi Shaykh of the Chishti Habibi order, Emeritus Chair of the British Board of Scholars and Imams, and Clinical Director for Mental Health in Wolverhampton.

He has studied all branches of the Islamic sciences with renowned teachers from across the world, gaining authorisation to instruct and guide students in their own spiritual and intellectual journeys.

Since 2014, he has been engaged in a complete reading, commentary and analysis of the Ihya Ulum al-Din of Imam Ghazali, and specialises in Islamic metaphysics and philosophy. He is also teaching a full commentary on the Quran. He has authored a number of works in topics ranging from spirituality to subjects in Islamic law and bioethics, as well as history and the philosophy of Islamic Psychology. He is also the munshid Talib al-Habib.

He heads the Nur al-Habib Foundation, which has a number branches including education, publishing, community projects and social outreach, and also founded the Path to Salvation Classical Islamic Syllabus. He founded and has led the Winterspring Mawlid, now in their seventeenth year - a unique 12 night celebration of the Prophet ﷺ

For information on courses taught by Shaykh Asim Yusuf, please visit:

www.nuralhabib.org



3: THIS YEAR'S SCHOLARS & SPEAKERS

Shaykh Abdalla Yassin OBE

Shaykh Dr Abdalla Yassin Mohamed OBE was born in Khartoum, Sudan where he spent over 30 years studying traditional Islamic sciences under Shaykh el-Nayyal Abdel Qadir Abu Groon.



Shaykh Abdalla received Ijazah in the sciences of Shariah which include Islamic fiqh, history & theology. Academically, he obtained an Msc in Zoology from Khartoum University & a PhD in Psychology from Liverpool University. He is heavily involved in community relations initiatives with particular focus on marginalised members of society. He is the founder & Chair of the Onyx Link Foundation, a think tank that has been established to promote social wellbeing & advancing active national & global citizenship.

In 2008 he received an OBE for services to Wales's community relations.

Shaykh Nasir Rashid

Shaykh Nasir Rashid began his studies in 2002 studying Shafi'i Fiqh. In 2003, during I'tikaf he was invited to study with Shaykh Rasul Baksh Saeedi at the FR Institute and has since progressed considerably in his studies and has covered a number of texts in the higher sciences. He continued studying with other teachers in his home city of Birmingham and was also a former teacher of the Path to Salvation course.



He has completed a Diploma in Contextual Islamic Studies & Leadership at Cambridge Muslim College following that he embarked on a Masters in Philosophy at the Heythrop College University of London.

He is a father of three, and works full time in the NHS as an Audiologist in Birmingham.

Shaykh Amer Jamil



Shaykh Amer Jamil has been described by the Sunday herald as one of the Scotland's most prominent and respected Muslim thinkers. He holds a (LLB) law degree from Strathclyde university and BA (Hons) in Islamic studies from the University of Wales. He spent 10 years studying the Islamic sciences including 6 years with distinguished scholars in the Middle East (Syria and Yemen), gaining him teaching licenses (ijaza) in various Islamic sciences.

His main field of interest is primarily Islamic family law; an area in which he has studied in depth having studied all four schools of Islamic jurisprudence. In 2009 he co-founded the Solas Foundation and with his partner Shaykh Ruzwan Muhammad, established the iSyllabus Islamic studies program. He is currently the co-director of the programme. He is also the Muslim Chaplain at Glasgow Caledonian University, where he delivers the Friday sermon and regular classes for students.

Shaykh Shammas Tubraiz



Shaykh Shammas Tubraiz began his studies in 2002, studying theology and basic to intermediate level Shafi'i and Hanafi fiqh. In 2004, he was accepted at the Faizan al-Rasul Institute in Birmingham – a distinguished centre of Islamic scholarship – where he continued his pursuit for sacred knowledge under the tutelage of the esteemed Shaykh Rasul Baksh Sa'eedi, studying many of the Islamic sciences.

Ustadh Shammas is a co-founder of the Sacred Texts Syllabus, and currently resides in Birmingham with his wife and three children. Alongside community activities he works full time in the NHS, teaches private advanced Islamic studies classes, and has a Non-Executive Directors role in one of the largest Housing Associations in the UK.

He completed a Masters degree in Public Health in 2014 and more recently a further degree in Senior Healthcare Leadership.

Imam Qari Asim



Qari Asim is a senior Imam at Makkah Mosque in Leeds, which has won the award of being UK's model mosque. He is a Legal Director at a global law firm, DLA Piper. He holds various positions on a number of organisations that focus on issues related to government policy, education, business, leadership, youth empowerment, gender equity, environment and social welfare.

He is Chair of Mosques and Imams National Advisory Board and senior editor of ImamsOnline. He is a trustee of British Future, a think-tank which addresses identity, integration and migration. He is also a trustee of the charities Peace Matters and Hope not Hate.

Qari Asim is on the regional leadership board of Mosaic, founded by HRH Prince of Wales, to inspire young people to realise their talents and potential. He is passionate about fostering relations between communities and is a trustee of Christian Muslim Forum, a director of Forum for Promoting Peace (London) and one of the faith advisors to Holocaust Memorial Day Trust & the Near Neighbours programme.

Ustadha Anika Asif



Ustadha Anika Asif is a teacher and an advanced student of knowledge. She studied for 10 years under Shaykh Sjaad Hussain and Shaykh Shammas Tabraiz, graduating from Sacred Texts Syllabus in 2019, obtaining Ijaza Aaama to teach various Islamic Sciences.

She has also been under the tutelage of Shaykh Dr Asim Yusuf, studying with him: Ghazali's Ihya Ulum Uddin, Islamic Metaphysics, Aqeeda, Names of Allah and various other subjects.

She now teaches Quranic Arabic language and grammar for Sacred Texts Syllabus UK. She teaches Ghazali's Ihya to parents and Educators at the Ghazali Children's program at Solihull Hub Mosque, where she also serves on the advisory committee. She lives and works in the city of Birmingham as a dentist.

Shaykh Muhammad Yaseen



Born and raised in Birmingham, Shaykh Muhammad Yaseen developed an interest in acquiring the traditional Islamic Sciences from an early age. His enthusiasm led him to travel to the blessed lands of Sham (Syria), where he met many great scholars and men of Allāh. He spent a year there studying Arabic at the University of Damascus as well as attending lessons of various Shaykhs in the mosques of Damascus. He was also blessed to attend gatherings at the residence of Shaykh Muhammad Al-Yaqoubi.

Upon his return to the UK, Shaykh Yaseen continued his studies with Shaykh Rasul Bakhsh Saeedi and Mufti Yar Muhammad. He studied a number of classical texts across a variety of disciplines including Hadith Studies, Quranic Exegesis, Arabic linguistics, Jurisprudence, Theology, Legal Theory, Logic, and Hadith Principles. Alongside his theological studies, Shaykh Yaseen completed his undergraduate studies in Computer Science.

Since 2005, he has taught across the UK and lectured on a variety of issues. He assumed the post of Imam in Birmingham before serving as resident scholar at Al-Huda Zawiya, Dewsbury.

More recently, he led curriculum enrichment for primary Islamic education in Birmingham and co-founded ISNAD Institute.

Hafiz Sejad Mekić



Hafiz Sejad Mekić studied in Bosnia before obtaining a BA from the University of Wales, an MPhil from University of Cambridge and a PhD from SOAS, University of London.

He has served as Imam in mosques across Bosnia and the UK, as well as serving as chaplain at HMP Highpoint. He has lectured at the Ahmed Yesevi University in Kazakhstan, the Muslim College of London, and Cambridge Muslim College.

Shaykh Burhaan Khandia

Shaykh Burhan Khandia comes from a lineage of scholars and was privileged to spend his youth dedicated to learning sacred knowledge and carrying the prophetic inheritance under the tutelage of his father, Qari Ismaeel Khandia who is one of the leading teachers of Qur'an in the city of Derby. He travelled to India at a young age to study with the Ulama of Ajmer Sharif and where he began his memorisation of the Qur'an.



He continued his studies in the city of Tarīm in Yemen, where he studied for 3 years under the spiritual masters of Hadramaut, including notable scholars of the Habaib: Ḥabīb ‘Umar b.Ḥafīẓ, Ḥabīb ‘Ali al-Jifri, Ḥabīb Kāẓim as-Saqqāf, Ḥabīb Hāshim b. ‘Aqīl, al-Shaykh and Ustādh Ibrahīm Osi-Efa.

Upon his return to the UK he began teaching Qur’ān studies to children in his locality and helping to set up the Ikhlās Education Centre where he also teaches. He was a teacher on the well-renowned Path to Salvation Course in Derby. He frequently travels across the country to deliver speeches and talks to the masses on a number of topical subjects.

Shaykh Sayyid Mounes Khalifah

Born in Madinah al-Munawwarah, Shaykh Sayyid Mounes Khalifah Al-Jilani began his pursuit of sacred knowledge early in life. He first travelled to Pakistan, where he memorised the Holy Qur’an at the residence of Dr. Tahir-ul-Qadri.



Continuing his traditional Islamic education, he immersed himself in the study of classical sciences—including Hadith, Fiqh, and Aqeedah—at the renowned Dar al-Mustafa in Tarim, Yemen. His dedication to learning then took him across Jordan, Iraq, the Levant, and Türkiye, where he benefited from various distinguished scholars and traditional chains of learning.

Today, he remains committed to preserving traditional Islamic scholarship as the Imam of Jamia Masjid Anwar-ul-Uloom in Smethwick. In this role, he serves the local community through leading prayers, Qur’anic teaching, Islamic education, and spiritual guidance.

4: THIS YEAR'S MUNSHIDS & RECITERS



Nader Khan: A WinterSpring Mawlid Debut

Nader Khan is a Canadian singer-songwriter, recording artist, producer, arts educator, and musicologist, with a specific focus on traditional and contemporary Islamic devotional/Sufi music. Over the last 25 years, he has toured and performed across the world (Canada, United States, Mexico, South Africa, United Kingdom, Norway, Guyana, Trinidad, Australia, Malaysia, and Singapore), in solo performances, and on tours with other internationally renowned artists. Nader has also spearheaded various social justice initiatives that promote local and international relief efforts through Islamic devotional music, arts, and youth engagement.

Nader is also an executive producer for **STORIES FROM THE SEERAH**, a new podcast covering the entire Seerah of The Prophet (ﷺ) in a rarely-experienced level of detail, expertly narrated by the renowned Seerah teacher, Dr. Bano Murtuja.



Aashiq Al Rasul

An ensemble brought together with the common understanding that love of The Creator and His Beloved Prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him, is the necessary foundation on which service to God's creation is built.

Since 1998; Aashiq Al Rasul has nourished the hearts and minds of audiences in communities at home in the United Kingdom and abroad.

Delivering the message of tolerance and harmony through a universal language of rhythm and melody. Utilising the means of a repertoire of classical Qasidas, Hamds, Naats, Qawaalis and modern Nasheeds supported by a fusion of languages and beats from across the globe.



Al Musafirun

Al-Musafirun was founded under the patronage of the erudite Syrian scholar and guide, Shaykh Sayyid Muhammad Al-Yaqoubi. Their name embodies the ethos of every Muslim's journey to reach, Allah Almighty. A journey, made blessed through the constant praise and love of Allah Almighty and of His beloved, Prophet Muhammad ﷺ



Manaqib

Manaqib are a multi generational traditional nasheed group led by Sidi Mushfiq. They were originally based in Birmingham, and are now made up of members from various parts of the UK.

They have studied under a number of traditional Munshids including Shaykh Ismail al-Kurdi. They have been praising the Prophet ﷺ using traditional qasidas and maqamat since 2010, and have developed their own English language songs of praise as well.



Shaykh Tahir Anwar

After graduating from the Micro Madrasah programme in 2011, Shaykh Tahir Anwar went on to establish 'Inspiring Grace', a faith-based charity dedicated to reviving Prophetic practices. In 2016, he embarked on a full-time Islamic studies programme in the blessed city of Fes, where he focused on the Arabic language and Qur'anic exegesis (Tafsīr).

Shaykh Tahir was then blessed to spend four years in Tarim, Yemen, where he was afforded the opportunity to sit with some of the greatest scholars of the age. He has been given Ijāzah (formal permission to teach) in many of the Islamic sciences, particularly in calling others to Allah.

He now teaches the Islamic sciences to over 2,000 students worldwide, striving to instil within them a deep love for Allah and His Messenger ﷺ. Shaykh Tahir has also been involved in a number of translation and editorial projects, including producing an English translation of 'The Burdah' of Imam al-Busīrī for 'Breezes of the Elect', as well as serving as Chief Editor of the book, and translating a number of classical poems as well as a hadith collection on the virtues of the Noble Qur'ān.

As part of 'Pearls from the Diwān of Imam al-Ḥaddād - Book Two of the Breezes of the Elect Series', he was responsible for translating 47 poems from Imam al-Ḥaddād's blessed Diwān alongside Shaykh Amin Buxton.



Shaykh Amr Elalimy Al-Azhari

Shaykh Amr Elalimy Al-Azhari graduated in Usul ud Din wa Da'wah as his degree from Al-Azhar University. He obtained ijazah in the Hafs an Asim recitation through various unbroken chains including Shaykh Abdul Aziz Farhat of Al-Azhar and Shaykh Ahmed Esa Al Masarawi who is the head of reciters in Egypt.

Over the last 16 years, he has helped to set up and run various Qur'an academies all over the UK. He now teaches full time at his own Quran Academy in Solihull/Birmingham.



Hamza Bouzhar

Hamza Bouzhar is a talented munshid who was born and raised in Morocco. He is a Sufi spiritual reciter and composer. He specialises in Arabic Maqamat and his mission is to revive the beauty of traditional Arabic, Moroccan and Andalusí qasaid to take listeners on a soulful journey through time. He is the recipient of numerous individual and collective awards for his nasheeds in Morocco.

The foundation of Hamza's career began through performing nasheeds in schools and local festivals. Since then, Hamza has gone to perform nationally with some of Morocco's most famous artists. In 2021, Hamza moved to the UK to challenge himself and explore new opportunities to share the beauty of Arabic qasaid in a new country.



Asim The Poet

Asim, the Poet, is an award winning spoken word artist, host, singer, author and a motivational speaker. As an international artist, he delivers a wide range of topics from hard-hitting stories to devotional poems as he conveys powerful messages to inspire and motivate others.

In 2021, he launched his first book: "Yours Sincerely, Asim" and has ventured into creating unique Spoken Word Poetry videos in praise and devotion of the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ available on YouTube and social media formats.

Most recently, he was awarded "Best spoken word male Poet" by the Wordplay and Flow initiative. He also hosts weekly Arabic praise poetry circles, as part of Nasheed group "As Salikoon", which has been ongoing for more than 20 years.

5: THE 10 MILLION SALAWAT CHALLENGE

Join us in sending 10,000,000 salawat

“Allah and His angels call down blessings on the Prophet.
You who have faith! Call down blessings on him and
ask for complete peace and safety for him.” [33: 56]

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