

# Appeal



## SMKS Property Funding Appeal

This Ramadhan, SMKS, Leicester is making a special appeal to raise money for the renovation of 127 Mere Road. How blessed are we to have so many members like yourself that we can appeal to for your generosity.

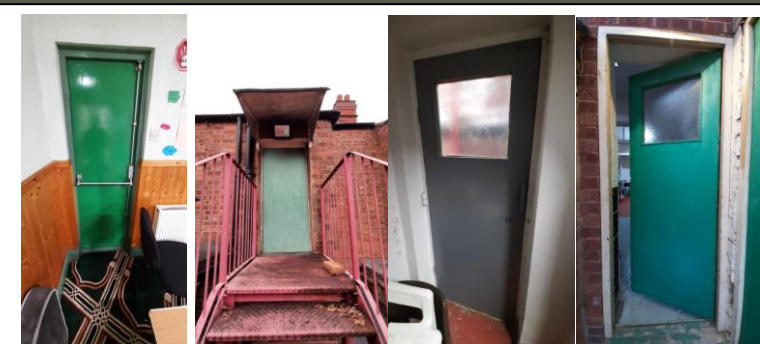
Now in existence for over 46 years, SMKS, Leicester continues to strive to expand its programs and offerings to the community. We hope that you will be able to take part in one or more of the many exciting events that we are offering this year and experience first-hand our cause. As most of you are aware that our community property at 127 Mere Road, has been in existence since 1977, and during that time has had some upkeep to it. However, it has come to that time where we need some urgent repairs, which are outlined below.

In order to meet our mission and provide services in our community, we rely on the generosity of individuals for support. Without the assistance of community-minded individuals just like you, we wouldn't be able to serve those in our community each year. We ask that you make a commitment to support our annual appeal by making a cash donation. This year our goal is **£5,000.00**, and we hope that you will be able to make a contribution. Your generosity will make a difference in our community by allowing us to continue in our work in the premises our elders left behind for us. Remember that every donation makes a difference, regardless of size. **Thank you in advance for your support!**



New Window to the Wudhu Khana area is completely rotten and a replacement had to be ordered and will be installed soon.

Replacement of upstairs Fire Door as shown above plus the two downstairs door are required to be replaced due to water damage. They too have been ordered and await delivery and installation.



Urgent repairs have been organised to the Front Bay Window to give it a sloping roof, add guttering and new down pipe.

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## Donate by

Property Repair Buckets will be made available during **Mothers & Sisters Programme on Sundays**

Buckets will be made available during **Men's Programme on Sundays** and each night during Taraweeh

Online using;

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Other items that will need attention are;

- Roof repairs
- Kitchen refresh
- Roof-light leaking
- Windows need mastic
- Soil pipe leaking
- Add Air vents

They will commence after the pictured items are completed.

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# Newsletter



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As-salāmu `alaykum wa rahmatu l-lāhi wa barakātuh, my dear respected elders, mothers, brothers, sisters and not forgetting the younger members of our community.

## A note from the President

### Annual General Meeting - 30<sup>th</sup> April 2023

#### Agenda

Timings	Items
09:-- 09:35	Welcome & Apologies
09:35 - 09:40	Tilawaat E Quraan
09:40 - 10:15	Matters arising from previous AGM
10:15 - 10:30	Financial Statement
10:30 - 11:00	Maintenance
11:00 - 11:30	Federation Updates
11:30 - 12:00	Elections
12:00 - 12:30	AOB, Dua & Close

Everyone is welcome to this and would be delighted to meet as many of you as possible. Please spread the word to as many of the community members as possible.

## Federation of Gujarati Muslim Khalifa Societies (FGMKS)

At the last FGMKS AGM in January 2023, the Chair was passed to SMKS, Leicester from Birmingham, who held the post for a total of 6 years. When something outstanding happens to an individual one of the most compelling impulses is to say something, so here goes. To be elected Chairman of the Federation of Gujarati Muslim Khalifa Societies (FGMKS) is a significant event in my life. First, I wish to say that I thank my colleagues who make up the FGMKS for this expression of confidence, and I pledge to do utmost during the period that I serve to warrant your trust, your confidence and your support. I am deeply honoured, humbled, and incredibly excited to be the new Chairman of FGMKS because the power and commitment of the Khalifa community, of all of you, is extraordinary.

Second, I feel that there is a need to assure all those who make up our community that FGMKS is in good hands. Each of my colleagues past and present who has served as a contributor to the evolution of FGMKS, who are immensely concerned with the welfare of UK Khalifa community and back in India / Kenya. With the continued support and assistance of the people of this community, FGMKS will now make significant progress under my leadership.

Third, with my team we feel that there is a need to indicate to people what they might expect from us, as a result of the FGMKS being led by SMKS, Leicester. We wish to begin by saying that we have one overwhelming goal and that is to serve to the best of our ability. We believe in right, in fair play, we believe that one must never compromise integrity. We believe that it is equally important in implementing FGMKS

board policies to consider the spirit of the policy as well as the literal policy statement. We believe that improvement and excellence in the services we provide must be self-generated at the local level. We also believe that it is unlikely that FGMKS will receive all the resources which are seen as needed to achieve the level of excellence desired, (hence, we must set priorities). Together these evaluations will suggest future policies and programs for better meeting the needs of our youth, ladies, elderly and everyone in between in the most effective and efficient manner.

My personal belief is that if, collectively we design to serve our Khalifa community to ensure that FGMKS and the local Societies become their **1<sup>st</sup> choice** to fulfil their needs, we need to significantly improve, what we offer. In summary then I would say we must reassess the Khalifa Community needs now and those needed in the near future. Then we must develop long range plans for returning to a higher degree of excellence in what FGMKS and the local Societies provide. If we truly commit ourselves to such a pledge, history will show that we in our day met the demands which our times required of us and the planned for the future.

Anyone who genuinely wants to serve our community, and help to shape SMKS, Leicester, please contact us.

**Mebs Sheikh, SMKS, Leicester**  
President & FGMKS Chair



## Programme for Ramadhān 2023

Will commence from **21<sup>st</sup> March 2023**, subject to the moon sighting at SMKS, 127 Mere Road Leicester;

### Isha Salah – Azaan 8:05 Jamaat 8:20

Please note the times of Salah will be changing during the month of Ramadhan

**Taraweeh –** It is with great pride that we can confirm that the Huffaz leading Taraweeh this year are from our Khalifa Community and they have stepped up to perform Taraweeh prayers for the benefit of us all.

Programme		
Date	Timings	Topic
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	12:00 – 1:00pm	Men's Programme, followed by Zuhr Salah
	2:30 onwards	Mothers & Sisters Programme
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2023	12:00 – 1:00pm	Men's Programme, followed by Zuhr Salah
	2:30 onwards	Mothers & Sisters Programme
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	12:00 – 1:00pm	Men's Programme, followed by Zuhr Salah
	2:30 onwards	Mothers & Sisters Programme
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	12:00 – 1:00pm	Men's Programme, followed by Zuhr Salah
	2:30 onwards	Mothers & Sisters Programme

The Holy month Ramadan is now only days away. Ramadan is infused with history and is personal for families in their own way. It is a seasonal marker and a measure of time passing. It is about values, and it is about faith. It is also about atmosphere that Ramadan brings, the special bond between all Muslims, the inner spiritual joy and peace, Remembering the countless reward you will receive in this world and in hereafter for each any every act of worship you carry out.

SMKS Leicester, are pleased to inform you of the following programmes will take place in the holy month of Ramadan with the help and support of the community and your duas.

## Hadīth - The days of Ramadhān

(Please dispose of this Newsletter responsibly)

### First 10 Days

- Mercy of Allah (Rahmah)

#### What to do:

- Help those around you - Ask elderly neighbours if you can do their shopping for them.
- Give Charity - Give Charity to those in need and those around you if they need it. Including friends and family.
- Be kind and courteous - Give small gifts to your nieces/nephews or small kids in the extended family and in return ask them to include you in their duas. Allah always accepts the duas of masoom / young children

### Second 10 Days

- Forgiveness of Allah (Maghfirah)

#### What to do:

- 1) Forgive people who have hurt you - We often hurt people without even being aware of it. We err often too and want the forgiveness of Allah. Let this month be one where we forgive those who have hurt us and soften our hearts for the sake of Allah. In turn, those we have hurt may forgive us Insha-Allah and Allah will forgive our misgivings too.
- 2) Forgive yourself and have confidence that Allah will forgive you.

*The Prophet (peace be upon him) said: "It (Ramadhān) is the month whose beginning is mercy, middle is forgiveness and its end emancipation from the fire" (biḥār al-anwār, vol 93).*

### Final 10 Days

- Safety from the Hellfire

#### What to do:

1) Recite in abundance:

Arabic: اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّكَ عَفُوٌّ تُحِبُّ الْعَفْوَ فَاعْفُ عَنِّي

English: **Allahumma innaka `afuwwun tuhibbul `afwa fa`fu `annee.**

Translation: O Allah, You are Forgiving and love forgiveness, so forgive me" or "O Allah, You are Pardoning and love to pardon, so pardon me.

Arabic: اللَّهُمَّ أَجِرْنِي مِنَ النَّارِ

English: **Allahuma Ajirni minan naar.**

Translation: O Allah, save me from the fire (Jahannam).

## Changes to SMKS, Leicester's Trustees

In 2022, SMKS, Leicester carried out an organisational structure review. The outcome was that our Trustees were ageing or had already passed away, (may they be granted highest place in paradise, Ameen), so we undertook to appoint new Trustees to support the remaining active ones.

### Message from the Chair of Trustees

As-salāmu `alaykum wa rahmatu l-lāhi wa barakātuh, it is with great pleasure, I would like to introduce myself as the new **Chair of Trustee** for SMKS, Leicester. I would like to take this opportunity to give tribute to our late Trustees who served our Society diligently and for the betterment of our community. With the new board of Trustees in place, my team and I hope to work even closer with the Executive team in order to make even more progress and fulfil objectives with your duas, Insha-Allah.

Our Vision Statement clearly outlines what our goals are, however, to progress them further we need your support. We continue to face major challenges in our daily life and it is now even more than ever, we need to think about the future of our children. We need you to work with us to build an exciting, shared vision, unleash the enormous potential that our youth have and to take our Society to the next generation.

*Nazir Hussein Osman Khalifa*

## Our Vision Statement

We have spent some time debating what our community's common vision should be and consider the following to be our vision;

- to enhance the quality of life in our community through individual, family and community services which promote respect, understanding and cooperation while working to eradicate all forms of discrimination
- to restore and empower the youth to become responsible citizens with distinguished moral principles and leaders of our community while providing them with Islamic principles through enriched education, knowledge and skills for community service projects
- to inspire individuals to be involved in activities which develops social skills, discipline and manners that will nurture them through life

## Sunday Khatam Sharif

SMKS, Leicester will open its door last Sunday of each month to hold a Khatam Sharif for all the marhumeens (may they be granted highest place in paradise, Ameen). Starting on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2023 1.00pm followed by duas, Zohr Azaan will be 1.15pm with Jamaat at 1.30pm

## Madressa-e-Rahimiyah

If you or anyone you know would like to enrol students, then please email [smksleicester@gmail.com](mailto:smksleicester@gmail.com) or contact Maulana Imtiaz Mathar on: 07931 362737

## Fee's Payment

Your fees are more important this time, so please when the collectors do call, kindly get your fees up to date. Why not pay your membership fees by Standing Order? To set this up, ask for a Standing Order form from your local bank to make a Standing Order to:

## Your Contact Detail

One of the issues raised recently was that a small number of you were not receiving our SMS messages. We check against your details held on record and find your details are out of date. If you have recently changed your number or moved addresses, then please provide us with your mobile phone number to ensure you get all SMS Messages from SMKS and current address.

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Bank/Branch address:  
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Account Number:  
**80846252**

**Remember to include your membership number**