

Fundraising Iftars Held for New Bait-ur-Raheem Mosque in Cardiff, Capital City of Wales

Majlis Ansarullah UK holds special fundraising iftar events in London and Wales for its landmark project, the new purpose-built Bait-ur-Raheem Mosque in Cardiff.

Members are invited to contribute generously to this holy cause, especially in the holy month of Ramadhan.

Background



Following success in the northeast with the opening of the purpose-built Nasir Mosque in Hartlepool in 2005, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V (a.t.b.a.) graciously approved the next project for Majlis Ansarullah as **a new mosque in the city of Cardiff**.

It would serve not just the political and cultural capital in South Wales, but would also be the **regional centre** for long-established **jamaats in the southwest** (including Devon & Cornwall and Bristol) who had been making do with salat centres but had never had a purpose-built mosque of their own.

The journey so far

Following a **proposal at Ansar Shura in 2011**, a **large site was purchased for just £350,000**. However, the **project stalled a number of times due to local opposition**, including from local councillors who were influenced by severe anti-Ahmadi sentiments conflagrated by some Muslim groups who leafleted the local population. Planning permission was refused three times.

In the intervening years, rather than creating any setback, this delay actually helped to grow the project and raise further funding while the legal and political obstacles were being removed as **planning permission was finally granted in March 2018**. There followed further delays, not least due to the COVID19 pandemic. Finally, a historic ceremony for Wales took place as **Respected Amir Sahib UK laid the foundation stone on 9th September 2023**.

The **current appeal launched by Majlis Ansarullah UK** is for a grand structure, with fully approved planning permission, at a **further cost of £1.5 million pounds**. Pledges are being collected online at <https://ansar.org.uk/bait-ul-raheem-mosque-promise-in-cardiff/> with an aim to be fulfilled by March 2025.

Fundraising Events

On **Saturday 23rd March 2024**, at **Baitul Futuh Mosque complex** in Morden, London, (following the Masih Maud Day Jalsa) Respected Amir Jamaat UK, Rafiq Ahmad Hayat Sahib together with Respected Sadr Ansarullah UK, Mian Waqas Ahmad Sahib hosted a **fundraising Iftar event for Ansar brothers** and the wider Jamaat to contribute to this noble cause.



The audience were treated to inspiring presentations, including from Mohammad Nasser Khan Sahib (Naib Amir UK) and Abdul Qudoos Arif Sahib (Sadr Khuddamul Ahmadiyya UK) about the importance of mosques in Islam and the significance of financial sacrifice.





Members were reminded of the **great sacrifices a hundred years ago by ladies in Qadian, India**, when Hazrat Khalifatul Masih II, Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmud Ahmad, launched a similar appeal in 1919 to raise funds for a mosque in the capital city of England. This led to the construction of **The London Mosque in 1924**, Masjid Fazl in Southfields, which was the centre of the UK Jamaat for decades and later served as the markaz for Khilafat and MTA. Families in India with meagre resources achieved the unthinkable with an iconic building placed at the heart of the empire, due to the inspired appeal by Hazrat Khalifatul Masih and the historic response from his meek but fervent Jamaat.

A **further fundraising event was also held in Cardiff** the following day on **Sunday 24th March**, presided by Naib Sadr Ansarullah Shakil Butt Sahib.

How to take part

Members of Majlis Ansarullah and the wider Jamaat are **invited to take part in this historic appeal**, under the blessed guidance of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V (a.t.b.a.). Indeed, it is in response to these epoch-making appeals that members of the Ahmadiyya Jamaat earn not only the worldly reward and satisfaction of building a place of worship on this earth, but they also earn great blessings in heaven and invest abundant wealth for the next life, insha'Allah.

Links

Website: <https://ansar.org.uk/bait-ur-raheem-mosque-in-cardiff/>

Donations by members of Majlis Ansarullah: <https://chanda.ansar.org.uk>

Donations by others (Khuddam, Lajna): <https://chanda.org.uk>

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