



Faatiha Khana (Taaziyat) at Masjid Bilal

We are very sorry for your loss and pray for their salvation and forgiveness. This is understandably a difficult time for which ones needs time and space to come to terms with the loss, and impact it will have on the family and friends they have left behind. We know and understand how inconvenient it could be for the family home to be constantly occupied by visiting family, friends, and guests which takes away one's solitude and privacy. For this reason, we have invested our time and resources in setting up a facility where the bereaved can have their family, friends, and guests visit them. For this, we have made segregated arrangements where both men and women can visit with the convenience of having a large seating area, kitchen area, toilets (including disability access), and praying area. This is in addition to having the Azaan called out and subsequent daily prayers performed in the adjacent main hall, which is what will ultimately help us and set the mood and tone for praying for those who have moved on and left us.

Without having one's house constantly overrun for three days, we believe we can help provide a setting where one can be truly consoled, comforted, and given solace at this time of suffering and grief. The Islamic concept of Taaziyat, Faatiha as some of us know it, is consoling the bereaved at the time of someone's death for three days. The aim of Taaziyat is to help strengthen the broken-hearted, to give them hope, to lighten their load, and help make their few days of grieving easy and without stress.

There are many great rewards for Taaziyat, narrated by our beloved prophet Muhammad (PBUH). Of such, one narration, to the nearest meaning, states that a Muslim who consoles another at their time of bereavement, then they will be clothed with garments of honour by their creator on the day of Qiyamah.

To make things simple, we have put together a few points which will help set a standard and routine for all that attend to pay their respect and dues. These will be outlined on the following page.

This is NOT a free service and incurs a daily charge for the three days. The price includes the use of both the men's and women's halls, regardless if both are used or not.

Responsibilities and Agreement

The person[s] undertaking the responsibility should read the guidelines below and agree to abide by them, in addition to signing the agreement.

- All areas must be kept clean and tidy, at all times.
- The kitchen and eating area must be kept clean, especially at the end of the day. Ensure there are no blockages in the sink or outside in the drainage. Any rubbish must be disposed of with no food left out or open. Any rubbish bags left will incur a further cost for the day.
- Only use the designated washing areas.
- Make sure any full bin-liners are taken away and not left around on the premises.
- Ladies must use their area and entrance.
- The daily timings for Faatiha/Taaziyat/Dua must be abided and adhered to.
- Any damage caused or made to the property of Masjid Bilal will have to be paid for or, if agreed by the management committee, repaired.
- If food is to be served, then fixed times should be arranged, and at the designated eating area. This should only be on two set periods of each day.
- Socialising in the kitchen or eating area prior to food, after food, or throughout the day, is to be avoided. This is not why we are here, neither is it helpful or supportive of the bereaved.
- The agreed fee must be paid up-front, or before the end of the third day at the latest.

I have read, understood, and agree to the points mentioned above. I understand the committee of Masjid Bilal has the right to terminate or refuse any further use of the premises without any notice and at their discretion. I understand that any loss, damage, accident, or injury is my responsibility. I understand that signing and agreeing to this agreement does not affect my statutory rights.

Full Name of responsible person:

Signature of responsible person: **Date:**

Agreed Fee: £..... **Paid:** Yes No