

## **Information for the family of the deceased**

As'salamu Alaykum

We offer our sincere condolences at this difficult time and pray Almighty Allah SWT bestows his mercies and blessings upon the deceased and elevates them to the highest of heavens and allows the family to bear their loss with patience.

The Trustees of Gardens of Peace Muslim Cemetery "GOP" and Al Madina Mosque Barking "The Mosque" work in partnership to provide funeral services to members of the community from the ghusl facilities available at Al Madina Mosque.

### **Funeral Director - Gardens of Peace (GOP)**

GOP are the lead partner and will arrange for collection of the deceased once paperwork has been obtained, GOP will carry out ghusl consistent with the practices followed at GOP's own ghusl facilities, provide two qualified staff to carry out the ghusl and transportation back to the chosen cemetery for burial.

A restriction will be applied on the number of people permitted during ghusl to four individuals, this is for health and safety reasons and to protect the dignity of the deceased. GOP will not undertake any embalming and/or other activity connected with the repatriation of the deceased.

All costs incurred for the above services are to be agreed with GOP and the family of the deceased and will be in line with published GOP costs.

### **Al Madina Mosque**

The Mosque will provide all ghusl equipment (washing table, hot and cold-water supply, adequate drainage, shrouding table, cold room) and storage for body washing items (Kaffan and related materials including coffin boxes and trollies), ensure that the rooms for ghusl are made accessible as and when required for the purposes of providing a funeral service, provide all consumables (Kaffan, soap, cotton wool, disposable aprons and gloves, bukhoor, attar), make sure the room is not hindered in any way to give rise to health and safety issues and make available parking facilities for at least one private ambulance or hearse.

The Mosque's staff are not trained to deal with funerals and will NOT permit any viewing of the deceased without the funeral service directors' consent.

The Mosque will also facilitate the Salaatul Janazah. The funeral prayer will be led by the Imam of Al Madina Mosque, there will be no variation to this and should be fully understood by the family of the deceased prior to agreeing to hold the Janazah at Al Madina.

The above services will be provided by the Mosque free to the family of the deceased.

Where appropriate the funeral service director and the Mosque staff will assist the family to obtain the necessary paperwork required by law but this responsibility lays primarily with the family of the deceased.

If the family of the deceased decide to instruct their own funeral director, then they must ensure all necessary arrangements are in place and agreed with the instructed funeral director.

### **Gatherings of Condolences**

Should it be required, Al Madina Mosque will further make available space within the Mosque complex for families to gather to receive friends and extended family to offer condolences for their loss and to pray for the deceased.

This will be facilitated around normal Mosque business and will be made available for a maximum of 3 days. This service is provided for free.

### **Provision of Food**

Should the family require facilities to serve food on the first 2 days this will be provided at a charge. Should the family require facilities for the 3<sup>rd</sup> day Qul, this will also be provided at a charge. The daily charge being £350. (This is a subsidised charge from the normal rate and only applies at time of bereavement)

The Mosque will make tables and chairs available but all other food service and utensil provision along with cleanliness will be the responsibility of the family.

The responsibility of ensuring the food is provided by an approved food service provider is the responsibility of the family.

Please be advised the Mosque has a very busy schedule of activities and events and we will on occasion need to work together to ensure all users are facilitated.

Further information can be obtained from the below named persons.

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