



GLOUCESTERSHIRE MUSLIM BEREAVEMENT COUNCIL

Supporting the Muslim Communities in Association with the Mosque in Gloucestershire

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Bismihi Ta'alla

FUNERAL SUPPORT DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Assalamualaykum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh

I hope this message reaches you all in good health and pray Allah SWT continues to shower his mercy upon you and the rest of your family friends and loved one.

Sadly, as is the reality of life, there may come a time when there are those from within the community who will experience the sad loss of losing their loved ones, never has this been even truer than now, during the current Covid-19 pandemic.

Whether the death is coronavirus-related or due to any other causes. If any member of the Gloucestershire Muslim Community or the surrounding area loses a loved one please contact us on one of the telephone numbers on the contact list.

The Government have published guidance and will enforce exceptional quarantine measures for all funeral taking place, it is possible that family members may not be able to participate in the janazah process due to restrictions set in place.

With this in mind, Alhumdlilah brothers and sisters from Gloucester and Cheltenham have set up a dedicated team of volunteers working together with the GMBC team to provide support and assistance to the families who may experience such a terrible loss.

GMBC team members will handle the entire burial process from the moment that you inform them of the loss your loved one, including discharging all legal requirements pertaining to their death and inform you of any restriction in place and the protocol to follow.

GMBC team will keep the family updated at all stages of the process and advise as to when Ghusal and Burial will take place, please expect delay in such circumstances but rest assured GMBC will do their utmost to carry the necessary requirement as soon as possible.

You can also contact Ismail Bhai Mehter or Zakaria Bhai Jeewa if unfortunately, your loved one is at end of life stages. You can be rest-assured they will deal with all communications with complete confidentiality and sensitivity.

With your consent, they will liaise with the Doctor or Coroner on your behalf and if possible, make arrangements to avoid delay.

Although we may not be able to remove the pain of bereavement, we hope to at least lessen the grief experienced by family members during this unfortunate time.

Insha-Allah, may Allah make us pass this difficult unprecedented time with Sabr and unity, Ameen.

[Please see Funeral/Burial Protocol Guide.](#)

For Gloucester Muslim Burial Council