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West Croydon Newsletter



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General Meeting with National Sadar Sahiba

Alhamdulillah, we were all blessed with the presence of our National Sadar Sahiba in our January General Meeting. She took time to speak to each and every Lajna and Nasirat member attending the meeting. Everyone was so happy and felt encouraged especially during these uncertain times to talk to our National Sadar Sahiba. We would like to say thank you to Sadar Sahiba for taking time out of her busy schedule and speaking to us.

JazakAllah



All lajna/nasirat of West Croydon would like to say a huge thank you to our National sadr sahiba for sparing time out of her busy schedule & joining us in our general meeting. We all thoroughly enjoyed your presence & highly appreciated you speaking to us individually.

جَزَاكُمُ اللهُ أَحْسَنَ الْجَزَاءِ
فِي الدُّنْيَا وَ لِآخِرَةِ

I would like to add some of the feedback given by our members after the meeting with National Sadar Sahiba.

The session was wonderful, JazakAllah to national Sadr Sahiba for taking out so much time to speak to everyone individually. It was great hearing from everyone within the jamaat too.

-Sidra Tul Muntaha

It was a nice session with National Sadar Sahiba.. I am really grateful to national Sadar Sahiba for taking time out of her busy schedule. My daughter is really happy since she talked with Sadar sahiba.

JazakAllah

-Afia Rauf

The session was absolutely great, my daughters and I enjoyed it a lot and are very thankful to sadar Sahiba and those who organised it!

-Rubina Iftekhhar

It was really very good starting of New year to have lovely chat with our respected Sadar sahiba including all our lovely lajna members. I would like say big thanks to our national sadar Dr. Fariha sahiba who took her precious time for us. I would also say thanks our Sadar sahiba and give MUBARAKBAD to everybody for our successful General meeting.

-Rashda Parveen

Youme Musleh Maud

LajnaWest Croydon organised Musleh Maud day in the month of February to celebrate the fulfilment of the grand prophecy of the Promised son. The various elements of the prophecy and attributes and achievements of Hazrat Musleh Maud (RA) were highlighted through various speeches and presentations. Alhamdulillah, the day went very successful.

Youme Messih Maud

In the month of March to commemorate the establishment of Ahmaddiya Jamaat, youme Messih Maud(as) was celebrated. Lajna and Nasirat both participated with speeches on the significance of this day and how the Jamaat was established.!"

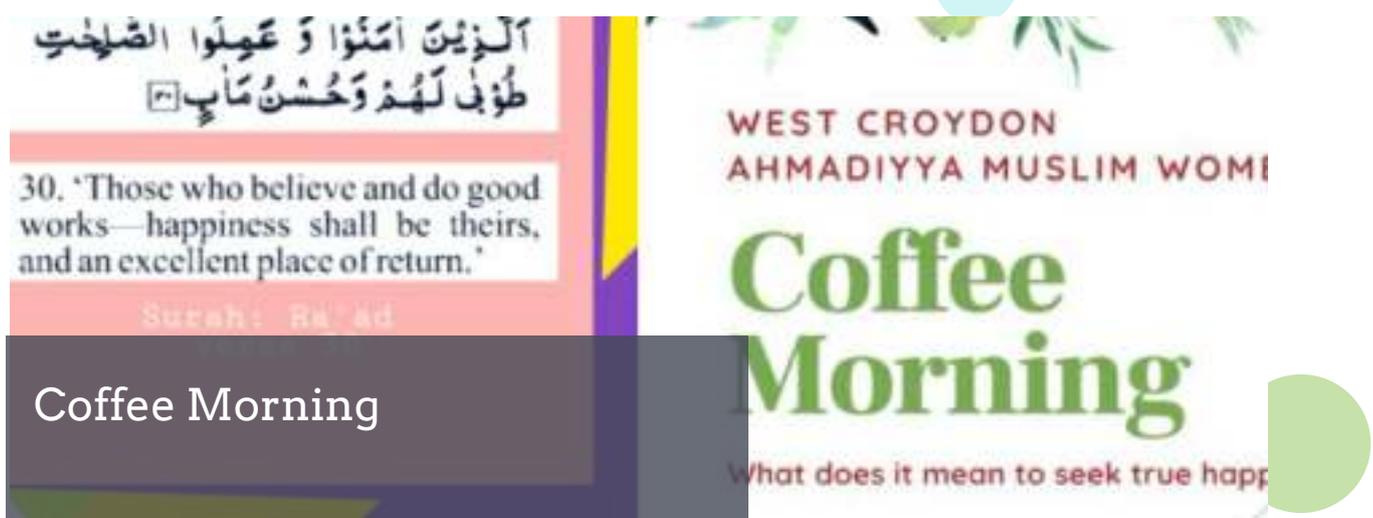
Tarbiyyat Session



Our Tarbiyyat department held a session on self improvement and set goals by self reflecting. A reflection sheet was presented and every member was encouraged to reflect and set targets in each aspect and how can we try to achieve the targets. Attendees really enjoyed this interactive session.

Silent Tabligh	Active Tabligh
Tabligh Training session	Stalls
Personal Conduct	
Khidmat-e-Khalq	Exhibitions
Serving Humanity	Peace Symposiums
Personal Actions	Coffee Morning

Tabligh department held a Tabligh training day on how to do effective tabligh. The forms of Tabligh were described with guidance on how each can be really effective. At the end various leaflet, articles, books and links were shared which can be used for sharing to our Tabligh contacts.



Coffee Morning

We held a virtual coffee morning to share our views on what true happiness means to you as individuals? We were honoured to have many guests attend our coffee morning including a speaker from Hope church who shared her views on true happiness.

Our tabligh secretary also shared Islamic views on seeking true happiness. Everyone else took part by sharing their views on things that give them happiness.

Following guidelines from beloved hudhur we tried to fulfill our duty of hospitality by providing online coffee vouchers to all guests who attended.



Food Bank

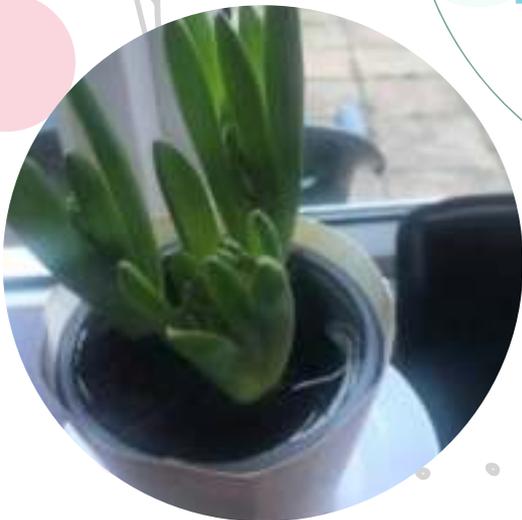
Food donations were given to Evolve house mental health care home in February.

All month of February donations were made to food bank with total number items counting to 305. Alhamdulillah



Gardening

By Lajna West Croydon



Crafts Exhibition

We showed some of the crafts made by Lajna and Nasirat virtually at the end of Coffee Morning. Here is a glimpse of it





NASIRAT SECTION

In the month of January, in arts and crafts class the Nasirat made pop-up flower cards for their parents, as a way to show gratitude for always looking after them and especially their efforts for home schooling during lockdown.

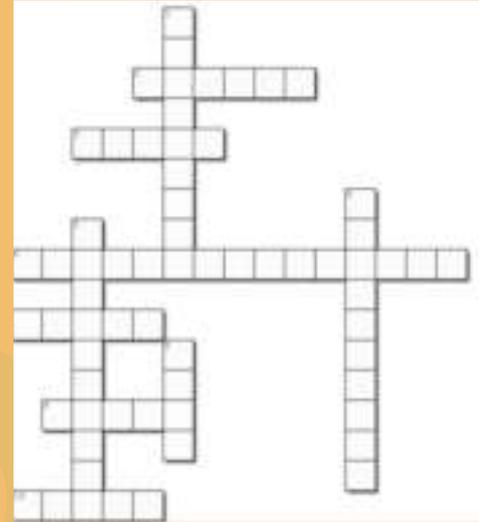
On the 1st February was the World Hijab Day. Nasirat discussed the purpose and importance of purdah in this month's class. They also reflected on the Nasirat motto:



We also had our Lajna & Nasirat Musleh Maud Day. Tooba Ahmed did a presentation on the history of Nasirat-ul- Ahmadiyya. Well done Tooba!

In March, we had our Lajna & Nasirat Youme Masih-e-Maud. Two Nasirat presented at this event, Areeba Butt read a nazam and Zara Mehmood did a speech.

We also had a Lajna Coffee morning followed by a crafts exhibition in which Nasirat also participated. Two of our Nasirat, Areeba Butt and Salmana Ahmed made the things shown in the pictures below. Well done to both!



ACROSS

2. After the partition of India Hadhrat Musleh Maud established _____ in Pakistan.
3. He wrote extraordinary commentaries of the Quran, Tafsir-e-Saghir and Tafsir-e-_____?
6. Who was this prophecy given to?
7. What was the name of his son?
9. What colour was the newspaper that the prophecy was revealed?
10. How many days did he isolate to seek nearness to God.

DOWN

1. There will be 52 _____ that the child will possess.
4. The promised reformer in Arabic
5. Where did the Promised Messiah travel to isolate.
8. He made the prophecy and predicted that the child will be born within a period of ____ years.

HOW TO BE FREE FROM SIN

By Promised Messiah and Mahdi (as)

The Islamic concept of salvation differs from that of other religions, and from Christianity in particular, because Islam rejects the concept of Original Sin and declares man to be responsible only for his own sins. He, therefore, needs to free himself from his own sins in order to attain salvation. In this article, the Promised Messiah (as) answers the all-important question, why does man commits sin, and how can he free himself from it.

The Promised Messiah (as) writes that man is by his very nature averse to things he believes to be harmful, and if he commits sin it is only because he does not truly believe in the existence of God and in the Day of Reckoning. Had he possessed the same certainty about the accountability of sin, as he does, for instance, about the harmfulness of a poison or a snake, he would never even think of transgressing Divine commandments.

The Promised Messiah (as) also argues that a true religion must be judged by its ability to lead its followers to certainty about the existence of God. The holy author makes a detailed comparison between Islam and other major religions, and concludes that Islam alone can lead man to perfect awareness and, consequently, to freedom from sin.



FEEDBACK SECTION

We got positive feedback from our guests who attended the coffee morning. One guest Maureen Levy said:

“Thank you very much for the coffee voucher and for a brilliant session on Happiness today. Lots of food for thought which I am sharing with friends and work colleagues. Best wishes, Maureen”

Another guest Nicola woods thanked us for the voucher and session:

”Thank you very much for the coffee voucher - it is very kind of you. It was good to join you this morning”

Our one sister Aafia, shared her views on the Tarbiyyat session:

"I specifically liked the way we discussed the different stages of self-improvement plan and I have started to work on them and made a diary which is really helpful as I am now able to manage my daily activities without any stress and hassle.

I think we should have these kind of sessions to guide us. specially liked the 5 second rule Baji Tahira told.

It helps me now to finish my work the same day rather than being lazy and leaving it for the next day.