

### Ramadan Highlights – A Blessed Season of Growth, Service & Unity

HMCT continues to grow as a place of worship, service and unity. The past two months have been filled with preparation, generosity, connection and community spirit — Alhamdulillah.

#### 🌙 Preparing for Ramadan

We began the season with an inspiring Ramadan preparation lecture by **Dr Zakaria Goga**, helping us spiritually and practically prepare for the blessed month. The session was well received and benefitted attendees of all ages.

Our sisters also held a dedicated **Ramadan Preparation** gathering, creating a warm and uplifting space to reflect and get ready together.

#### 👦 Youth Community Trip

Our young members enjoyed a special sponsored visit to **Sides** (Manchester Arndale). This generous gesture gave our youth an opportunity to bond, enjoy themselves and feel valued as part of the HMCT family.

#### 💚 Community Wellbeing

**Confidential counselling sessions** continue to be available every Wednesday from 2:00–3:00pm at the masjid, led by a qualified counsellor. Supporting emotional and mental wellbeing remains an important priority for our community.

#### 🌿 Serving Locally & Globally

Your generosity made a real impact this Ramadan.

- **100 food packs** were delivered to families in **Tanzania**, helping them through the blessed month.
- **298 refugees** in Stockport were supported with dates and Rooh Afza for Iftar.

These efforts reflect the compassion and unity of our community beyond our own walls.

#### 🛡️ Safety & Vigilance

Following an incident at another Manchester masjid, volunteers quickly mobilised to form a dedicated **Security Team**. Their professionalism and teamwork ensured a safe environment for worshippers throughout Ramadan and will continue beyond, insha'Allah.

#### 🕌 A Blessed Ramadan Atmosphere

Throughout Ramadan, we were blessed with a number of Qari leading Taraweeh prayers, filling the masjid with beautiful recitation and a spirit of unity and reflection.

#### 🌍 Ramadan Together – Building Bridges

HMCT proudly hosted its first ever **Ramadan Together** event, welcoming non-Muslim neighbours to share in Iftar and experience Ramadan firsthand.

The evening was filled with warmth, open dialogue and positive feedback. Our sisters prepared a generous feast, helping to strengthen understanding and community cohesion.

#### 🌟 Looking Ahead

As we move forward, the momentum does not stop here, insha'Allah.

- Our upcoming Eid Party will be announced soon — keep watching for details.
- Regular activities paused during Ramadan will now resume, including Tai Chi, Family Quiz Nights and Sisters' Fitness sessions.

In addition, a number of new events and initiatives are being planned throughout the year. **We are committed to continuing to grow as a masjid that serves not only as a place of worship, but as a hub of connection, support and positive activity for all ages.**

To stay informed, please ensure you are part of the **HMCT WhatsApp Community**, where all updates and registrations are shared.

#### 🌱 Together We Grow

As we reflect on these past two months, we are reminded that a masjid is not just a building — it is a living, breathing community. **Every lecture attended, every meal shared, every act of service and every volunteer effort contributes to something far greater than ourselves.**

May Allah accept all efforts, reward every volunteer and donor abundantly, and allow HMCT to continue serving as a place of safety, growth and unity for generations to come. Ameen.



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