

NEWSLETTER

Welcome

We are proud to present our third newsletter which provides an update on important aspects of our work as a leading funeral service provider, including news on services that may impact bereaved families.

The last few months have been busy for our team particularly over the summer period, supporting families as well as organisations in improving funeral services.

At Crescent Funerals our ethos places “responsibility and contribution to society” at the core of our values. As such, we take advantage of the fine weather and longer days during the summer months to provide presentations and training sessions around death and bereavement, our area of specialty. We do this to support and educate our communities including frontline organisations to help them improve in the delivery of essential funeral services.



We also actively seek to educate Islamic studies students and student Imams in their final year of studies. Educating our young Imams is essential as they will impart their knowledge to the wider community once they graduate and begin to take up posts in institutions around the city.

Darul Uloom Leicester was the venue for one such session during the summer. Darul Uloom Leicester was founded in 1992 and was quick to establish itself as a provider of Islamic and Secondary education within Leicester.

Since their inception their mission has been to create and continually enhance an environment where resident students thrive and are nurtured to achieve their full potential and by contributing back to their community and more importantly, to wider society.

Tariq Master of Jame Masjid and also one of our team members, delivered an interactive session to around twenty five students in their final year at Darul Uloom Leicester. The session gave students an insight into how the deceased is prepared for burial. There was a detailed explanation accompanied with a practical demonstration on how we, as Muslims, bathe and shroud our deceased for burial. To make the session more interesting for the students we ask for active participation from them to demonstrate the various processes. We also provide a booklet *“A practical Guide to Preparing a Muslim for Burial”* for each student as a reference guide.

The session is supplemented with an insight into the administrative and statutory processes on what is involved in facilitating the burial. This portion of the session was delivered by Salim Mangera, founder of Crescent Funerals.

We continuously monitor service delivery across the city and are often involved in policy reviews and development. In recent months we have been working closely with UHL Bereavement Midwife, Rebecca Crook, providing vital input into the needs of bereaved families of infants, babies and young children.

The main policy **“Taking a Deceased Child Home (Where Registrable Death)”** has been developed by UHL to provide information for their clinical staff regarding the process that needs to be followed to enable the smooth transfer of a deceased infant, child or young person from UHL directly to the family’s chosen place where requested. This is only where the child’s death does not require coroner referral or where the Medical Certificate of Cause of Death (MCCD) can be issued by the hospital.

The guidance which can be download via our website, www.crescent-funerals.com, provides Funeral Directors and other service users with a brief summary of the main UHL policy.



Crescent Funerals were invited to speak at an event hosted by Rehana Sidat, founder of Jamila’s Legacy. The event was to commemorate and celebrate the lives of local south Asians during the pandemic.

Jamila’s Legacy is a Leicester based non-profit organisation that focuses on supporting and educating communities and organisations in mental health and wellbeing. It also offers many other services which include advice, advocacy, support, a listening service and training to individuals interested in maintaining their own mental health well-being and supporting others.

During the event there were tributes by individuals who had lost loved ones and presentations by those that had contributed to providing critical funeral services during this difficult period.

It was an opportunity to mention and remind the audience of the hard work and dedication shown by so many brave Covid-19 Funeral Support volunteers during the pandemic and the countless families that were affected by the loss of a loved one during this time. May Allah forgive and elevate the status of all those that passed away as a result of the pandemic and grant patience to those they left behind. May He also reward the group’s many community organisations and volunteers in supporting countless bereaved families, putting themselves in harms way in the process.



Once again we would like to appeal for volunteers. Volunteering in bereavement services can give an individual a profound sense of purpose and community. It can indeed be a life changing experience as it remains to be one of the most revered and rewarding acts of our faith. Visit our website www.crescent-funerals.com or contact Br Ahmed Kasu (07973 344341) to register.

In closing we would like to remind our readers that Crescent Funerals remain dedicated to supporting and assisting families in arranging and managing funerals for their loved ones; a service we continue to provide to the community on a voluntary basis.

A dedicated contact number and email address is provided should you need to arrange a funeral during normal working hours or out of hours (weekends and Bank Holidays).

A call handler will always be happy to advise and assist you with the entire process. As always, you can also get assistance and advice from the burial committee based at your local Mosque or community centre or through your local Funeral Director or Funeral Arranger.

To arrange a funeral please call

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