

Funeral Services

There is no doubt that the only guaranteed event that will definitely face each and every single living being; be they male or female, rich or poor, black or white, sick or healthy, is death. This brief guide is designed to allow people to fully prepare for its occurrence in the event of someone in the near family passing away. The staff and volunteers of Worthing Mosque are committed to assist bereaved family members of Ahle Sunnah Wal Jama'at (Sunni) followers in a sensitive and unimposing manner throughout this difficult time.

What to do when death of a loved one or close relative is probable:

Contact Imam Idris so he can do the following.

- Visit the sick individual (if desired) at home or in hospital.
- Make a dua (supplication) for the unwell.
- Issue advice about what to do when death is imminent. (Recite Kalimah & Surah Yaseen etc)
- Issue advice about what to do immediately after death. (Close eyes, straighten limbs etc)
- Notify the volunteers who will assist (if the worse was to occur) during the funeral services.

What to do when someone dies and the services we provide:

Contact Imam Idris so he can do the following (if needed),

- Issue advice regarding who to contact and the paperwork needed to ensure a swift burial.
- If the unwell isn't a regular attendee to the masjid and is unknown to the Imam and the Worthing Muslim community, checks will be made to verify that deceased was a Sunni Muslim.
- Explain step by step the procedure of Washing, Enshrouding, Janazah Salaah and swift Burial of the deceased.
- Recommend a funeral director to arrange transport for the deceased. It is advisable that this is done after consulting the Imam to avoid being overcharged.
- Contact the Worthing cemetery department to book a slot for burial in the Muslim section of the Durrington Cemetery. The address is Durrington Cemetery, Findon Road, Worthing, BN14 0AA. Please note that the entrance is on the northbound A24 just after the Offington Corner roundabout.
- Arrange a mutually convenient time for washing (Ghusl) and Enshrouding of the deceased. Close family members are encouraged to assist during this service. Worthing Mosque usually has all the materials needed for this in stock and has a special Ghusl room to wash the deceased. We also have a group of male and female volunteers who are always happy and willing to help out.

- Announce and advertise the time of Janazah Salaah (prayer for the deceased). Janazah Salaah will usually be offered in the rear car park of the Mosque after Zohr Salaah.
- The Imam might say a few words by way of reminder and advice before the Janazah salaah is offered. Family members will not be allowed to make any speeches. Customary announcements regarding food arrangements for visiting mourners and settling of outstanding debts of the deceased will be made by the Imam.
- Follow the Janazah to the cemetery to ensure the deceased is buried according to the guidance of Shariah. Worthing Mosque has its own coffin which is used to transport the deceased to the cemetery. According to Islamic guidance the deceased is buried without a coffin.

Mosque Fees

There is a compulsory fee of £100 payable to Worthing Mosque for the service it provides. This money goes to the account of the Masjid for which a Masjid receipt will be issued.

Useful Telephone Numbers:

Imam Idris: 07875540605

Worthing Mosque (Masjid) 01903 215163

Cemetery Office: 01273 263159

Registry Office: 01243 642122

Please Note that any decision made by the Imam regarding any aspect of the Janazah Procedure will be final. This includes:-

Whether or not, to go ahead with the Janazah.

Timings of the various Janazah related services.

Method of various Janazah related services.

Location of Janazah related services