

# TOWNSVILLE ISLAMIC SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

## COVID-19 reminders:

- **Maintain a distance of 1.5m between yourself and others**
- **Wash your hands regularly with soap**
- **Stay home if you are feeling unwell**
- **Sign in when you arrive at the mosque**



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### JUNE

26

Townsville Islamic Society AGM

### JULY | DHUL QA'DAH

11/29

Moon sighting on Castle Hill

## MONTHLY AYAH / HADITH

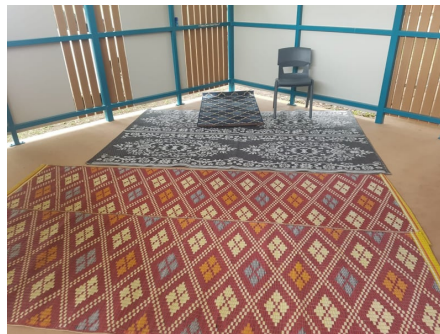
أَلَمْ نَشْرَحْ لَكَ صَدْرَكَ

94:1) (O Prophet), Did We not lay open your breast?

To begin the discourse with this question, and then the subsequent theme, shows that the Messenger (peace be upon him) at that time was very disturbed and distressed at the great hardships that he was passing through in the initial stage of his mission of calling the people to Islam. Under those conditions Allah addressed him and consoling him, said: O Prophet, have We not blessed you with such and such favour? Then, why do you feel so disturbed and distressed at these initial difficulties? A little consideration of the context wherever the word sharh-sadr (opening up of the breast) has occurred in the Qur'an, shows that it has two meanings: (1) In Surah Al-Anaam (Ayah 125), it was said: So whomever Allah wills to guide aright, He makes his breast wide open to Islam (yashrah sadrahu lil-Islam); and in Surah Az-Zumar (Ayah 22): Can the person whose breast Allah has opened for Islam (sharahullahu sadrahu lil-Islam) and he is walking in the light shown by his Lord. At both these places sharh-sadr implies to free oneself from every kind of distraction and vacillation and to be satisfied with Islam as the only right way of life, and to regard the beliefs, principles of morality and civilization, religious instructions and injunctions, which Islam has given to man, as right and true. (2) In Surah Ash-Shuara (Ayahs 12-13), it has been mentioned that when Allah appointed the Prophet Moses (peace be upon him) to the great office of Prophethood and commanded him to go and confront the Pharaoh and his mighty empire, he submitted: My Lord, I fear that they will treat me as a liar, and my breast straitens. In Surah Ta Ha (Ayahs 25-26), it has been stated that on this very occasion the Prophet Moses (peace be upon him) implored Allah, saying: Lord, open up my breast for me (Rabbishrahli sadri) and make my task easy for me. Here, straightening of the breast implies a person is finding it too hard for himself to shoulder the onerous responsibilities of Prophethood and going out to clash with a mighty and tyrannical power of disbelief all by himself, and sharh-sadr implies that his morale be boosted so that he is ready to undertake any campaign and any task, however difficult, without any hesitation, and he develops the nerve and courage to shoulder the great responsibilities of Prophethood.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Townsville Islamic Society AGM will be on Saturday the 26th of June following Maghrib prayer. All are welcome. Finger food will be provided.
- Please renew your TIS membership ASAP. To renew, either fill out a paper form (located at the front entrance of the mosque in a set of drawers) or email [treasurer@townsvilleislamicsociety.com](mailto:treasurer@townsvilleislamicsociety.com) with you name, address, email and phone number. Transfer your membership fee to the TIS general account using the description 'MEM YourName.'
- Weekly Zoom on Wednesdays following Maghrib prayer.
- The Townsville Mosque website is being redesigned and updated. Soon inshaAllah the website will have a new look, be easier to navigate and have current information relating to events and activities at the mosque.
- We are seeking generous volunteers from the community who are willing to cook and pack meals to sell after Jummu'ah prayer each week. The money raised will be used for our mosque and other important causes. Please contact us at [info@townsvilleislamicsociety.com](mailto:info@townsvilleislamicsociety.com) if you are interested.
- Peter Russo MP is collecting information from members of various communities about occasions when they have been victims of hate crime and/or vilification. If you or anyone you know has experienced discrimination due to your race or religion, please contact us at [info@townsvilleislamicsociety.com](mailto:info@townsvilleislamicsociety.com), speak to your community leader or approach any committee member in person. Your experience can remain anonymous if you choose. We need as much evidence as possible of such occurrences so something can be done to prevent them from happening in the future.
- Br Naseer and Ss Ferzana are planning to begin a tutoring service for school aged children in the Muslim community. More information will be released soon inshaAllah. Please register your interest by contacting Naseer on 0424 110 111 or Ferzana on 0425 000 822.
- TIS raised funds for an overseas Muslim student of JCU who was involved in a motor vehicle accident. All money collected on Friday the 11th of June will be donated to the student inshaAllah.
- TIS has helped with fundraising for Toowomba Masjid after it was burned down. All proceeds from Friday the 18th of June, as well as ongoing personal donations, will be sent to Toowoomba Masjid. You can still donate to this cause, either through the TIS general account (use description 'Toowomba') or directly to the Toowoomba Masjid account (details can be found on our Instagram and Facebook page).
- Our Imam Selection Panel is going to be meeting on the 20th of June to assess the shortlisted candidates.
- Town High State School has set up a prayer room for Muslim students to access during school. Many students go to pray Dhuhr and sometimes Asr. Muslim parents who are visiting the school also have access to the room. There are three Muslim staff members at Town High who support the students - Mr Aslan Ozgur, Mr Ahmed Ozman and Mrs Ishraga Furawi. Alhamdulillah, this is a great initiative by the school.



- Alhamdulillah, A Townsville Moon Sighting Committee was formed during Ramadan. The committee will be going to the top of Castle Hill on the 29th night of each Hijri month to sight the moon. If you are interested in joining the committee or attending a moon sighting trip, please contact Br Robi on 0422 439 017 or Br Rezaul on 0469 019 274.
- TIS has undertaken two outreach programs in the past few months. The first was the school visits which are now complete. The second was prison visits to Muslim inmates which is still ongoing. We have been able to provide copies of the Qur'an to both the male and female libraries in the Townsville Correctional Centre.
- The mosque needs reliable volunteers to help out with events and general mosque maintenance. If you are willing and able to be a volunteer, please provide your name and contact information to Ss Ferzana (0425 000 822) or Br Abdiaziz (0432 411 535).
- Message for parents: TIS is considering organising parenting lessons/workshops. If this interests you, please let us know by contacting us via email.
- Farm Works vacancies for men and women. Local labour hire is going to pay workers. Quick registration available via phone 0469 821 393 or email [info@uhc-medical.com](mailto:info@uhc-medical.com). Register now to get called first for work. For more information, contact the phone number or email address listed above.
- A local meat industry is looking for a Muslim meat worker. Please contact Professor Usman Malabu (0407 586 026) or Br Ahmed Osman (0435 854 117) for more details.
- Message for TIS members: Please email [info@townsvilleislamicsociety.com](mailto:info@townsvilleislamicsociety.com) with your current email address if you wish to receive our monthly newsletter and other important information.



## COMMUNITY NEWS



Long-time police officer, Steve, and Police Liaison Officer, Ramy, visited the mosque to talk to our Muslim brothers and sisters about strategies for staying safe and how to report incidences to the police or Policelink. Steve stressed the importance of reporting discriminatory behaviour experienced by Muslims due to race or religion.

PLEASE JOIN US AT THE  
MOSQUE FOR TOWNVILLE  
ISLAMIC SOCIETY'S  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

Agenda as per Constitution.

Only full financial TIS members with membership valid from at least six months prior to the AGM are eligible to vote. Please renew your membership.

Finger food will be provided.

All are welcome.

**TIS  
AGM  
2021**

**Date:** Saturday 26th  
June, 2021

**Venue:** Townsville  
Mosque

**Time:** Following  
Maghrib prayer



Members of the Townsville community came together on the 30th of May to participate in a peaceful walk in solidarity with Palestine. Following the walk, participants listened to some very moving and powerful speeches from JCU students and a Palestinian father and daughter.



## MADRASA UTHMAN IBN AFAAN TIMETABLE

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
10am - Dhuhr						Qur'an	Qur'an
Asr - Maghrib	Qur'an	Qur'an	Hadith/Fiqh				
Maghrib - Isha	Qur'an	Qur'an	Zoom			Qur'an	Qur'an

**Enrolment age:** 5 years and above

**Payment:** \$30 per child per fortnight. Payment due before the 15th and 30th of each month.

**Pick up and drop off:** Parents need to walk their children to the madrasa and arrive on time to collect them at the end of madrasa.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

MAY

General account - amount received: \$19,125

General account - amount spent: \$14,052

Imam account - amount received: \$7,628

## CONTACT US

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## DONATE TO THE TIS GENERAL ACCOUNT

BSB: 064-823  
ACC: 1077 9034

## DONATE TO THE IMAM FUND ACCOUNT

BSB: 064-823  
ACC: 1104 4507

## JAMA'AT PRAYER TIMES

Fajr 5:45

Zuhr 13:00

Asr 16:30

Maghrib soon after sunset

Isha 19:30

Jummu'ah 13:00