



FAZL MOSQUE CENTENARY



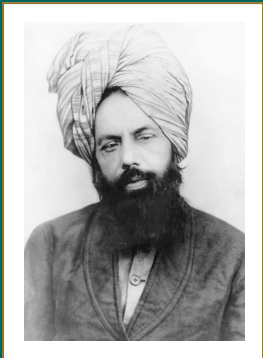
A Century of Integration, Loyalty and Service



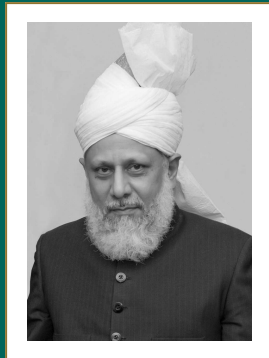
The opening ceremony of London's first purpose-built mosque, 3 October 1926

1926 — 2026

The Community Behind the Mosque



Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (peace be on him)
Founder of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, (1835 - 1908)



Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad (may Allah be his Helper)
Fifth Caliph and Worldwide Head of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community was founded in 1889 by Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad of Qadian, India. He claimed to be the expected reformer of the latter days and the awaited one of the world's religions (the Messiah and Mahdi of the latter days). His mission was to revive the peaceful teachings of Islam and engender in people's hearts the love of God and the duty to serve mankind.

The community is entirely self-funded and is now established in 213 countries, and it spearheads an international effort to promote education and health across the developing world, as well as a global peace campaign to champion human rights for all.

The community is led by a system of Khilafat (spiritual leadership). His Holiness, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, is the community's Fifth Khalifa (Caliph) and is based in the UK. He leads his global community and inspires it to serve humanity with the spirit of kindness and humility that is integral to Islam.

In accordance with the teachings of Islam, he upholds the honour of all prophets of God and highlights the role of religion in the promotion of peace. His Holiness has travelled globally to promote dialogue and understanding. He has also written to world leaders urging them to inculcate justice and peace in international relations to avoid regional conflicts from engulfing the entire world.

Love For All Hatred For None

Fazl Mosque: Beacon of Peace

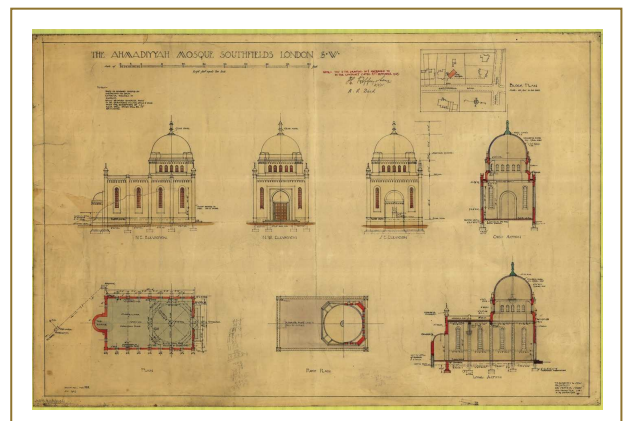
The Fazl Mosque was the first purpose-built mosque in London and is also known as **The London Mosque**.

Its significance and impact far exceed its size. It was the mosque from which the peaceful message of Islam has been conveyed to Britain. From its inception it was a hive of activity, serving London's growing Muslim community, and a hub for interfaith dialogue and debate. It hosted faith, civic and political leaders, and promoted peace, harmony and service to mankind.

The vision

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community established its first overseas branch in Britain, the heart of a global empire. It needed a permanent base in the UK, so the Second Caliph of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, Hazrat Mirza Bashir-ud-Din Mahmud Ahmad (may Allah be pleased with him), instructed the community's first missionary in the UK, Chaudhry Fateh Muhammad Sial, to find a suitable site.

The property at Melrose Road was deemed suitable and an historic appeal at the community's headquarters in Qadian, India, saw nearly 65,000 rupees (£8,500) raised for the acquisition of the site and the construction of the mosque. The land was bought in 1920 for £2,223, and construction cost was £6,223, all of this was funded entirely by people who responded to the call of the Caliph.



The architect's drawings for the mosque



“...may He [God] make it for ever and ever a centre for promulgating the views of purity, piety, justice and love, and may this place prove a sun of spiritual light radiating forth in this country and in all the countries...”

Hazrat Mirza Bashir-ud-Din Mahmud Ahmad, the Second Caliph of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, 19 October 1924



The inauguration of The Fazl Mosque, also known as The London Mosque, 3 October 1926

Foundation stone and inauguration

The Second Caliph, Hazrat Mirza Bashir-ud-Din Mahmud Ahmad (may Allah be pleased with him), visited Britain for the first time in 1924 to speak at the Conference on Some Living Religions Within the Empire at the Imperial Institute in London. During this historic visit he also laid the foundation stone for The Fazl Mosque with his own hands. The mosque was inaugurated just two years later on 3 October 1926 and its first Imam was Maulana Abdur Raheem Dard. Both events were attended by hundreds of people, including politicians, ambassadors and people of different faiths. This marked an historic new chapter for London and Britain.

A home for Khilafat (Spiritual Leadership)

The mosque has been blessed with visits from every Caliph of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community since 1924. The Third Caliph, Hazrat Mirza Nasir Ahmad (may Allah have mercy on him) visited several times and in 1984, the Fourth Caliph, Hazrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad (may Allah have mercy on him) left Pakistan due to persecution and this small mosque became the international headquarters of a worldwide community. The Fifth Caliph was elected here in 2003. It remained his headquarters until 2019 when he moved to the newly built Mubarak Mosque in Islamabad, Tilford, Surrey.



The foundation stone being laid, 19 October 1924



The Third Caliph on one of his visits to The Fazl Mosque



The Fourth Caliph was based at The Fazl Mosque since 1984

A voice to the world

It was from this mosque complex that the Fourth Caliph, Hazrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad (may Allah have mercy on him), launched the global humanitarian charity Humanity First, during the Bosnian conflict. The Fourth Caliph also launched the community's global satellite television channel from the mosque, Muslim Television Ahmadiyya International, which was the world's first global Muslim television station. It has since grown under the leadership of the Fifth Caliph, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad (may Allah be his Helper), to cover every continent, with an increasing number of broadcast languages and programmes for its global audience. It has served for decades as the platform for the voice of the Caliph, providing guidance on peace and justice for the world at large.



The Fifth Caliph launching a new MTA service for Africa at the Fazl Mosque complex

“We earnestly desire that all people, irrespective of their beliefs, may unite in fulfilling the rights of their Creator and play their respective roles in sowing the seeds for lasting peace in the world.”

Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, the Fifth Caliph of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, 19 October 2024

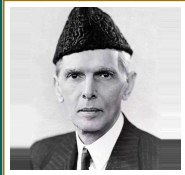
A Century of Loyalty, Integration and Service

The mosque has received numerous important national and international dignitaries and been a focal point for peace.

Some Key Visitors



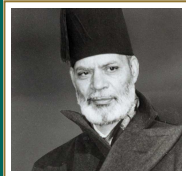
HRH Prince Saud
Later King of Saudi Arabia



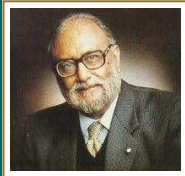
Muhammad Ali Jinnah
Founder of Pakistan



HRH Prince Edward



Sir Muhammad Zafrulla Khan
First Foreign Minister of Pakistan and President of the UN



Professor Abdus Salam
First Muslim Nobel Laureate in Science



HRH Prince Faisal
Viceroy of Mecca, later King of Saudi Arabia

Faith in Action

The mosque has played a key role in building bridges, promoting integration and loyalty, and charitable works. Some of the key events held include:

Celebrations of the Silver, Diamond and Platinum Jubilees of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, as well as the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III.

Countless local and national charity initiatives, including charity walks, blood drives and feeding the needy. It also served as a vaccination centre during the Covid-19 pandemic.

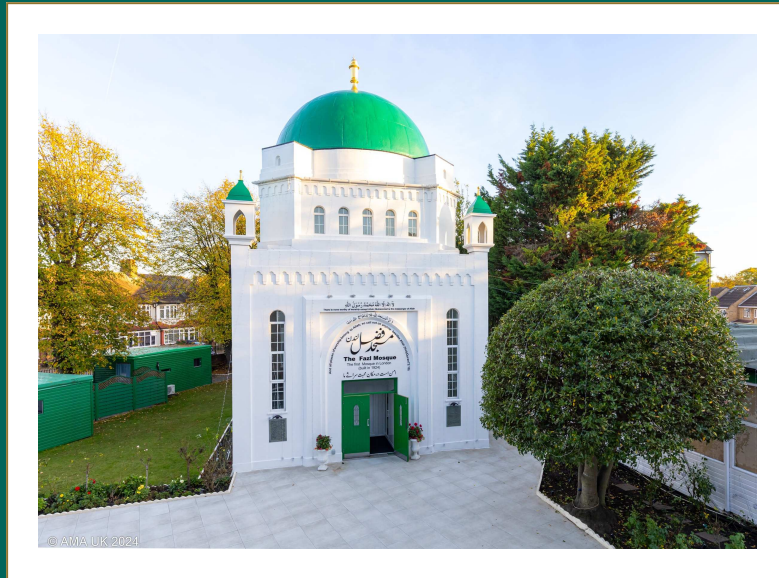
Interfaith harmony: bringing people of all faiths and beliefs together to enhance understanding and build cohesion.



The mosque was granted listed status by English Heritage in 2018, and in 2026 was awarded a Green heritage plaque by Wandsworth Borough Council - further highlighting its heritage as London's first purpose-built mosque.

The Fazl Mosque Centenary Reception

In 2026 the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community UK marks one hundred years since the Fazl Mosque opened its doors, and it celebrates the centenary with gratitude to God and service to mankind.



The Fazl Mosque today, a hundred years on

WHEN Saturday 3 October 2026
Registration from 6.00pm

WHERE The Fazl Mosque
16 Gressenhall Road, London
SW18 5QL

PROGRAMME

6.00pm Registration, Exhibition Tour & Refreshments
7.00pm Introduction & Guest Speeches
8.00pm Keynote Address
Followed by Dinner

Register your interest to attend:

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