



## **Nikah Service at Al Madina Mosque, Barking. [Policy & Booking Form]**

The Management of Al Madina Mosque, Barking (AMM) warmly welcomes and wishes to congratulate prospective couples who wish to marry in accordance with Islamic law (Nikah).

The appointed Head Imam of AMM performs all Nikah ceremonies which take place in conjunction with Al Madina Mosque, Barking.

A Nikah is not recognised as a valid marriage under English law. Please see the **Important Notes** below.

The following provides a brief overview of the AMM Nikah booking process.

1. **Booking Form.** We recommend that bookings are made at least three weeks prior to the planned date although we will do our best to accommodate short notification bookings.

To make a booking, either:

- a. Complete the Nikah Booking form and hand the signed form to a Trustee in the Mosque reception area (not by email).
  - b. Alternatively, you can telephone the mosque on 0208 478 8526 and a form will be completed on your behalf and any queries you may have addressed. Please leave a message with a contact number if there is no answer.
2. **Booking Fee.** Full details of the fees are set out below on the Nikah Booking form. A full receipt will be provided for all payments made. **Please Note: Bookings will only be confirmed once payment is made.**
  3. **First meeting with the Imam.** Whilst not compulsory, we encourage that the parties to the marriage and/or members of the respective families meet with the appointed Imam, at a mutually agreed time prior to the day of the ceremony. The purpose of this meeting is for a general discussion with the Imam, which may include the Islamic obligations pertinent to marriage and the couple's personal circumstances. All such discussions will be in confidence.
  4. **Documents required.** Please see the documents listed on the Booking form. We advise these are brought to the first meeting, or otherwise 5 days before the agreed date of the Nikah ceremony. Originals must be brought together with a clear photocopy for each, to be retained by the AMM.
  5. **Venue:** The Nikah can be typically accommodated in a private area room within the Mosque. Should you require a larger room or hall, this can be privately hired.



All persons attending the ceremony are kindly requested to observe the Islamic tradition of dressing in keeping with Islamic values. The management reserves the right to refuse admission to anyone who does not comply with this request. Upon request and subject to his availability, the Imam of the mosque can also perform Nikah ceremonies at an alternative venue (i.e. avoiding the congregational prayer times). Additional charges for his time / travel maybe incurred.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:**

Al Madina Mosque, Barking will provide a Nikah certificate but is not registered to solemnise marriages in accordance with English law.

A Nikah which is performed in the UK is not considered a valid marriage under English law and as such provides no enforceable legal marital rights. This is important to note particularly in instances of marriage breakdown or death. For this reason, we encourage all our community to ensure a civil marriage is conducted in a register office in accordance with English law and that this is carried out immediately before or after the Nikah ceremony to preserve the enforceable rights of both parties. All information furnished MUST be true otherwise this invalidates the Nikah. Masjid facilities can be utilised for the Nikah service for basic celebrations (serving of small sweets etc). Anything beyond basic will have to be pre-agreed and paid for.

**FEE STRUCTURE:**

- £250 AT MASJID / £300 AWAY FROM MASJID**
- £175 – Nikkah Service & Certificate**
- £75 – Conditional Deposit**

**A Nikah Ceremony can only be delayed for a maximum of 45 minutes beyond the stipulated time. Any delay beyond this will incur a charge of £75 and the service will only be conducted once this payment has been made.**

**(This condition is imposed in order the Imam’s & Management’s time is respected.)**

**Should you wish to give a fee to the presiding Imam this is completely voluntary and not a requirement of this process**

**Date of Nikah:** .....

**Time:** .....

**Conducting Imam:** .....

**Authorised By:** .....

