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MISSION STATEMENT

Our aims:

(a) To present and enhance the understanding of Islam as a complete way of life to Muslims and non-Muslims alike through stimulating debate and discussion.

(b) To create a tolerant and open-minded environment in which Islamic services and advice can be offered to the Society's members.

(c) To foster a sense of community through the organisation of social and other activities and with the intention of developing a balanced Islamic identity.

(d) To provide support and welfare for members of the Society.

(e) To implement all of the above according to the Qur'an, Sunnah and Islamic Jurisprudence.

Bismillah ar-Rahman ar-Raheem (In the name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful)

Dear brothers and sisters,

Assalamu 'alaikum wa rahmatullahi wa barakatuhu (may the peace of Allah, His mercy and His blessings be upon you).

Firstly I would like to thank all those who have helped the running of the Islamic Society in 2004. There are a great many of you, jazakumullah khair - may Allah reward you all. Also, a special thank you to the outgoing President, Emran, who has been invaluable to this society over the past 2 years. Below is a summary of the ISoc's main achievements in 2004, many of which are due to Emran's vision, commitment and dedication. 2004 saw the ISoc grow into one of the most active societies in Oxford, providing an open and multi-dimensional platform to represent and propagate Islam, and serve its members. I pray that the ISoc will make a similar (if not greater) amount of progress during the course of 2005. Next term, in addition to our usual beginning-of-term snackfest (14th January) and Eid Dinner (25th January) we are hoping inshaAllah to hold several speaker events, weekly study circles and classes, as well as sport and social activities. Full details should be available soon inshaAllah. If you have any ideas, questions or comments, feel free to contact us on islam@herald.ox.ac.uk. Jazakumullah khair.

wa alaikum as salaam

Hasan Rahman

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2004 IN REVIEW

2004 was an extremely successful year for the Islamic Society. The ISoc held a series of high-profile events (most notably our successful Islam and Palestine Awareness Weeks, and our large-scale conference in Ramadan, all of which featured internationally recognised speakers, stalls, exhibitions, and multimedia presentations, and attracted audiences of over one hundred people each). We have also held events to raise awareness of pertinent issues as they have arisen such as the Hijab Ban in France and the massacre in Fallujah. Our events have featured speakers from a wide variety of organisations and backgrounds, including leading pressure groups, embassies, political parties, Islamic groups and academic institutions. On a smaller scale, we have regularly hosted well-attended lectures with Islamic scholars, as well as weekly study circles, tajweed, and Arabic classes (which have brought us more than one hundred students, both Muslim and non-Muslim).

Our tri-termly newsletter, consisting of articles written by students on a variety of issues, has proved extremely popular and successful since its launch in October, as has the new website. Our programme of social events has served to build friendships and foster a great sense of community. As

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Fajr	6.07
Sunrise	8.09
Dhuhr	12.13
Asr	2.29
Maghrib	4.16
Isha	6.12

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well as large scale social events such as Eid Dinners, quizzes and fundraising bazaars, the ISoc has organised (amongst other activities) weekly brother's football (and a brother's football team which competes with other societies) and sister's netball. We have also established an Oxford Alumni system with the aim of working together post-Oxford for important Islamic issues.

The ISoc has also made significant progress in its campaign for the establishment of a Muslim prayer room on campus, with the university committed to providing the facility. During the month of Ramadan, we have provided more than eighty students with iftaar free-of-charge on a daily basis. Our charity campaigns have included, as an example, raising over £1100 in one day for the building of a school in Baluchistan.

The Oxford University Islamic Society is an open, multi-dimensional society, which has over the last year become the most active society in Oxford. A collective effort between our committee and the membership has resulted in this success and fostered an atmosphere of inclusion, understanding and unity. We hope to further build on this progress next term.

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