



Laylatul Meraj and the gift of Salaah

“Exalted is He who took His servant by night from Masjidal Haram to al-Masjidal Aqsa, whose surroundings We have blessed, to show him of our signs. Indeed He is the Hearing, Seeing”. (Surah Al Isra, Verse 1)

We thank Allah, the most merciful, for making us part of Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W.)’s ummah upon whom the gift of salaah was bestowed on Laylatul Me’raj. Help us to be steadfast and to pray in the manner that was prescribed. Ameen.

Welcome Ramadaan!

Ramadaan is near!

Eating suhoor with the family, that first bite of a juicy date as you break your fast, communal iftar on Fridays, performing taraweeh, This blessed month will arrive soon. Now is a good time to start thinking about our goals for the month and to start preparing towards it.

UMSLV is honoured to have Shaykh Hafiz Mohammad Abdul Wahid as our guest speaker talking about Welcoming Ramadaan! Shaykh is the founder of Tayyiba Institute, whose vision is to provide education and to bridge the gap between Muslim and non-Muslim communities living in Australia.

Please join us for our Pre-Ramadaan social event:

Saturday 7 June 2014

4.30pm to 7pm

at the student union lounge,
Federation University, Churchill.

Please bring your families and one dish of sweet or savoury and join us as we prepare to welcome Ramadaan.

Shabaan

The Holy Month of Sha’ban is one of the blessed months that holds a lot for us from the mercy, compassion and kindness of Allah Almighty.

Ibn Hajar (may Allah have mercy on him) said: “The Messenger of Allah (PBUH) observed more voluntary fasts in Sha’ban than in any other month, and he used to fast most of Sha’ban.”

It is advisable not to fast the last few days of Shaban as your body needs to preserve its strength and energy for the month of Ramadan.

How As-Salat (the Prayer) was prescribed on the night of Al-Isra (miraculous night journey) of the Prophet (pbuh) to Jerusalem (and then to the heavens) (Reference: Sahih al Bukhari)

Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) said, "While I was at Mecca the roof of my house was opened and Gabriel descended, opened my chest, and washed it with Zam Zam water. Then he brought a golden tray full of wisdom and faith and having poured its contents into my chest, he closed it. Then he took my hand and ascended with me to the nearest heaven, when I reached the nearest heaven, Gabriel said to the gatekeeper of the heaven, 'Open (the gate).' The gatekeeper asked, 'Who is it?' Gabriel answered: 'Gabriel.' He asked, 'Is there anyone with you?' Gabriel replied, 'Yes, Muhammad I is with me.' He asked, 'Has he been called?' Gabriel said, 'Yes.' So the gate was opened and we went over the nearest heaven and there we saw a man sitting with some people on his right and some on his left. When he looked towards his right, he laughed and when he looked toward his left he wept. Then he said, 'Welcome! O pious Prophet and pious son.' I asked Gabriel, 'Who is he?' He replied, 'He is Adam and the people on his right and left are the souls of his offspring. Those on his right are the people of Paradise and those on his left are the people of Hell and when he looks towards his right he laughs and when he looks towards his left he weeps.' Then he ascended with me till he reached the second heaven and he (Gabriel) said to its gatekeeper, 'Open (the gate).' The gatekeeper said to him the same as the gatekeeper of the first heaven had said and he opened the gate. Anas said: "Abu Dhar added that the Prophet (ﷺ) met Adam, Idris, Moses, Jesus and Abraham, he (Abu Dhar) did not mention on which heaven they were but he mentioned that he (the Prophet (ﷺ)) met Adam on the nearest heaven and Abraham on the sixth heaven. Anas said, "When Gabriel along with the Prophet (ﷺ) passed by Idris, the latter said, 'Welcome! O pious Prophet and pious brother.' The Prophet (ﷺ) asked, 'Who is he?' Gabriel replied, 'He is Idris.'" The Prophet (ﷺ) added, "I passed by Moses and he said, 'Welcome! O pious Prophet and pious brother.' I asked Gabriel, 'Who is he?' Gabriel replied, 'He is Moses.' Then I passed by Jesus and he said, 'Welcome! O pious brother and pious Prophet.' I asked, 'Who is he?' Gabriel replied, 'He is Jesus. Then I passed by Abraham and he said, 'Welcome! O pious Prophet and pious son.' I asked Gabriel, 'Who is he?' Gabriel replied, 'He is Abraham. The Prophet (ﷺ) added, "Then Gabriel ascended with me to a place where I heard the creaking of the pens." Ibn Hazm and Anas bin Malik said: The Prophet (ﷺ) said, "Then Allah enjoined fifty prayers on my followers when I returned with this order of Allah, I passed by Moses who asked me, 'What has Allah enjoined on your followers?' I replied, 'He has enjoined fifty prayers on them.' Moses said, 'Go back to your Lord (and appeal for reduction) for your followers will not be able to bear it.' (So I went back to Allah and requested for reduction) and He reduced it to half. When I passed by Moses again and informed him about it, he said, 'Go back to your Lord as your followers will not be able to bear it.' So I returned to Allah and requested for further reduction and half of it was reduced. I again passed by Moses and he said to me: 'Return to your Lord, for your followers will not be able to bear it. So I returned to Allah and He said, 'These are five prayers and they are all (equal to) fifty (in reward) for My Word does not change.' I returned to Moses and he told me to go back once again. I replied, 'Now I feel shy of asking my Lord again.' Then Gabriel took me till we " reached Sidrat-il-Muntaha (Lote tree of; the utmost boundary) which was shrouded in colors, indescribable. Then I was admitted into Paradise where I found small (tents or) walls (made) of pearls and its earth was of musk."

UMSLV April school holiday program

A big heartfelt thanks goes to Louise Campbell and Marjolene Cras for their involvement with the school holiday program.

Louise did a great job baking yummy bread rolls with the children. While the rolls were baking in the oven she had all the children playing games and having a great time. Louise must have been pretty exhausted at the end!

The children became very creative during Marjolene's card making activity. All the mothers loved the cards the children made.

The Krazy Koala Puppet Show and the Bongo Brothers, hosted by Latrobe Shire libraries, were very entertaining.

For the July school holidays, there will be craft and baking activities on 1 and 3 July respectively.

Baking with Louise



Bongo Brothers

Card making with Marjolene



Krazy Koala Puppet Show



Blue Rock Dam



COMMUNITY NEWS

Logo

We are proud to launch UMSLV's logo!

The sisters form the foundation and are the strength of the organisation. We aim to serve the community and to empower its members. With your support, we as a community can grow and together our potential can be realised. Insha-Allah.



Fun Walk

Thank you to all those who attended our fun walk on Sunday 11 May, particularly those who travelled a fair way to get to Churchill. The days leading up to the walk were cold and wet but Sunday turned out to be rather pleasant.

All who participated enjoyed the walk around Lake Hyland followed by breakfast. Over breakfast, there was discussion about starting a women's hockey team. More about this will be discussed at our next social event. Thank you also for the donations on the day. We managed to raise a modest \$150 for the Gippsland Australian Muslim Community Inc.'s mosque fund.



A new place to dine!

The Malaysian restaurant on 8 Church Street, Morwell prepares halal meals that are delicious!

Go and try them out!

School holiday program for July

Tuesday 1 July 2014	Craft activity	3-4pm	no charge
Thursday 3 July 2014	Baking activity	12-1pm	no charge

Both activities will take place at the Community Room, Buckley Street, Morwell. Please advise Yumna if your children will be attending. yumna.umslv@yahoo.com. We will inform you of the Latrobe Shire holiday activities, once they have finalised it.