

# WinterSpring Mawlid 2025

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Dates: 24<sup>th</sup> August - 4th September 2025

Time: 19.30 - 21.45

Venue: The Light House  
(formerly ECC Sports & Social Club)  
Showell Rd, Wolverhampton  
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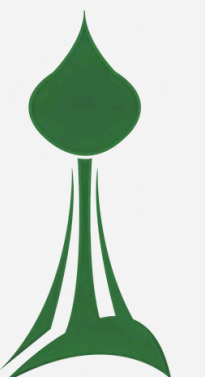
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# Host of WinterSpring



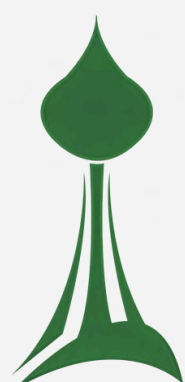
**Shaykh Sayyid Asim Yusuf al-Habibi OBE** is a Sufi Shaykh of the Chishti Habibi order, Emeritus Chair of the British Board of Scholars and Imams, and Clinical Director for Mental Health in Wolverhampton.

He has studied all branches of the Islamic sciences with renowned teachers from across the world, gaining authorisation to instruct and guide students in their own spiritual and intellectual journey.

Since 2014, he has been engaged in a complete reading, commentary and analysis of the Ihya Ulum al-Din of Imam Ghazali, and specializes in Islamic metaphysics and philosophy. He is also teaching a full commentary on the Quran. He has authored a number of works in topics ranging from spirituality to subjects in Islamic law and bioethics, as well as history and the philosophy of Islamic Psychology. He is also the munshid Talib al-Habib.

He heads the Nur al-Habib Foundation, which has a number branches including education, publishing, community projects and social outreach, and also founded the Path to Salvation Classical Islamic Syllabus. He founded and has led the Winterspring Mawlid, now in their sixteenth year - a unique 12 night celebration of the Prophet, peace and blessings upon him.

For information on courses taught by Shaykh Asim, please visit: [www.nuralhabib.org](http://www.nuralhabib.org)



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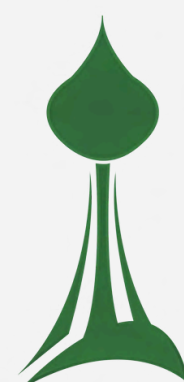
# The Guest Speakers and Scholars



**Ustadha Anika Asif** is a teacher and an advanced student of knowledge. She studied for 10 years under the tutelage of Shaykh Sjaad Hussain and Shaykh Shammās Tabraiz, graduating from Sacred Texts Syllabus in 2019, obtaining Ijaza Aaama (teaching licences) to teach various Islamic Sciences.

She has also been under the tutelage of Shaykh Dr Asim Yusuf, studying with him: Ghazali's Ihya Ulum Uddin, Islamic Metaphysics, Aqeeda, Names of Allah and various other subjects.

She now teaches Quranic Arabic language and grammar for Sacred Texts Syllabus UK. She teaches Ghazali's Ihya to parents and Educators at the Ghazali Children's program at Solihull Hub Mosque, where she also serves on the advisory committee. She lives and works in the city of Birmingham as a dentist.





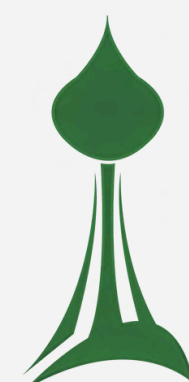


**Shaykh Amer Jamil** has been described by the Sunday herald as one of the Scotland's most prominent and respected Muslim thinkers. He holds a (LLB) law degree from Strathclyde university and BA (Hons) in Islamic studies from the University of Wales. He spent 10 years studying the Islamic sciences including 6 years with distinguished scholars in the Middle East (Syria and Yemen), gaining him teaching licenses (ijaza) in various Islamic sciences.

His main field of interest is primarily Islamic family law; an area in which he has studied in depth having studied all four schools of Islamic jurisprudence. In 2009 he co-founded the Solas Foundation and with his partner Shaykh Ruzwan Muhammad, established the iSyllabus Islamic studies program. He is currently the co-director of the programme. He is also the Muslim Chaplin at Glasgow Caledonian University, where he delivers the Friday sermon and regular classes for students.

For more information about him and the courses he offers, visit his website: <https://www.amerjamil.com/>

**Shaykh Shammās Tubraiz** began his studies in 2002, studying theology and basic to intermediate level Shafi'i and Hanafi fiqh. In 2004, he was accepted at the Faizan al-Rasul Institute in Birmingham – a distinguished centre of Islamic scholarship – where he continued his pursuit for sacred knowledge under the tutelage of the esteemed Shaykh Rasul Baksh Sa'eedi, studying many of the Islamic sciences.





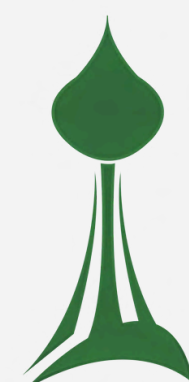
Ustadh Shammas is a co-founder of the Sacred Texts Syllabus, and currently resides in Birmingham with his wife and three children. Alongside community activities he works full time in the NHS, teaches private advanced Islamic studies classes, and has a Non-Executive Directors role in one of the largest Housing Associations in the UK. He completed a Masters degree in Public Health in 2014 and more recently a further degree in Senior Healthcare Leadership



**Qari Asim** is a senior Imam at Makkah Mosque in Leeds, which has won the award of being UK's model mosque. He is a Legal Director at a global law firm, DLA Piper. He holds various positions on a number of organisations that focus on issues related to government policy, education, business, leadership, youth empowerment, gender equity, environment and social welfare.

He is Chair of Mosques and Imams National Advisory Board and senior editor of ImamsOnline. He is a trustee of British Future, a think-tank which addresses identity, integration and migration. He is also a trustee of the charities Peace Matters and Hope not Hate, which seeks to challenge and defeat the politics of hate and extremism.

Qari Asim is a member of ITV Yorkshire's Diversity Group, on the advisory panel of Oxfam and on the regional leadership board of Mosaic, founded by HRH Prince of Wales, to inspire young people to realise their talents and potential. He is passionate about fostering relations between communities and is a trustee of Christian Muslim Forum, a director of Forum for Promoting Peace (London) and one of the faith advisors to Holocaust Memorial Day Trust & the Near Neighbours programme.







**Shaykh Burhan Khandia** comes from a lineage of scholars and was privileged to spend his youth dedicated to learning sacred knowledge and carrying the prophetic inheritance under the tutelage of his father, Qari Ismaeel Khandia who is one of the leading teachers of Qur'an in the city of Derby. He travelled to India at a young age to study with the Ulama of Ajmer Sharif and where he began his memorization of the Qur'an.

He continued his studies in the city of Tarīm in Yemen, where he studied for three years under the theological scholars and spiritual masters of Hadramaut including notable scholars of the Habaib:

Ḥabīb 'Umar b.Ḥafīẓ, Ḥabīb 'Alī al-Jifri, Ḥabīb Kāẓim as-Saqqāf, Ḥabīb Ḥāshim b. 'Aqīl, al-Shaykh 'Umar al-Khaṭīb and Ustādh Ibrahīm Osi-Efa.

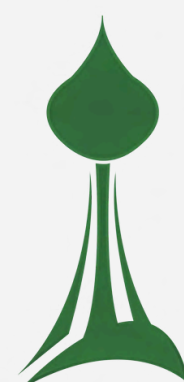
Upon his return to the UK he began teaching Qur'ān studies to children in his locality and helping to set up the Ikhlās Education Centre where he also teaches. He was a teacher on the well-renowned Path to Salvation Course in Derby. He frequently travels across the country to deliver speeches and talks to the masses on a number of topical subjects.

**Shaykh Daniel Jackson** has studied the Islamic Sciences and the Arabic language for the last 17 years, with teachers both in the UK and abroad in Cairo, Egypt and Damascus, Syria with emphasis on Islamic spirituality.

Ustadh Daniel graduated in medicine from The University of Birmingham and is a Consultant Psychiatrist in Child and Adolescent Mental Health and works within the West Midlands,



He has a BSc in Public Health and a Masters in Philosophy and Ethics of Psychiatry. He is one of the founders of The Olton Project in Solihull, UK where he also currently teaches.



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**Shaykh Dr Abdalla Yassin Mohamed OBE** was born in Khartoum, Sudan where he spent over 30 years studying traditional Islamic sciences under Shaykh el-Nayyal Abdel Qadir Abu Groom. Shaykh Abdalla received Ijazah in the sciences of Shariah which include Islamic fiqh, history & theology. Academically, he obtained an Msc in Zoology from Khartoum University & a PhD in Psychology from Liverpool University.

He is heavily involved in community relations initiatives with particular focus on marginalised members of society. He is the founder & Chair of the Onyx Link Foundation, a think tank that has been established to promote social wellbeing & advancing active national & global citizenship. In 2008 he received an OBE for services to Wales's community relations.

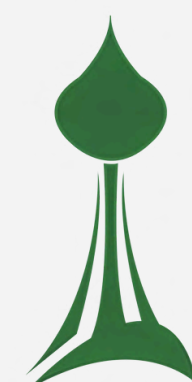
**Shaykh Nasir Rashid** began his studies in 2002 studying Shafi'i Fiqh. In 2003 during I'tikaf he was invited to study with Shaykh Rasul Baksh Saeedi at the FR Institute and has since progressed considerably in his studies and has covered a number of texts in the higher sciences. He continued studying with other teachers in his home city of Birmingham and was also a former teacher of the Path to Salvation course.



He has completed a Diploma in Contextual Islamic Studies & Leadership at Cambridge Muslim College following that he embarked on a Masters in Philosophy at the Heythrop College University of London. He has garnered an impressive following on Instagram which he uses as a teaching platform to answer questions and to share his thoughts, ideas and advice with people around the world. He is a father of three, and works full time in the NHS as an Audiologist in Birmingham. Follow his blog and Instagram page:

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**Sayyida Noor Yusuf** is a poet, author and advanced student of the sacred knowledge. She was born in South Africa and raised in the United Kingdom. She was initiated in the Chishti Habibi Order under Hazrat Ghulam Muhyi al-Din Kazi (RA), and her deep attachment to traditional Islamic spirituality informs the majority of her works. She was homeschooled since the age of 10, and has completed a degree in Linguistics at the University of Birmingham.

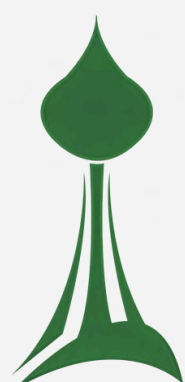
She continues to pursue traditional studies of Islamic law, theology, metaphysics and spirituality under the tutelage of her father Shaykh Dr Asim Yusuf and has also studied various Islamic disciplines with Shaykh's Nasir Rashid, Shammash Tabrez, Sjaad Hussain and Tabraze Alam in Hanafi fiqh.

After a decade of study, she has been authorised to transmit the six canonical hadith works and other classical texts, after having read them in full via elevated chains from some of the most senior hadith narrators and scholars of the recent past.

At the age of 15, she authored *The Soliloquy of the Full Moon*, an original work on the nativity of the Prophet Muhammad. A thousand line narrative epic of fully metered English poetry, creating a work that is entirely unique and a definitive contribution to Western Muslim culture.

She has also released a trilogy of works aimed at younger readers: *Adventures with the Awliya*. These stories aim to introduce children of all ages to the great heroes and spiritual luminaries of Islam in an exciting and innovative way.

The much anticipated third instalment, *Over Mist and Mountain*, continues the adventures of the children through the tales of some of the great Awliya Allah of Islam. It is being exclusively launched during this year's WinterSpring.





# The Munshids

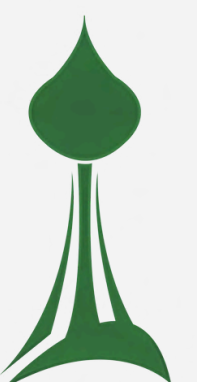


**Aashiq al-Rasul** is an ensemble brought together with the common understanding that love of The Creator and His Beloved Prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him, is the necessary foundation on which service to God's creation is built.

Since 1998; Aashiq Al Rasul has nourished the hearts and minds of audiences in communities at home in the United Kingdom and abroad. Delivering the message of tolerance and harmony through a universal language of rhythm and melody.

Utilising the means of a repertoire of classical Qasidas, Hamds, Naats, Qawaalis and modern Nasheeds supported by a fusion of languages and beats from across the globe. A truly universal effort to harmonise the basis of humanity, love. They will be promoting their unique publication, 'Muslim Songs,' which will be available for purchase at the venue tonight.

For more info, visit the website: [www.muslimsongs.org](http://www.muslimsongs.org)



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**Al-Musafirun** was founded under the patronage of the erudite Syrian scholar and guide, Shaykh Sayyid Muhammad Al-Yaqoub. Their name embodies the ethos of every Muslim's journey to reach, Allah Almighty. A journey, made blessed through the constant praise and love of Allah Almighty and of His beloved, Prophet Muhammad, Peace and Blessings be Upon Him.

For more information on al-Musafirun, please click the links below:

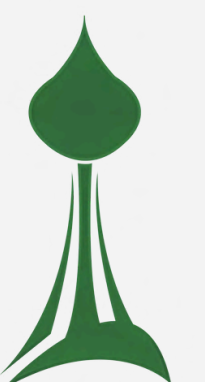
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**Manaqib** are a multi generational traditional nasheed group led by Sidi Mushfiq. They were originally based in Birmingham, and are now made up of members from various parts of the UK.

They have studied under a number of traditional Munshids including the Middle East including Shaykh Ismail al-Kurdi. They have been praising the Prophet (s) using traditional qasidas and maqamat since 2010, and have developed their own English language songs of praise as well.



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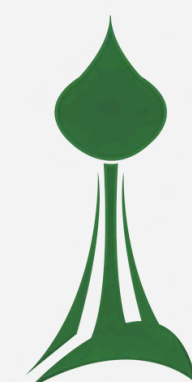
**Hamza Bouzhar** is a talented munshid who was born and raised in Morocco. He is a Sufi spiritual reciter and composer. He specialises in Arabic Maqamat and his mission is to revive the beauty of traditional Arabic, Moroccan and Andalusí qasaid to take listeners on a soulful journey through time. He is the recipient of numerous individual and collective awards for his nasheeds in Morocco.

The foundation of Hamza's career began through performing nasheeds in schools and local festivals. Since then, Hamza has gone to perform nationally with some of Morocco's most famous artists. In 2021, Hamza moved to the UK to challenge himself and explore new opportunities to share the beauty of Arabic qasaid in a new country.

**Asim, the Poet**, is an award winning spoken word artist, host, singer, author and a motivational speaker. As an international artist, he delivers a wide range of topics from hard-hitting stories to devotional poems as he conveys powerful messages to inspire and motivate others. In 2021, he launched his first book: "Yours Sincerely, Asim" and has ventured into creating unique Spoken Word Poetry videos in praise and devotion of the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ available on YouTube and social media formats.



Most recently, he was awarded "Best spoken word male Poet" by the Wordplay and Flow initiative. He also hosts weekly Arabic praise poetry circles, as part of Nasheed group "As Salikoon", which has been ongoing for more than 20 years.



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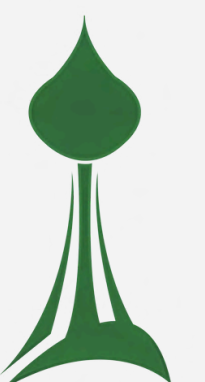


**Imam Qari Amr Elaimy** spent several years studying the Qur'an translation, Tafsir and Maqamaat (melodies of recitation) at the prestigious Al Azhar Institute in Egypt. He obtained ijazah in the Hafs-an-Asim recitation from Shaykh Abdul Aziz Farhat who is one of the main scholars at the institute.

Qari Amr possesses an unbroken chain (ijazah) in Hafs an Asim recitation from Shaykha Yumna Elaimy who received this from Shaykh Ahmed Esa Al Masarawi who is the head of reciters in Egypt.

He is well known for his beautiful voice and awe-inspiring recitation. Over the last 10 years, he has helped to set up and run Qur'an academies and has provided training to teachers within existing academies. He is now teaching the basic rules of Qur'aanic recitation, Tajweed and Hifz along with abadah and etiiqutes of islam in Solihull.

To hear his melodious voice, click here: <https://fb.watch/8A0GOozKp8/>



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