

Nikah Service at Abu Bakr Siddique Mosque.

Policy

The Management of Abu Bakr Siddique Mosque warmly welcomes and wishes to congratulate prospective couples who wish to marry in accordance with Islamic law (Nikah).

Abu Bakr Siddique Mosque is not registered to solemnise marriages in accordance with English law, but can perform religious Nikah ceremony, conducted by the appointed authorised person for the Mosque.

IMPORTANT NOTE & Nikah Requirements:

A Nikah which is performed in the UK **is not considered a legally 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.

The Mosque will NOT conduct a Nikah which breaches the general requirements of marriage in English law: Under English Law you can get married in the UK if you are:

- 16 or over (*You need permission from your parents or guardians if you're under 18*)
- Free to marry (single, divorced or widowed)
- Not closely related

The Mosque will not issue a Nikah certificate if there is a failure to supply copies of the following documentation:

- 1) Photo ID for Bride*
- 2) Photo ID for Bridegroom*
- 3) Proof of address for Bride
- 4) Proof of address for Bridegroom

*passport photo page / driving licence

Other Documents, if Applicable

If previously married - Divorce Decree Absolute/ Talaq confirmation

If widowed - Death Certificate

Please make arrangements for:

- 2 Adult Muslim male witnesses to be present
- Settle Haq-ul-Mahr in advance.

Bride/ bridegroom who are not permanent residents in the UK are advised to consult their respective Embassies to comply with any regulations and/or requirements of their home country, if any, before entering into a UK marriage contract

There is no Nikah fees to pay but donation for the Mosque/ Hadiya for the Imam is optional.

If the above requirements cannot be met, the Mosque reserves the right to refuse to perform the Nikah.