

Sahl ibn Sa'd RA reported: The Prophet SAW said, "By Allah, if Allah guides a man through you, it is better for you than a herd of expensive red camels." (Bukhari)



England's surprising connections to the Islamic World

Two mosques opened in England over 130 years ago. The United Kingdom's first mosque was established in Liverpool in 1887. The other — and the first to be purpose-built — opened in Woking, Surrey, in 1889.

During her reign (1558-1603), the Tudor Queen Elizabeth I found her realm isolated on sectarian grounds. In 1579, she started what would be a long correspondence with the Ottoman Sultan Murad III (r.1574–1595), and sent diplomats to build commercial relations. Trade ties with Islamic rulers like this literally brought home the goods, with sugar, coffee, carpets, cotton, and more entering England.

Barbary pirates are generally known to have been Muslim and of North African origin, but Englishmen and other Europeans also joined their ranks with support and licence from the crown. At least some of these accepted Islam. Kent-born John Ward became a Muslim while in the service of the local Ottoman ruler Osman Dayı around 1610, taking the name Yusuf Reis. In 1625, Ottoman pirates occupied Lundy, a small island off the coast of Devon, and used it as a base of operations for a couple of weeks.

In 1184, Robert of St Albans — then a member of the Knights Templar, a zealous Christian military order with a reputation for ferocity when fighting Muslims — abandoned the group and embraced Islam. Robert is said to have married the niece of Salāh al-Dīn. He also put his military talents at the service of his new brethren, and died leading an army outside the sacred city, on behalf of Salāh al-Dīn.

One of the country's earliest links dates back over a thousand years, to King Offa (r. 757 to 796), the 8th century Anglo-Saxon ruler of Mercia. He is believed to have minted gold coins — not only with his own name on them in Latin text — but with Arabic-language Islamic inscriptions, copying the dinars of the Abbasid Caliphate. It is likely that Offa produced these coins so he could trade in the Mediterranean, where gold dinars were widely accepted. This suggests a desire on his part to do business, rather than war with Muslims. The coins' Arabic inscriptions still clearly bear the Islamic statements: "None has the right to be worshipped except Allah, and He has no partners; and Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah."

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Fri	1	28	5:01	6:55	11:49	2:43	6:06	6:00	3:15	4:37	7:45
Sat	2	29	5:02	6:56	11:49	2:41	6:05	6:15	3:00	4:35	6:45
Sun	3	1	5:04	6:58	11:49	2:40	6:03	"	"	4:33	6:45
Mon	4	2	5:05	7:00	11:49	2:38	6:02	"	"	4:32	7:30
Tue	5	3	5:07	7:02	11:49	2:37	6:00	"	"	4:30	"
Wed	6	4	5:08	7:03	11:49	2:35	5:59	"	"	4:28	"
Thu	7	5	5:10	7:05	11:49	2:34	5:57	"	"	4:27	"
Fri	8	6	5:11	7:07	11:49	2:32	5:56	"	"	4:25	"
Sat	9	7	5:13	7:09	11:49	2:31	5:55	6:15	3:00	4:24	6:45
Sun	10	8	5:14	7:10	11:49	2:29	5:53	"	"	4:22	6:45
Mon	11	9	5:16	7:12	11:49	2:28	5:52	"	"	4:20	7:30
Tue	12	10	5:17	7:14	11:49	2:26	5:51	"	"	4:19	"
Wed	13	11	5:19	7:16	11:49	2:25	5:50	"	"	4:18	"
Thu	14	12	5:20	7:17	11:50	2:24	5:49	"	"	4:16	"
Fri	15	13	5:22	7:19	11:50	2:22	5:48	"	"	4:15	"
Sat	16	14	5:23	7:21	11:50	2:21	5:46	6:30	2:45	4:13	6:45
Sun	17	15	5:24	7:22	11:50	2:20	5:45	"	"	4:12	6:45
Mon	18	16	5:26	7:24	11:50	2:19	5:45	"	"	4:11	7:30
Tue	19	17	5:27	7:26	11:51	2:18	5:44	"	"	4:10	"
Wed	20	18	5:29	7:27	11:51	2:17	5:43	"	"	4:09	"
Thu	21	19	5:30	7:29	11:51	2:16	5:42	"	"	4:07	"
Fri	22	20	5:31	7:31	11:51	2:15	5:41	"	"	4:06	"
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Sat	30	28	5:41	7:43	11:54	2:08	5:36	7:00	2:45	3:59	6:45

Dhuhr Jama'ah

1:00

1st Jumu'ah

12:25

2nd Jumu'ah

1:15

Islamic dates are subject to regional moonsighting reports.

Isha Jama'ah is early on weekends

Asr time ends 5 minutes before the published Maghrib time.

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Fiqh and Aqidah

Sunday 10:30-12:00

U. M Koirul Islam

Tafsir of Surah Yasin

Sunday 12:00-1:30

U. Zakariyya Pathan

Tafsir of Surah Mulik

Wednesday 6:00-7:30

U. Mohammed Moreea

The Battle of Mu'tah

The famous Battle of Mu'tah between the Muslims and Christians took place Jumada al- Ūlaa in the 8th year of Hijrah. Mu'tah is the name of a town located in present-day Jordan.

The reason this battle took place was that the Messenger of Allāh SAW had sent Sayyidunā Ḥārithah ibn `Umayr RA with a letter inviting the Amīr of Buṣrā to Islām. However, the governor of Balqā', Shuraḥbīl ibn `Amr al-Ghassānī, who was the vicegerent of the Amīr of Buṣrā, intercepted the letter and tortured Ḥārithah RA to death. The Messenger of Allāh SAW was deeply saddened when he received the news of his martyrdom.

Since killing an ambassador was completely criminal, the Messenger of Allāh SAW sent an army of 3,000 Companions, appointing Sayyidunā Zayd ibn Ḥārithah RA as the commander. Abdullah bin `Umar RA says: "Allah's Messenger SAW appointed Zayd bin Harithah RA as the commander of the army during the battle of Mu'tah and said, "If Zayd is martyred, Sayyidunā Ja'far ibn Abī Ṭālib RA should take over his position, and if Ja'far RA is martyred, Sayyidunā `Abd-Allāh ibn Rawāḥah RA should take over his position." (Bukhari)

When seeing off the army, the Messenger of Allāh SAW advised them that there would be people worshipping in churches and that they should not harm them. He also told them not to kill women, children or the elderly and he forbade even cutting a tree down. The Messenger of Allāh SAW told Zayd RA to go to the place where Ḥārithah RA had been killed and invite the people to Islām: "If they accept Islām, that will be good, but if they do not, fight them."

The army reached Mu'tah to see that they were up against an enormous and formidable army of about 200,000 men. The Muslims, despite being so greatly outnumbered, put their faith in Allāh Ta'ala absolutely and marched valiantly into war.

In accordance with the order of the Messenger of Allāh SAW, Zayd stepped forward and invited the Christians to Islām but the response was a hail of arrows raining down upon him.

The Muslims therefore organised themselves and began to fight, with Zayd RA also coming off his horse and fighting with the Muslims. Zayd RA fought valiantly but he alone was no match for the huge number of attacks he faced and was martyred.

Thus, just as the Messenger of Allāh SAW had instructed, Ja'far RA took the flag of Islām in his right hand. While fighting, he lost his right arm and therefore carried the flag in his left hand. He then lost his left arm too, so he carried the flag between his legs, and it was in this state that he too was martyred. `Abdullāh ibn Rawāḥah RA then took the flag of Islām but he too was martyred, just as the Messenger of Allāh SAW had foretold.

The army then discussed who they should appoint as their commander and came to an agreement that Sayyidunā Khālid ibn Walīd RA was worthy, so he was given the flag of Islām. He showed the expertise and prowess he possessed in warfare by leading the Muslims to an emphatic victory despite them being outnumbered by about seventy to one.

Though the Messenger of Allāh SAW was in Madīnah at the time, he was seeing the battle transpire and was visibly upset describing the events to his Companions as they unfolded.

Anas RA says: "The Prophet SAW had informed the people of the martyrdom of Zayd, Ja'far, and Ibn Rawahah before the news of their deaths reached. The Prophet SAW said, "Zayd took the flag and was martyred, then Ja'far took it and was martyred, and then Ibn Rawahah took it and was martyred." At that time, the Prophet's eyes were shedding tears. He added, "Then the flag was taken by a Sword amongst the Swords of Allah and Allah made the Muslims victorious." (Bukhari)

Abdullah bin `Umar RA says: "I was present amongst them in that battle, and we searched for Ja'far RA. We found his body amongst the bodies of the martyred ones, and found over ninety wounds over his body, caused by stabs or arrow shots." (Bukhari)

In this battle, many Christians were killed, and 12 Muslims were martyred:

Zayd ibn Ḥārithah RA, Ja'far ibn Abī Ṭālib RA, `Abdullāh ibn Rawāḥah RA, Mas'ūd ibn Aws RA, Wahab ibn Sa'd RA, `Ubbād ibn Qays RA, Ḥārith ibn Nu'mān RA, Surāqah ibn `Umar RA, Abū Kulayb ibn `Umar RA, Jābir ibn `Umar RA, `Umar ibn Sa'd RA and Hūbajah al-Ḍabbī RA.

Fatimah Al-Zahra RA

Sayyidatunā Fatimah RA passed away in Jumada al Ūlaa, six months after the demise of the Prophet SAW.

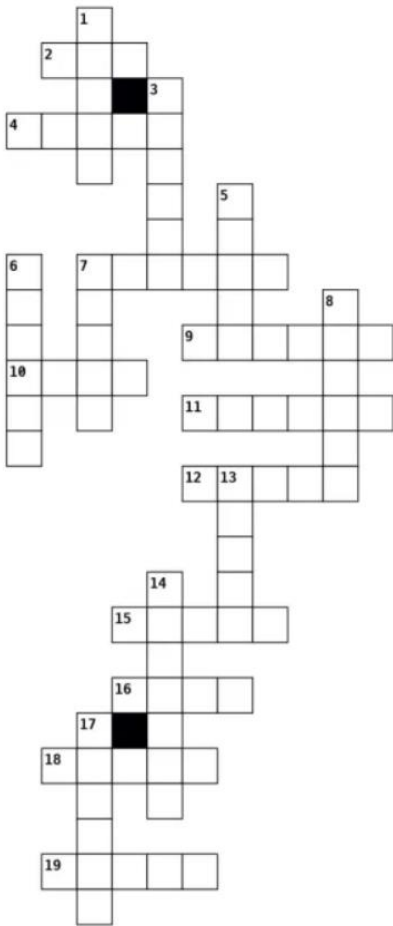
Fatimah RA, the daughter of the leader of mankind, Messenger of Allah SAW, Al-Qurashiyah Al-Hashimiyyah, is the mother of Al-Hasan RA and Al-Husayn RA.

She was born shortly before the beginning of the Mission of the Prophet SAW, and she married `Ali ibn Abu Talib RA after the battle of Badr.

When the Messenger of Allah SAW died, she grieved and wept for him, and said, "O my father, to Jibril we tell the news of his death, O my father, he answered the call of his Lord, O my father, in Paradise is his eternal abode."

`Aishah RA says: "Fatimah RA came walking in the manner of the Prophet SAW. The Prophet SAW said, 'Welcome, O my daughter.' Then he seated her to his right or to his left, then he said something privately to her and she wept. I said to her, 'Why are you weeping?' Then he said something privately to her and she smiled. I said, 'I have never seen anything like that which I have seen today, of joy so close to grief.' I asked her what he had said, and she said, 'I would not disclose the secret of the Messenger of Allah SAW.' When the Prophet SAW passed away, I asked her and she said, 'He told me, "Jibril used to review the Quran with me once every year, but this year he has reviewed it with me twice, so I know that my appointed time is approaching. And you will be the first of my family to join me." So I wept. Then he said, "Would it not please you to be the leader of the women of Paradise or the women of the believers?" So I smiled.'" (Bukhari)

The Messenger of Allah SAW said: "Fatimah is a part of me, and whoever angers her, angers me." (Bukhari & Muslim)



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Across

- 2. - Islamic festival
- 4. - Sacred structure in Mecca
- 7. - Sayings of Prophet Muhammad
- 9. - Paradise in Islam
- 10. - Islamic leadership position
- 11. - Islamic law
- 12. - Global Muslim community
- 15. - Islamic prayer
- 16. - Pilgrimage to Mecca
- 18. - Islamic holy book
- 19. - Obligatory charity

Down

- 1. - Struggle or effort in Islam
- 3. - Oneness of God in Islam
- 5. - Religious ruling
- 6. - Islamic mysticism
- 7. - Permissible under Islamic law
- 8. - Islamic ruler
- 13. - Holiest city in Islam
- 14. - Month of fasting
- 17. - Teachings and practices of Prophet Muhammad

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