

The National Amīr/ President
Jamā‘at Aḥmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته

Summary of the Friday Sermon delivered by Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul-Masīḥ V (May Allāh be his Helper) on 24 July 2026 at Ḥadiqatul Mahdi, Alton, Hampshire, UK

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: By the grace of Allāh, the UK Jalsa Sālāna begins today. Guests are arriving from every corner of the country and from around the world to participate. They have all come for a noble religious purpose, so extending hospitality to them is a special honour.

By the grace of Allāh, in every country where Jalsa Sālāna is held, men and women, young and old, all recognise it as their duty to serve the guests, and they present themselves as volunteers. Despite the changing priorities of the world, the sincere members of the Jamā‘at continue to dedicate themselves to this service. They understand that Allāh has commanded believers to honour and serve their guests, a teaching that the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) repeatedly emphasised and to which the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) continually drew attention.

The Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) said that whoever believes in Allāh and the Last Day should fulfil the due right of a guest, which is hospitality for one day and one night, or, in another narration, for three days. This relates to ordinary guests staying in someone's home for a few days. During Jalsa, however, guests travel long distances and often stay far longer than three days. Under the Jamā‘at arrangements, hospitality is provided for as long as they stay, two to four weeks. It is a great favour of Allāh that the Jamā‘at has such a large number of volunteers for this service, none of whom are paid.

Indeed, the system of hospitality here in the UK has become so extensive that the Langar operates throughout the year. Many people who have their own businesses, including restaurant owners and those engaged in catering, voluntarily devote part of their time all year round to serving guests. This has also become a distinctive feature of the UK Jamā‘at, because Khilāfat is here and people constantly come here from around the world, which makes hospitality an ongoing necessity. Members of the Jamā‘at carry out this responsibility with great diligence. May Allāh reward them all.

These days bring a tremendous honour to our thousands of volunteers. However, they should always remember to fulfil the rights of hospitality by treating every guest with dignity and respect, displaying kindness and good manners, and being mindful of their feelings. The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) said that the feelings of a guest are very delicate and should always be taken into consideration. We must never forget that we are to serve our guests in every possible way. If we have offered ourselves for this service, then we should also strive to the best of our ability, to discharge this responsibility for the sake of attaining the pleasure of Allāh, so that in return He may be pleased with us.

The hospitality of our volunteers and the overall arrangements of our Jalsa leave a deep impression even on non-Aḥmadi and non-Muslim guests, who are amazed to see food prepared for tens of thousands and served in such an organised way. A comprehensive volunteer system operates here, which includes traffic, food service, sanitation, cooking, water supply, and many other departments. By the grace of Allāh, volunteers serve in all of them in an exemplary manner. Thus, this too becomes a means of conveying the message of Islām.

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) personally served his guests to an extraordinary degree. Ḥaḍrat Ḥāfiẓ Ḥāmid ‘Alī (May Allāh be pleased with him), who looked after those staying at the Langar, was repeatedly reminded by him, “Take special care of these guests.”

Ḥaḍrat Dr Ḥashmatullah (May Allāh be pleased with him) relates the following incident. During one Jalsa, he had to attend a meeting of Ṣadr Anjuman Aḥmadiyya after the Maghrib and ‘Ishā’ prayers.

Although he had not eaten anything since the morning, he postponed his meal in order to fulfil this Jamā'at responsibility. By the time the meeting concluded, it was eleven o'clock at night, and he was informed that all the food at the Langar had been consumed. A friend brought him a small piece of bread, explaining that the Langar had already closed. Just as he began eating it, there was a loud knock at the door, followed by the announcement: "If there is any guest who has remained hungry and has not eaten, let him come to the Langar and have his meal." He immediately went to the Langar and gratefully ate the meal that had been prepared for him.

The following morning, he saw the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) standing near Masjid Mubārak, addressing those present: "The arrangements for feeding guests should be of the highest standard, because last night Allāh revealed to me: 'O Prophet, feed the hungry and those in need.'" Dr Hashmatullah then realised that it was because of this Divine revelation that someone had knocked on his door during the night and arranged for him to be fed. Such was the righteousness of these people that Allāh Himself took notice of their hunger and informed His Prophet of it.

Our organisers today should likewise ensure that late-arriving guests are not overlooked. Some travel great distances, and ferries or flights may be delayed. Provision should be made for such guests to receive food, and care must be taken that what is served is fresh and fit to eat. True hospitality means not only caring for guests but serving them wholesome, good-quality food.

The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) said: "My disciples, whether poor or wealthy, are all equal in my eyes. Therefore, prepare the same kind of food for everyone." These were his principles of hospitality.

Guests, too, have certain responsibilities. Since the real purpose of coming here is spiritual nourishment, that should remain our focus. Even if there is some shortcoming in the food, it should be borne with patience and no complaints made. At the same time, food should not be wasted. Take only as much as you can eat.

Volunteers assigned to cooking should exercise great care, especially in this hot season, ensuring food is properly preserved and not left aside too long, particularly items like lentils, which spoil quickly. Food should be inspected beforehand to ensure it is fit for consumption. The same principle of care applies to every department—sanitation, traffic, parking, security—where courtesy, dignity, and respect must be maintained alongside necessary security measures. Those responsible for maintaining silence within the Jalsa grounds, particularly in the women's section, should enforce discipline with wisdom and understanding.

Everyone gathered here should reflect on the purpose for which they undertook the hardships of travel, and should listen attentively and regularly to the Jalsa proceedings. These three days should not be spent chatting or wandering about; as soon as the programme is about to begin, everyone should proceed to their designated area and sit quietly. Even when the bazaar is open outside of sessions, guests should observe discipline and exercise restraint.

Those staying for an extended period should continue observing the daily prayers regularly, in congregation where possible, even after the Jalsa ends. Those in tents or marquees should rise for Tahajjud when awakened. Establishing regularity in Tahajjud, alongside the daily prayers, is one of the principal purposes for which you have come. If you attain this, you will reform not only your own lives but also those of your future generations.

Both guests and those on duty should remain alert to their surroundings, given that some in this country at times harbour prejudice and hostility towards Muslims.

Because of the dry weather, strict instructions were given that no fires of any kind should be lit at accommodation sites, and everyone should avoid anything that might produce sparks, since this could lead to serious accidents.

Attention should also be paid to cleanliness. Though the administration strives to keep washrooms and facilities clean, everyone should clean up after themselves. Guests should observe cleanliness in

accordance with the Holy Prophet's teaching that cleanliness is part of the faith. During these days, every individual should consider himself or herself a volunteer.

Direct your attention towards raising the standards of your faith. Engage more abundantly in the remembrance of Allāh. Recite Durood Sharif, offer supplications, and seek forgiveness through Istighfār.

Several exhibitions have also been organised here; make an effort to visit them, as they will prove beneficial both intellectually and spiritually. If these things are observed, then, Insha'Allāh, you will derive the fullest benefit from the Jalsa.

May Allāh enable all of you to benefit from it religiously and spiritually, as also intellectually. May you become recipients of its blessings, and may those blessings remain a lasting part of your lives and benefit your future generations. May you fulfil the very purpose for which this Jamā'at was established.

This evening, the formal inauguration of the Jalsa will take place. Listen attentively to that address and to the speeches of all the speakers, and strive to act upon what you hear.

May Allāh grant everyone the ability to do so. Āmīn
Wassalām,

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ISLĀMABAD (UK)
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