

Bahá'í Centre, 46 Bloomsbury Street, W.C.1.

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"God grant that in these days of heavenly delight, ye may not deprive yourselves of the sweet savours of the All-Glorious God and may partake, in this spiritual Springtime, of the out-pouring of His grace. Arise in the name of Him Who is the Object of all knowledge, and, with absolute detachment from the learning of men, lift up your voice and proclaim His Cause. I swear by the Day Star of Divine Revelation. The very moment ye arise, ye will witness how a flood of Divine knowledge will gush out of your hearts, and will behold the wonders of His heavenly wisdom manifested in all their glory before you. Were ye to taste of the sweetness of the sayings of the All-Merciful, ye would unhesitatingly forsake your selves, and lay down your lives for the Well-Beloved."

(Gleanings from the Writings of Bahá'u'lláh, p.84)

Dear Friends,

The calendar month of March is an important one for Bahá'is, since it includes the whole of the Bahá'í month of 'Ulá - Loftiness, which is the month of fasting, and the Feast of Nawruz, the beginning of the New Year. May we live this month deeply and joyfully - keeping the rule of fasting if it is by any means possible, but always in constant prayer and meditation - thus renewing our spiritual strength and preparing ourselves more and more for the opportunities of service which the New Year may bring us. And afterwards let us rejoice in the coming of another year, bringing us ever nearer to the Most Great Peace and the New World which Bahá'u'lláh has foretold.

NINETEEN-DAY FEAST.

Saturday, March 1st, at 2 pm. 'Ulá-- Loftiness.
Hostess: Miss M. Cheesman.

NAWRUZ FEAST.

On account of the present difficult conditions, this feast will be celebrated on Saturday, March 22nd. The Centre will be open to the friends from 12 mid-day and the actual feast, which will consist of a spiritual programme and a musical programme, will commence at 3 pm. All Bahá'is and their friends will be welcome. Will all friends please bring contributions in kind for the feast.

PUBLIC MEETINGS. The meeting on February 1st was very successful, the room was full and there was quite a number of newcomers. It is proposed to hold another one on Saturday, April 5th, when several Bahá'í speakers will talk on various aspects of "Bahá'í New World Order". Details will be available later. Please ask all your friends to keep this date free.

WORLD CONGRESS OF FAITHS is holding a series of meetings in London during the first week of April, at which representatives of the various world religions will speak. Mr. Hofman will speak on the last day on the Bahá'í Faith. It is hoped that friends who can will attend these meetings. Details are on the board at the Centre.

MEETINGS AT THE CENTRE will, from March 2nd onwards, commence at 3 pm.

The usual public meeting will be continued on Sundays, with a talk on the Bahá'í Teachings. The Saturday meetings have been somewhat altered and ~~it~~ it is now proposed, on those Saturdays on which there is not a 19-Day Feast, to invite people to talk to us on various subjects with which they are familiar, or sometimes to give musical performances, etc. Good talks have already been given on "Music" and "Irish Life & Legends", and suggestions are invited.

TEAS AT SATURDAY AND SUNDAY MEETINGS. Contributions in money or in kind are needed in order to keep on serving these teas, especially gifts of tea and sugar. There is not sufficient money in the funds to pay for these teas and they are only possible if all the friends contribute, otherwise they become an unfair burden on a few.

TREASURER'S REPORT. After making a reasonable reserve for anticipated expenses, there is at present a deficit of £5.12.2. A little of this will probably be liquidated by promised contributions which will come in, but it remains still dangerously large.

MONTH OF FASTING. We give below the times of sunrise and sunset during the month of 'Ulá for the use of those keeping the fast:
(Summer Time)

March	am.	pm.	March	am.	pm.
2nd	7.45	6.41	12th	7.23	6.58
3rd	7.43	6.42	13th	7.20	7.0
4th	7.41	6.44	14th	7.18	7.02
5th	7.38	6.46	15th	7.16	7.04
6th	7.36	6.48	16th	7.13	7.05
7th	7.34	6.50	17th	7.11	7.07
8th	7.32	6.51	18th	7.09	7.09
9th	7.29	6.53	19th	7.06	7.10
10th	7.27	6.55	20th	7.04	7.12
11th	7.25	6.56			