

L O N D O N B A H Á ' Í B U L L E T I N

Bahá'í Centre, 103 Earls Court Road, W.8.

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"Thou hast, verily, O my God, suffered Him Who is the Manifestation of Thine own Self to be afflicted with all manner of adversity in order that Thy servants may ascend unto the pinnacle of Thy gracious favour, and attain unto that which Thou hast, through Thy providence and tender mercies, ordained for them in the Tablets of Thine irrevocable decree. The glory of Thy might beareth me witness! Were they, every moment of their lives, to offer up themselves as a sacrifice in Thy path, they would still have done but little in comparison with the manifold bestowals vouchsafed unto them by Thee."

(Bahá'u'lláh)

Commemoration of the Martyrdom of the Báb

July 9th

Two meetings will be held as follows:

12.50 p.m. sharp and 7.30 p.m.

Nineteen-Day Feasts

Feast of Kalimát (Words)

Sunday, July 13th - 3.30 p.m.

Hostess: Miss Edith Kent

Feast of Kamál (Perfection)

Friday, August 1st - 7.30 p.m.

Hosts: Dr. and Mrs. Ramzi.

(Friends who wish to give a 19-Day Feast are requested to write to Miss Marjorie Parker, 30 Lancaster Road, S.W.19.)

The Nineteen-Day Feast is one of the most precious and unified institutions of our Faith. What spiritual uplift, interest and happiness result for those who are able to attend, and how deprived are the isolated ones. Let us praise for a moment and think of this.

Our Goals

The following are the goals for the year proposed by the Assembly and endorsed by the Community at the 19-Day Feast of Rahmat.

1. Nine new believers.
2. Nine close contacts who attend study classes.
3. Increased attendance at the 19-Day Feasts.
4. Helping Oxford and Bournemouth Communities not to fall below requisite numbers.

A further goal was recommended at the Feast, namely paying the entire rent of the Centre, so as to rank as added contribution to the National Fund. The Assembly has approved this added goal, but feels that the whole question of

increased contributions to the National Fund needs further consultation. The Treasurer will present the matter at the 19-Day Feast of Kalimat.

And here is a letter from the Treasurer:

Dear Friends,

Let us spend a few moments talking about gardens. To those of us who have a garden, or window-boxes, or pots of flowers, a certain pride must be taken in the results. Results are not achieved without care and attention, expense of time and patience. Do we all give that time, care and attention to the growth of our beloved Faith, the world's most wonderful garden - yes, God's garden? Each one of us can and must share the work, and there are many ways to help. One in particular is to give to the Fund as often and as much as humanly possible. Please remember that as water is to a garden, so contributions are to the work of the Cause. From those of you who cannot come to the Centre, the Treasurer would warmly welcome any contribution, however small, sent either to the Centre, or to 52 Cedar Court, N.10.

Thank you for bearing with me,

In His Service,
Your Treasurer,
D.J. Millar.

At the bottom of the page, there is a tiny slip. Please fill it in, tear it out and send it to the Treasurer.

Summer School
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The Spiritual Assembly has received the following letter from the Summer School Committee: "May we ask you to remind all the members of your Community to send in their registration Forms for Summer School. The premises at Bangor are not so large as those we had last year and those leaving it late may be disappointed. So we urge everyone to book as soon as possible, both for their own benefit and to help us too."

Our Community Mr. and Mrs. Munsiff and their little daughter Joti, are now back in London. A most loving welcome to them on their return. Dr. and Mrs. Astani of Tihiran, came specially from Paris to see us. During their pilgrimage in the Holy land, our beloved Guardian had told them to visit the friends in Britain. We were indeed very happy to meet them. They also visited Brighton, Northampton and Norwich.

We have also had the pleasure of a visit from Miss Nellie Winstanley, of the Manchester Community.

Weekly Meetings at the Centre - all at 7.30 p.m.

Mondays - Teachers' Training Class. Tuesdays - Study Class, Bahá'ís and Contacts. Thursdays - Public Meeting. Thursday Evening Meetings have a varied programme.

Monthly Devotional Meeting This meeting is now held on the fourth Sunday of the month.

Committees Welfare Committee: Mrs. B. Kamming; Mrs. E. Millar; Mr. M. Ramzi.
Centre Wardens: Miss B. de Gruchy; Mrs. B. Kamming.

News and Announcements

1. The Meeting Room at the Centre will be decorated soon.
2. We need a small book-shelf for book display in the Meeting Room. It is to rest on a table. Any gifts?
3. A friend has made a generous donation to the Centre of a number of valuable household goods. Some of them will be offered for sale. Another friend has donated two beautiful hand made cuff-links to be sold for the Fund.
4. Have you any books from the Lending Library which you borrowed a long time ago? Please return them. The shelves of the Lending Library were beginning to look bare.
5. Mrs. Doris Ballard and Mr. Cyrus Mansuri are holding a meeting on July 9th (8 p.m.) at Kenilworth Hotel, Great Russell Street, W.C.1. It is an enlarged fireside meeting and will commemorate the Mission of the Báb. They extend an invitation to all.

I will try to contribute _____ every (19-Days) of (Calendar Month).
Signed _____