

# Islam

**Muslim** A Muslim is a follower of Islam.

**Muhammad** Muhammad was the final prophet of Islam. He recited the words which were recorded to form the text of the Qur'an. Muslims say the words 'peace be upon him' after they say his name.

**Mosque** A mosque is a Muslim place of worship, learning and celebration.

**Qur'an** The Qur'an is the holy book of Islam. It is written in Arabic and Muslims learn and recite from it.

**Imam** The imam is the leader of a mosque and the worship services held within and also of a Muslim community.

**Allah** The name used by Muslims for God. It is 'God' in Arabic.

**Mecca** Mecca is the home of the Ka'bah, which was originally constructed by the Prophets Is'mail and Ibrahim. It was restored by the Prophet Muhammad after his pilgrimage in AD628.

**Hajj** Hajj is the fifth Pillar of Islam. It is a special pilgrimage performed once a year to Mecca to worship and pray to Allah.

**Ramadan** Muslims recognise the fourth Pillar of Islam, Sawm, during the ninth month of the Islamic calendar. Muslims fast during the daylight hours of the month of Ramadan.

**Eid al-Fitr** Eid al-Fitr is the end of Ramadan, and it is a great time of celebration for Muslims. It is a way of thanking Allah for helping Muslims stay strong through Ramadan.

**Muezzin** A person who, standing from the minaret of a mosque, calls Muslims to prayer.

**Adhan** The call a Muezzin makes from a minaret for Muslims to come to prayer.

**Minaret** The tower at the top of a mosque where the Muezzin makes their call to prayer.

**Prophet** A messenger who speaks the word of Allah.

**Five Pillars** Five acts that Muslims do to live a good life. The five pillars are Shahadah, Salat, Zakat, Sawm and Hajj.

**Salat** The second pillar of Islam is Salat, which is a prayer ritual. Muslims perform Salat five times a day.

**Hijab** A hijab is a veil, often in the form of a head scarf, which some Muslim women wear

**Halal** Muslims use the term halal to describe anything that is allowed in Islamic law. It is often used with food and drinks.