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Our Journey

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Where it all began...

The story of the Annoor Trust is one of faith, vision, and perseverance. Its seeds were first planted in the early 1990s, when a devoted Muslim brother from Jamaica, Hajji Abdul-Samad Mustapha, became increasingly concerned about the condition of his community and the lack of direction among its youth. Guided by faith and a sense of duty, he gathered a small circle of friends in his home in Kilburn, North London. Together, they sought to build a positive path for themselves, their families, and their wider community.

From those humble beginnings, Annoor was born. The congregation grew steadily, moving from Carlton Vale Centre, to Willesden Library, and then to Acton Town Hall as numbers swelled. Each step reflected the growing need for a permanent home - a true community hub that went beyond Friday prayers to address social, educational, and spiritual needs.

Over the years, the community gathered in Bromyard Leisure Centre, then Janet Adegoke Leisure Centre, and once again at Acton Town Hall. Sadly, during this period, in February 2003, our beloved brother Abdul-Samad returned to his Lord. His passing left a great void, but his vision lived on.



Friday Prayers held in Acton Town Hall

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1993 - 1999 Annoor Trust formulates with a small group of Muslims using the Acton Town Hall for Friday prayers.

This initiative was inspired by the need to provide adequate facilities for the local Muslim community to worship, observe its religious festivals and interact with the wider society.

1999 - 2002 Following the sale of the Bromyard Centre, Annoor moved to the Janet Adegoke Leisure Centre, also in Shepherds Bush.

2002 - 2005 After three years that Centre was also sold and Annoor returned to the Acton Town Hall, where it had all began. Annoor continued to utilise the Town Hall until December 2005.

2005 This is when after intense negotiation, the purchase of 58-70 Church Road, previously owned by the Royal British Legion, was completed. No longer would we need to request the use of alternative facilities for the observance of worship and prayer.

As a result, Annoor's congregation and activities have increased considerably. In addition to the observance of Eid festivals and provision of marital counselling, Annoor continues to raise significant aid to those in need in the United Kingdom and disaster victims abroad.



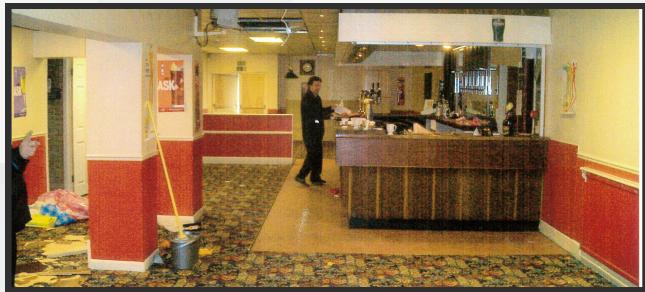
Friday Prayers held in Annoor shortly after acquiring the current site.



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A permanent home...

Until December 2005, Annoor continued to utilise Acton Town Hall for prayers. After extensive negotiations and many challenges, the community was finally able to acquire 58–70 Church Road, formerly owned by the Royal British Legion. This milestone gave Annoor a permanent home, and from there the congregation and activities grew rapidly, marking the beginning of a new era.



From the halls of the Royal British Legion to a home of faith and service – Annoor's journey toward a lasting legacy began here.



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The Legacy of Annoor Trust

For over three decades, the Annoor Trust has grown from a small group of worshippers into a thriving congregation of more than 500 every Friday. What began as a modest effort has become a cornerstone of community life in Acton, West London, rooted in worship and service.

The Centre has provided:

- **Worship** – *daily prayers, Friday prayers, Ramadan and Eid gatherings*
- **Education** – *weekend tuition, Qur'an classes, and lectures for all ages*
- **Community Outreach** – *open days, fun days, charitable initiatives, and interfaith work*
- **Social & Cultural Support** – *a safe and welcoming space for families and individuals*

The legacy of Annoor Trust is one of faith, resilience, and service. Our mission has always been to serve both Muslims and non-Muslims alike—preserving our Islamic identity while nurturing unity, responsibility, and positive citizenship within wider society.



Formerly the home of the Royal British Legion, Annoor set its sights on establishing a permanent home – a place to serve, unite, and inspire the community.