

A MESSAGE FROM BCU COMMANDER, CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT HELEN HARPER



Dear all,

Religious celebrations

We would like to send our very best wishes to those in our community who will be looking forward to celebrating Eid al-Fitr this weekend.

Although Eid is traditionally marked with congregational prayers in mosques and parks followed by parties amongst families and friends, Eid in the time of the Coronavirus will look different. Places of worship remained closed, along with large gatherings, and the latest government guidelines mean that it is not possible for religious premises to open at this time.

Instead, Muslims are being encouraged to celebrate Eid in the same way as Ramadan: from home, and virtually with friends and family.

The Muslim Council of Britain has published a helpful flyer, which I have attached.

You may also be aware a Government taskforce has been convened to look at the re-opening of religious premises. More information can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-taskforce-developing-plan-to-reopen-places-of-worship>.

It is not anticipated that faith premises will re-open until 4 July at the earliest.

Next week we look forward to holy days in the Jewish and Sikh calendars and wish these communities well in their planning.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kindest regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Helen Harper". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Helen

BCU Commander Central West BCU and Royal Parks