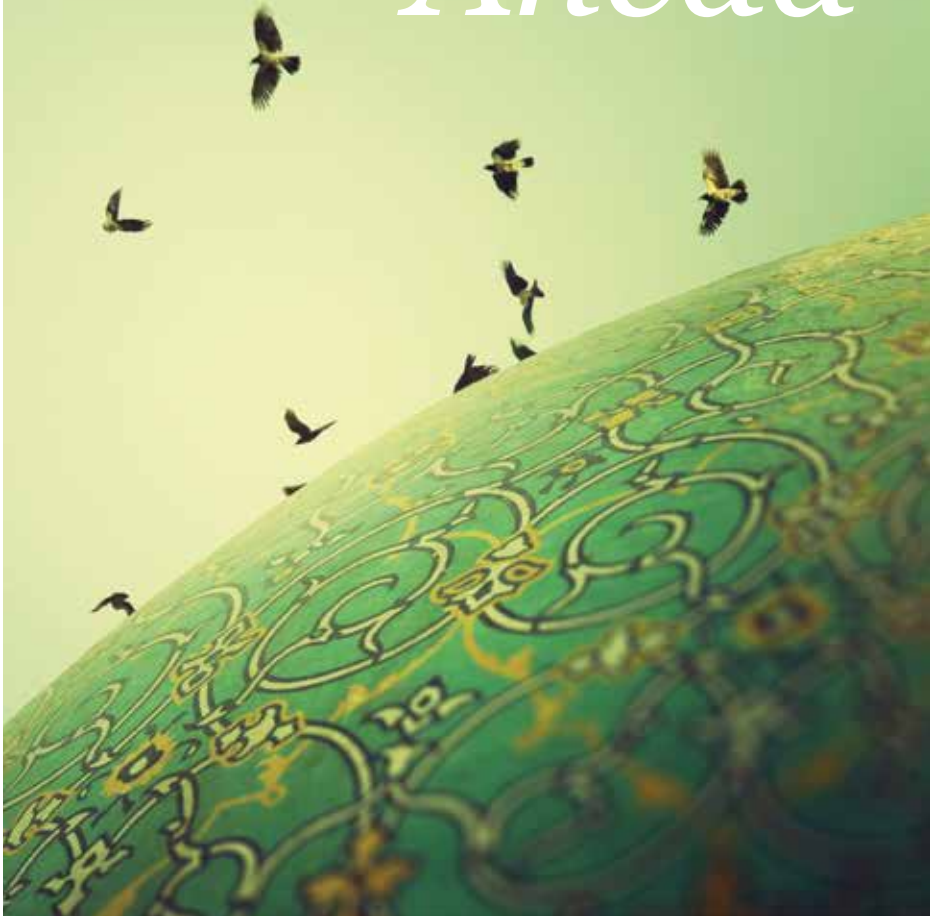


# Planning *Ahead*



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**We are encouraged to think about death and to prepare for the next life. Being aware and having a healthy respect for death allows us to be in a stronger frame of mind.**

Planning for important life events ahead of time is completely natural, and funeral arrangements are no different. Planning ahead can take the burden, stress, and worry away from our loved ones when it's their turn to make the arrangements.

We spend our lives attempting to practice Islam the best we can. Funeral planning helps us put measures in place to increase our chances of achieving best practice during the most crucial transition to Ākhirah (hereafter).

It can be difficult to know where to start – and that's why we're here to guide you every step of the way.



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*Indeed, we belong to Allah, and indeed to Him we shall return*

- Qur'an 2:156



## THINGS TO CONSIDER

There are several elements to end-of-life planning, some of which may help you and those close to you to prepare. This is by no means an exhaustive list. You can also speak to our Eternal Gardens team for more information:

- ✓ Ensure you have an Islamic Will
- ✓ Appoint an individual with durable power of attorney
- ✓ Specify preferences for your funeral and burial
- ✓ Select a resting place
- ✓ Consider the environmental impact of your funeral

**As specialists in this field, our team are always here to help and can signpost you to professionals for additional or specific support.**

*The Prophet S.A.W said:*



*The one who remembers death the most and is best in preparing for it. Those are the wisest.*

(Ibn Majah: 4259)

## WHY DO I NEED TO PRE-PLAN?

All Muslims have a duty to prepare for death, both spiritually and practically. Not only is it important but it is prescribed in Islam. One of the unique wisdoms of doing so, is that it eases the burden on those who are left behind, which has a compounding effect on the rest of society.

- Your final religious wishes can be defined and agreed without any uncertainty at the time of the service
- You choose the option that best suits you and your family without the pressure of time-constraints and lack of information
- It makes financial sense, as you will pay today's price and protect yourself from the annual inflation costs
- You achieve peace of mind knowing that your loved ones won't be burdened financially, nor will they face the added stress of last-minute burial preparations
- Protection from future burial space shortages
- All family members can be buried in one location, facilitating ease for loved ones who visit, for generations to come



# Here for you

Our multilingual team can support you in a language that suits you. We have English, Bengali, Turkish, Urdu, Pashto and Arabic speaking team members.

## **HOW DOES IT WORK?**

The planning process is simple, and we are here to support you with years of expertise.

### **1. Understanding your needs**

Discuss burial options with loved ones and how many plots you may require. One plot is sufficient for two people and will only cost you the price of the interment for the second burial. Speak to a member of the team who have years of experience in supporting families just like yours.

### **2. Select the right option for your specific needs**

Visit our Park to see our plots and choose the best option for you and your family. When reserving a plot, our expert team will walk you through this simple process in which you will need to provide the relevant details such as name, address and contact details.

### **3. Peace of mind**

You will receive the Grant of Exclusive Right of Burial and other important paperwork. Ensure these are kept safe and available for the right moment. At this stage, payment can be made in full or through our interest-free halal instalment option. Grant of burial rights will be released to you upon payment. That's it! You have successfully secured yourself and your loved ones for the future, Alhamdulillah.



# How can I ensure my end-of-life wishes are respected?

Planning your final days can be unsettling. But, putting off answering important questions, such as what your burial arrangements are and what costs are involved, can result in your grieving relatives and friends having to do it for you.

An **End-of-Life Plan** is essential in solving all of your needs when the time comes, InshaAllah. By securing a burial plot with us and creating a Last Will and Testament, this allows you to leave a straightforward plan and instructions of how to handle your funeral and estate for family and friends to follow. We can signpost you to legal experts, who have experience in drafting Shariah-compliant Wills, leaving you with peace of mind.

To find out more, please visit the *Planning Ahead* page on our website or alternatively, please contact our team by emailing [info@eternalgardens.org.uk](mailto:info@eternalgardens.org.uk)

## REDUCE THE COST OF YOUR BURIAL

Did you know when you pre-purchase a plot, it freezes at today's prices? With inflation rising each year, paying for your plot in advance will likely save money in the long run. It also frees your family from any financial burden, as well as the emotional cost of having to make important decisions when the time comes.

We are pleased to offer a **Shariah-compliant instalment plan**. Given that interest is haram, you can rest assured that our plan includes zero added interest. Secure a plot today and make easy and regular payments over a 10-month period.

For all pre-purchased plots, money is put into a dedicated Trust Fund which is solely used to maintain and preserve the Park for generations to come. This ensures that your plot is protected and has long-term access. For further information about this, please speak to a member of our team.

## DUO GRAVES

Quality Muslim burial space is not easy to find within and around London. As part of our solutions to alleviate the burial space crisis affecting our community, we have invested several years of research into developing the first duo-burial Islamic model (two separate and distinctive compartments within one plot of land) which has been accepted by the Shariah board in London, Alhamdulillah!



To read our Fatwa, please visit the Resources page on our website. [www.eternalgardens.org.uk](http://www.eternalgardens.org.uk)

### *Important information*

There are no hidden add-ons, and all our options include the plot, burial, service and grave plaque.

In line with Shariah law, all graves at Eternal Gardens are uniform, natural and simple. All burial plots are in soft virgin ground and are raised to form a small mount which is covered with grass. All graves are aligned to face the direction of Mecca with beautifully simple plaques placed on top of graves.

We work with several reputable Funeral Directors associated with many different Mosques across the London area, who will be responsible for providing the below services. Our team can provide you with further information.

- *Transportation*
- *Ghusl*
- *Shrouding*
- *Viewing room*
- *Funeral procession*

## Next steps...

With years of expertise, our friendly and empathetic team have supported many families for over a decade and are well versed in Islam, ensuring the utmost dignity and care within a Shariah-compliant setting.

If you want to talk through your options, have any enquiries, or are ready to secure your plot, please contact our team on any of the below:



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