

Call to prayer broadcast for first time in London borough for lockdown Ramadan

This is the [I grew up in Waltham Forest](#). I remember the mosque pictured above, that of the Waltham Forest Islamic Association [Central Council of Church Bellringers](#), who asked to be allowed to ring a solo bell or a set of Ellacombe chimes (400 English churches have these, they can be operated by just one person to produce either a tune or a chime) were told

““Staying at home and demonstrating solidarity with the rest of the country at this testing time, is, we believe, the right way of helping and ministering to our nation. Therefore, for a season, the centre for the liturgical life of the church must be the home, not the church building.”

(Letter from Archbishops and Diocesan Bishops of the Church of England to all clergy in the Church of England 27 March 2020).

If we had to celebrate Easter from our vicars' homes without music or bells, and our Jewish neighbours celebrated Passover in the same way then I think it is ungracious of the Muslim communities (worldwide) to ask for privileges for Ramadan, and of course foolish of the authorities to grant those privileges. But as we know, Islam comes to a country to dominate and not be dominated.



Left – does that look like 'social distancing', ie stand at least 2 meters or 6 feet from anyone who is not a member of

your household, to you?