

## **CHAPLAINCY STATEMENT OF SERVICE**

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### **INTRODUCTION**

The Chaplaincy is positioned within the Student Services, but its remit and its work extends beyond it; for example, the Chaplaincy is available for staff as well as students and it gives advice concerning University policies which involve religion and beliefs.

### **MISSION**

In its scope and aims, the Chaplaincy encompasses both religious and non-religious world-views. The Chaplaincy aims:

- to provide pastoral support to any member of the University, staff or student.
- to further the values and contribution of spirituality and different world-views (faiths and beliefs) within the University;
- to assist staff and students in their life journey, however this is articulated in terms of faith, spirituality or belief;
- to facilitate an exploration of the relation between issues of ethics and belief and the educational work of the University, both teaching and research.

### **WHAT WE OFFER**

The Chaplaincy provides opportunities for spiritual and religious expression, development and nurture and opportunities to explore different world-views. Specifically, we provide

- a team of volunteer chaplains and pastoral assistants covering different faiths and traditions;
- a chaplain or pastoral assistant who is available at set times;
- an on-call service to the Co-ordinating Chaplain outside office hours and in vacations;
- information about how to contact a key member of those faiths and traditions not covered by the chaplains or pastoral assistants;
- confidential pastoral support and consultation; for example, in times of stress or bereavement;
- opportunities for discussion and reflection about spirituality, beliefs, ethics and general personal development;
- religious services to mark special events, and corporate prayer, worship, reflection and meditation at various times;
- up-to-date contact information about local spiritual resources and places of worship: bookshops, churches, mosques and temples;
- information about beliefs and customs of the major religions and world-views, focused especially upon how they affect people interacting in a university setting;
- informal support to religious student societies.

The Chaplaincy also

- promotes awareness of different belief systems; for example, by publishing information about the festivals of the major world religions.
- establishes links with the local faith communities. Such links may result in, for example, wider pastoral support for students and providing opportunities for the Student Volunteer Programme.

## WHO WE ARE

The Chaplaincy is coordinated by a half-time Co-ordinating Chaplain and is also served by a number of volunteer chaplains and pastoral assistants of different faiths and traditions who visit the University during term-time.

### Chaplains:

The Co-ordinating Chaplain: Revd Phil Edwards (Christian – Anglican)  
Moulana Qari Faruk Ali (Muslim)  
Fr Gerard Haugh (Christian – Roman Catholic)  
Stephen Lingwood (Unitarian)  
Gen Kelsang Tubchen (Buddhist)  
Karen Openshaw (Christian)

**Pastoral Assistants** (Christian, Quaker and Muslim): Denise Gregg, Lee Johnson, Shirley Payton, Moulana Abdul Hafeez Siddique, Nick Tyldesley and Cath Williams.

We are also able to put staff and students in contact with a female Muslim or with representatives from other faith traditions such as Jewish, Sikh and Pagan.

## LOCATION

The **Chaplaincy** is located at the base of Eagle Tower and is open at the same times as the University, other than when the University is open only for a special event. There is:

- a Resource Area with selection of books, pamphlets and aids for meditation;
- a Prayer Room open to all but designed for Muslims to fulfil their religious obligations;
- a Quiet Room for individual use (prayer, reflection or being quiet) but may also be booked by groups through the Co-ordinating Chaplain;
- the Chaplaincy Office.

**Drop-in sessions** are held in the Chaplaincy Office during term time:

**The Co-ordinating Chaplain**, is usually available on Wednesdays 10:00am – 12noon;  
**A Pastoral Assistant** is available at some point over the lunch period each day.

## HOW TO CONTACT THE CHAPLAINS

The Co-ordinating Chaplain can be contacted direct by telephone and email:

Telephone: 01204 90 3415 (includes voicemail)  
Mobile: 07958 692454  
Email: [chaplain@bolton.ac.uk](mailto:chaplain@bolton.ac.uk)

Staff and students may make an appointment to see any chaplain through the Co-ordinating Chaplain, the Student Information Service (telephone 01204 90 3733) or by

calling in to the Student Centre. The Co-ordinating Chaplain can put students and staff in touch with other faith traditions. Some of the chaplains may be contacted direct:

- Moulana Qari Faruk Ali (Muslim)  
Mobile: 07717 214 763  
Email: [Faruk.Ali@rbh.nhs.uk](mailto:Faruk.Ali@rbh.nhs.uk)
- Fr Gerard Haugh (Christian – Roman Catholic)  
Mobile: 07912 257 986  
Email: [G.Haugh@sky.com](mailto:G.Haugh@sky.com)
- Stephen Lingwood  
Telephone: 01204 523 192  
Email: [s\\_lingwood@hotmail.com](mailto:s_lingwood@hotmail.com)
- Gen Kelsang Tubchen  
Contact via Revd Phil Edwards
- Karen Openshaw  
Telephone: Bolton Christian Community Cohesion Office 01204 546138  
or via Revd Phil Edwards  
Email: [ko1ext@bolton.ac.uk](mailto:ko1ext@bolton.ac.uk)

The Chaplaincy web site <http://www.bolton.ac.uk/Chaplaincy> has contact details of the chaplains, drop-in sessions and other information, including a list of events and a Thought for the Week.

## **EXPECTATIONS AND ENTITLEMENT**

You are entitled to expect that the Chaplaincy will

- serve students and staff of all faiths and none;
- provide pastoral support which is confidential. If we are not able to provide suitable support, we will suggest others who are able to provide the required support;
- respond adequately to questions concerning beliefs, spirituality and ethics;
- provide worship which is of a high quality and which is accessible to all;
- foster mutual respect and understanding between different belief systems.

## **EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES**

The Chaplaincy is committed to valuing diversity and does this specifically by promoting respect for different faiths, traditions and beliefs, and serving staff and students equally, regardless of race, religion, gender, disability, marital status, social class, age or sexual preference. Forms of unlawful direct or indirect discrimination or unequal treatment or unethical behaviour will be challenged.

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