

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 develop ways in which the spiritual development and well-being of students and staff of all faiths and none may be promoted;
- to advise the University on matters regarding religion and belief which affect its life and work, maintaining good practice in related equality and diversity matters;
- to promote the awareness of different religious and faith issues which impinge upon the teaching, learning and research of the University.
- to strengthen links between the University and faith groups within other local institutions and the local community.

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 chaplains and pastoral assistants, most of whom are volunteers, 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;
- opportunities for discussion and reflection about spirituality, beliefs, ethics and general personal development;
- meditations and worship which relate to the University context;
- 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.

WHO WE ARE

The Chaplaincy is coordinated by a half-time Co-ordinating Chaplain and is also served by a number of 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)
Karen Openshaw (Christian)
Moulana Abdul Hafeez Siddique (Muslim)
Gen Kelsang Tubchen (Buddhist)

Pastoral Assistants (Christian and Quaker): Denise Gregg, Lee Johnson, Shirley Payton, 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. 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.

A full list of Drop-in sessions can be found at www.bolton.ac.uk/Chaplaincy/Support.

HOW TO CONTACT THE CHAPLAINS

Staff and students may make an appointment to see any chaplain direct:

- The Revd Phil Edwards (Co-ordinating Chaplain)
Telephone: 01204 90 3415 (internal 3415)
Mobile: 07958 692454
Email: chaplain.phil@bolton.ac.uk or chaplain@bolton.ac.uk
- Moulana Qari Faruk Ali (Muslim)
Mobile: 07717 214 763
Email: chaplain.faruk@bolton.ac.uk
- Moulana Abdul Hafeez Siddique (Muslim)
Mobile: 07878 668 147
Email: chaplain.abdul@bolton.ac.uk
- Fr Gerard Haugh (Christian – Roman Catholic)
Mobile: 07912 257 986
Email: G.Haugh@sky.com

- Stephen Lingwood
Telephone: 01204 528 633
Email: chaplain.stephen@bolton.ac.uk
- Karen Openshaw
Telephone: 01204 90 3415
Mobile: 07837 209182
Email: chaplain.karen@bolton.ac.uk
- Gen Kelsang Tubchen
Telephone via Revd Phil Edwards
Email: chaplain.tubchen@bolton.ac.uk

The Co-ordinating Chaplain can put students and staff in touch with other faith traditions not represented here.

EXPECTATIONS AND ENTITLEMENT

You are entitled to expect that the Chaplaincy will

- serve students and staff of all faiths and none;
- provide confidential pastoral support. If we think that there is a serious risk to life, we will not be bound by confidentiality. If we are not able to provide suitable support, we will suggest others who would be able to provide the required support;
- respond adequately to questions concerning beliefs, spirituality and ethics;
- provide discussions and spiritual events which are of a high quality and which are 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.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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

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