

Chaplaincy: Faith, Belief & Worldview Support

Durham University is a multicultural and multifaith community. We are committed to providing opportunities for our students and staff to explore and practise a diversity of faiths, beliefs and worldviews.

The University's Chaplaincy Network provides access to chaplains from a broad range of traditions: Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, Jewish, Muslim and Non-Religious. Contact details for all chaplains can be found at durham.ac.uk/faith-support.

The chaplains offer pastoral, spiritual and religious support to all students and staff alongside activities such as **Meditation sessions** and the **Listening Service**. The Listening Service is for students and staff who need someone to listen attentively. You don't need to be 'religious' to talk to a chaplain.

There are also lots of relevant student societies through the Students' Union, all of which welcome new members. If there is not a specific society for you, the Students' Union can help with starting one: durhamsu.com/groups.



Facilities

The University provides facilities for its main religious communities of Christian, Jewish and Muslim students and staff. We are happy to discuss individual needs if you have any special requirements in this area. In addition, we can provide support and advice to help you access facilities in Durham City and the wider region.

Many of Durham's Colleges have their own **chapels**. In addition, some Colleges provide **multifaith/quiet rooms** that can be accessed by all students.

There are **Islamic Prayer Rooms** on Old Elvet and at Grey College, providing separate prayer spaces for males and females, along with specialist ablution facilities. To access these, contact the Islamic Society at islamic.society@durham.ac.uk.

There is a **dedicated space for Jewish students**. To access this facility, contact the Jewish Society at jewish.society@durham.ac.uk. The Jewish Society holds Friday Night Shabbat Dinners, with the food prepared in the University's Kosher kitchen.

A **Quiet Space** is located in the Teaching & Learning Centre (room TLC126) and can be used by all students and staff.

Chaplains

The Chaplaincy Network comprises 20 chaplains coming from a broad range of faiths, beliefs and worldviews - see durham.ac.uk/faith-support.

College Chaplains: some of our chaplains serve in specific Colleges where they support all members of the College community.

Pan-University Chaplains: other chaplains work across the University as a whole. They usually engage with specific faith groups but are still available to all students and staff.

Lead Chaplain: the University's Lead Chaplain is Canon Gavin Wort. Gavin is here for all students and staff. He can be contacted at gavin.wort@durham.ac.uk.



Some of the University's chaplains

Faith Participation

Our webpages (durham.ac.uk/faith-support) include information about a broad range of **faith groups and Places of Worship** in Durham City and the wider region. This includes details of Buddhist centres, churches, Hindu temples, mosques, synagogues and Sikh gurdwaras. If you would like information about faith groups or Places of Worship in the local community, email chaplaincy@durham.ac.uk.

Contact

Email: chaplaincy@durham.ac.uk

Website: durham.ac.uk/faith-support

Facebook: @DurhamUniversityChaplaincyNetwork

Instagram: @du_chaplain

Student Support Hub (for current students and staff):

durham.ac.uk/student-support-hub



The University Chaplains welcome and support students and staff of all faiths, beliefs and worldviews. Find out more at durham.ac.uk/faith-support or scan the QR code.