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Welcome from the Chaplaincy Team

The purpose of this booklet, produced by the University Chaplaincy team, is to introduce to you some of the different people and groups who may be able to help you with the spiritual side of studying or working at the University.

Coming to university can be a very important time in your spiritual life. For some, it is an exciting step that helps you own your faith personally, rather than simply following it because your family do. For others, being separated from your faith community at home is a daunting prospect. It may also raise some big questions for you. You may find that you've come to the University with no faith but want to explore what your course mates and friends believe and why.

The University chaplains are here to support students and staff of any faith or none. Whatever your background, we are here to support you in your journey of faith, your practice of your own faith, or your exploration of faith.

We have strong connections with the local community and its communities of faith. We can advise on local places of worship, student faith societies, and how your faith interacts with academic life and your chosen discipline.

In this booklet there is a section for each of the main religions represented at the University. If you are interested in a religion which is not listed here, or have a question that this booklet doesn't answer, please contact us in person, or by email or phone using the details below, and we will be happy to help.

The main chaplaincy is in the Portland Building on University Park Campus (C1, on the first floor past the West Concourse Lounge). You are always welcome to drop in and talk to a chaplain during term-time, 10am-5pm, or to make an appointment.

Chaplains regularly visit Jubilee Campus where we have prayer rooms and an office – please email for an appointment. Chaplains at Sutton Bonington can be contacted through the Student Services Centre. Please also see our separate leaflet for Sutton Bonington.

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Christian support

The Christian chaplains seek to support members of the University in a variety of different ways. We would be delighted if you got in touch for a chat about anything at all that concerns you. In particular we are here to help anybody explore the Christian faith, develop their faith or connect with student Christian communities and local churches. We all have a wide experience of Christian churches – our ‘denominational’ labels are only a guide!

Feel free to contact any of us individually using the email addresses on page 18 or email all of us together at christianchaplains@nottingham.ac.uk

Christian chaplains

Please see page 18 for the contact details of our Christian chaplains.

Places to pray

University campuses

Details of all prayer spaces at the University can be found on page 17.

Local churches

Our website (see below) has a detailed map of churches across the whole spectrum of Christian belief. The map highlights churches near to University Park, Jubilee and Sutton Bonington Campuses along with Sunday service times and contact information for each church.

w: www.nottingham.ac.uk/chaplaincy

To see the map, follow the links to ‘Christianity’ and ‘Worship & Prayer’.

Get connected!



Our newsletter

Our enewsletter, *Spirited*, is produced by members of the Christian Chaplaincy team for all Christian students at The University of Nottingham. It contains news of what’s on in and around the University and the city. To sign up, visit www.nottingham.ac.uk/chaplaincy/christianity

Events

Public lectures

We host one or two public lectures each year in which we seek to promote the discussion of issues of faith, and its interaction with academic disciplines and public life. Recent years have included lectures on ‘The God Delusion’, international law, plus various lectures on science and faith.

Services

Our largest service of the year is the University Festival of Lessons and Carols, which takes place in the traditional setting of St Mary’s Church, in the Lace Market, during December. It features excellent student chamber and gospel choirs by candlelight – come early for the best seats!

We seek to further promote Christian Unity by offering joint services of worship at several points in the year on some of the other Christian festivals which fall within term-time; for example, a service in the University Chapel on Ash Wednesday, an open-air service by the lake on Ascension Day in May, and an event to celebrate Christian Unity Week.

Staff

We are very much here for staff as well as students. Much of our support for staff exists informally around the University: meeting up for lunch or a coffee and offering a listening ear. We very much like to hear about the main issues for staff members at the University. We also run occasional lectures or events that are hopefully of interest to staff.

There is a Christian staff network which operates as an online support group, as well as offering regular lunchtime meetings for Bible study, prayer and discussions.

Members of staff who are Christians can sign up for a newsletter from the Christian Chaplaincy team which is usually sent out twice a term by emailing John Bentham, Coordinating Chaplain at john.bentham@nottingham.ac.uk

Provision at University Park Campus

See page 17 for details.

Provision at Jubilee Campus

There is a chaplaincy office and prayer rooms on the first floor of the Amenities Block (above Cafe Aspire). Chaplains regularly visit the campus – please email for an appointment: christianchaplains@nottingham.ac.uk

Provision at Sutton Bonington Campus

The Chaplaincy Team has two Christian chaplains based at Sutton Bonington, Chris Dakin and Val Owens. You can contact them using the details on page 18 or through the Student Services Centre in Main Building where they have use of room A9. Chris is chaplain to Sutton Bonington and is available most days. You’re particularly likely to see him around the campus on Thursdays and Fridays and if you do, please introduce yourself. Val is especially (but not exclusively) available for international students and is around most days.

Anglican chaplains (Church of England)

Chaplains John Bentham and Megan Smith are pleased to be able to offer support to any student.

There are no specific Anglican groups on campus, but several hundred students who come from that background worship in a wide variety of churches across Nottingham. We can advise on all varieties: evangelical, charismatic, Anglo-Catholic and all stops in between! We also offer support to the Christian Union and other Christian groups on campus.

You are most welcome to join Megan at her churches in Lenton, Holy Trinity and the Priory. For more details, see www.lentonparish.org.uk

Read about John’s wider involvements, from Southwell Minster to Soul Survivor, at www.nottingham.ac.uk/chaplaincy/people

Catholic community

The University of Nottingham Catholic community is the home of Catholic staff and students in the University. It is a friendly and welcoming parish-style multinational community gathered around Jesus Christ. We meet regularly for worship, and seek to listen and proclaim the Word of God, to celebrate Mass and the sacraments, and to live lives of faith, hope and love. We try to share our faith in our daily lives with all whom we meet. All are welcome!

Sunday Mass is celebrated at 11am each Sunday of the year in the Great Hall in Trent Building on University Park.

Catholic chaplains

Please see page 18 for the contact details of our Catholic chaplains.

The Catholic Society

The Catholic Society (Cathsoc) is a Students' Union society which exists for students of all faiths and none to offer friendship, support and hospitality, as well as the opportunity to share faith experiences, socialise and learn more about the Catholic faith. We organise prayer evenings, meals, speakers, discussion groups, talks and socials, and Oasis, our weekly get-together.

Get connected!

e: catholic@nottingham.ac.uk

w: www.catholic-community.org.uk

 catholic.community

 @UoNCatholic

Holy Mass

Sundays (term and vacation) at 11am
Great Hall, Trent Building, University Park

Holy days of Obligation (term) at 5pm
Chapel, Portland Building, University Park

Wednesdays (term) at 5pm
Chapel, Portland Building, University Park

Fridays (term) at 12.15pm
Open Room, Amenities Building, Jubilee Campus

Liturgy of the Hours and other services

Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer are celebrated every day, Monday-Friday, during term. For further details, and information about other liturgies and devotions throughout the year, please see the weekly bulletin or website.

Sacrament of Penance

Father Andrew hears confessions after Mass each Wednesday or on call.



Christian student groups

Agapé Student Life

Agapé Student Life is a community of students, some Christians and some not. We help people discover Jesus, and build community around relationship with God. Join our weekly socials, explore what it means to have relationship with God through a CONNECT group, or learn and discuss your faith in a SEED group. You can even become a student leader and help lead the movement that serves your university. Come help change the world.

e: benevans@mystudentlife.org.uk

 [Student Life Nottingham](#)

Christians in Sport

Christians in Sport (CiS) is a Students' Union society for anyone who loves God and loves sport – so whether you're a University first-team player, or represent your halls in the intramural sport programme, we want you to be involved.

w: www.su.nottingham.ac.uk/christiansinsport

Graduate Christian Fellowship

We are a multi-denominational Christian group for postgraduates, mature students and fourth- or fifth-year undergraduates. We not only welcome people of faith but also those wishing to discover more about it. We are an outward-looking group who seek to share the love of Christ with others while also discovering more about Him ourselves through fellowship and studying the Bible.

w: www.su.nottingham.ac.uk/gcf

Nottingham Navigators

Nottingham Navs is Christianity without the jargon. Everything we do is relevant to students and where they are. It's about real life and relationships, taking Christianity and putting it to work in your life and the lives of people around you. All are welcome, whether Christian or not. We meet over coffees and dinners, on campus, in student houses and pubs. If you like Romans 12: 1-2 in The Message, you'll like Navs.

w: www.nottinghamnavs.net

 [@nottinghamNAVS](#)

Nottingham University Christian Union

Nottingham University Christian Union are 'united in living for Jesus and making him known'. Everyone is welcome to join our events and activities, not just members or Christians. Our Friday evening gathering, Equip, aims to inspire and enable Christians to lead lives that point to Jesus, through worship, prayer and Bible teaching. In each University hall there is a small group which exists to give everyone the opportunity to explore the claims of Jesus.

w: www.nucu.org

 [Nottingham University Christian Union](#)

PENSA (Pentecostal Students and Associates)

PENSA welcomes Christian students from all denominations. We are a group of charismatic and Pentecostal students whose way of worshipping aims to boost spiritual growth and knowledge in our walk with Christ. We conduct our Bible studies in such ways that lessons learnt can be applied both practically and in real life situations. We meet on Jubilee Campus in the Open Room in the Amenities Building (room B01) every Tuesday and everyone is welcome.

e: PENSA_UoN@hotmail.co.uk

 [PENSA Nottingham University](#)

Radical Youth

Radical Youth is a Christian Pentecostal youth fellowship which started at The University of Nottingham in 2003 and has spread to 20 universities in the UK, including Nottingham Trent University. We are driven by our passion to see Christians live for Christ on campus. We meet every Wednesday at 7pm, to stir up one another in the faith via worship, Bible study and getting to know one another. We also have annual events, such as the 'weekend away' where we meet up with members from other universities for a time of empowerment through prayers and seminars.

As we are a family, we have a lot of fun moments at these events and at our meetings, where we create a space to get to know one another. We also have sub-divisions where members get to know each other better and express themselves in singing (Radical voices) and acting (Radical acts).

e: rynotts@gmail.com

w: www.radicalyouth.co.uk

 [Ry Notts](#)

Solid Rock

Solid Rock is a fellowship of international Christian students. We help to equip and support members spiritually and help them to grow through worship, prayer and Bible study. We meet in the chapel every Friday evening for praise and worship and to break into groups for Bible study and prayer.

e: solidrock.notts@gmail.com

 [Solid Rock \(Nottingham\)](#)

SPEAK

SPEAK is a network which brings together young adults and students to campaign and pray about issues of global injustice. Through bringing change to situations of injustice, we aim to share our faith in our all-loving, all-powerful creator: God. We're a community of people getting to grips with campaigning and sharing our big hopes and dreams for justice.

e: paycsleg@nottingham.ac.uk

 [SPEAK Nottingham](#)

Jewish support

Nottingham has a vibrant and active Jewish student life. The local Jsoc is one of the largest and most active Jsocs in the country. The Jewish chaplains are here to support all Jewish students with all their needs and difficulties as well as running educational programmes, social events and serving as a home away from home.

Jewish chaplains

Zvi Bloom
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e: zvi@mychaplaincy.co.uk

Esther Bloom
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Get connected!

 [nottinghamjsoc](#)

 [@NottinghamJSOC](#) or [@NottsJchaplain](#)

Local synagogue information

Nottingham has both Orthodox and Liberal communities which offer services throughout the week.

Nottingham Orthodox Synagogue
t: 0115 947 2004
w: www.nottinghamsynagogue.com

Nottingham Progressive Synagogue
t: 0115 962 4761
w: www.npjc.org.uk

Students' Union society

The Jewish and Israel Society

The Jewish and Israel Society (Jsoc) runs sporting, cultural, social, educational, religious and interfaith events for its members. It's a great place to meet, eat and chill with others so make sure you come along!

e: nottsjsoc@hotmail.com

Events

Friday night meals and services are hosted by the Jsoc and Shabbat lunches are hosted by the chaplains. Jsoc and the chaplains host a range of social and educational events throughout the academic year.

Weekly group educational sessions are held on campus by the chaplains as well as one-to-one studying.

Student volunteering and fundraising activity is well established through the local Vscheme, which offers several volunteering opportunities, and Fscheme, which supports various fundraising activities.

w: www.vscheme.org

Additional Jewish educational programmes are run by several external organisations (Jewish Learning Exchange (JLE) and Aish) and a local Chabad centre offers support to the student community.

Sporting activity includes a weekly power league and more. Contact Jsoc for more information.





Muslim support

Muslim chaplain

Imam Hassan Jamil
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Further Muslim support is envisaged during 2014/15 and any emails to the Chaplaincy Administrator at debbie.keown@nottingham.ac.uk will be passed on.

Prayer rooms and mosques

At the University

There are Muslim prayer rooms for brothers and sisters at all student campuses. Details of all prayer spaces at the University can be found on page 17.

Off campus

Students may find the following suggestions useful:

Karimia Institute

512 Berridge Road West, Bobbersmill
Nottingham, NG7 5JU
t: 0115 841 5806
e: info@karimia.com
w: www.karimia.com

Lenton Muslim Centre

56-58 Rothsay Avenue, Lenton Sands
Nottingham, NG7 1PW
t: 0115 978 0468

Al-Zahra Foundation

2 Lenton Boulevard, Lenton
Nottingham, NG7 2ES
t: 0115 950 3077

Shahjalal Mosque and Education Trust

Acourt Street, Nottingham, NG7 5AH
t: 0115 942 0764

Masjid Umar

398 Alfreton Road, Bobbersmill
Nottingham, NG7 5NG

Jamia Masjid Sultania

56-58 Thurgarton Street, Sneinton Dale
Nottingham, NG2 4AG
t: 0115 911 7601

Islamic Centre and Noorani Masjid

3 Curzon Street, St Anns Well Road
Nottingham, NG3 1DG
t: 0115 959 0001

Prayer timetable

For prayer times, visit www.nottsisoc.co.uk and follow the link to 'prayer times'.

Students' Union society

The Islamic Society

The Islamic Society (Isoc) represents and caters for the spiritual and social needs of Muslim students, staff and associates of the University. The aims of the society are to invite all to the path of Allah with wisdom and beautiful preaching.
w: www.nottsisoc.co.uk

 **Islamic Society – University of Nottingham**

Events

Study circles take place on campus weekly and are given by knowledgeable brothers and sisters.

Sporting events happen on a weekly basis for both brothers and sisters and encompass everything from football to collaborative sports with Nottingham Trent University.

For more information on events, visit www.nottsisoc.co.uk

Other faith groups

Students' Union societies

Buddhist Society

The Buddhist Society is open to anyone interested in Buddhism, spirituality and those who just need a moment's peace during their busy weeks. We have developed a supportive, safe and creative environment for our meetings so that we can build a strong and mindful community. In our meetings we explore Buddhist ideas and practices, listen to speakers and teach meditation.

w: www.su.nottingham.ac.uk/societies/buddhist

Hindu Society

The Hindu Society is a Students' Union society open to every member of the University, regardless of their religious beliefs or background. It provides Hindu students with support, love and spiritual education and creates a 'home away from home' through weekly aartis and exciting talks.

e: nottshindusoc@gmail.com

w: www.su.nottingham.ac.uk/societies/society/hindu

Krishna Consciousness Society

The philosophy of Krishna consciousness is diverse, youthful and applicable to everyday life and we aim to provide talks on real topics including habits, relationships and studying. We also aim to engage in service activities including community projects and feeding the homeless.

w: www.su.nottingham.ac.uk/societies/society/krishnaconsciousness

Jain Society

The Jain Society aims to unite Jains and individuals interested in Jainism at the University in order to create our very own Jain community. We hold regular aartis and interactive learning sessions, as well as exciting events and socials.

w: www.su.nottingham.ac.uk/societies/society/jainsoc

Sikh Society

The Sikh Society is open to all interested in Sikhism. We provide a forum for discussion, as well as information on spirituality, history, way of life and current issues. We aim to organise a variety of social, religious and sporting events throughout the year.

w: www.su.nottingham.ac.uk/societies/society/sikh



Support for international students

These events for international students are organised by members of the Christian Chaplaincy team in association with volunteers from local churches. You don't have to be a Christian to come along – people from any or no faith are welcome. For more details, please contact Liz Middleton at University Park or Val Owens at Sutton Bonington.

Globe Cafes (term-time only)

These activities are great for making friends with local Brits and others from around the globe. We serve free drinks and cakes and each evening has a theme on an aspect of British or international culture, along with the opportunity to play table tennis, chat and get to know new people. There's a Christian 'Thought for the Day' too.

Beeston

Beeston Free Church, next to Broadgate Park
Monday 8-10pm

Jubilee Campus

Radford Evangelical Church, St Peter's Street
Monday 7.30-9.30pm

City centre

St Nic's Church, Maid Marian Way
Monday 7.30-9.30pm

Sutton Bonington

Postgraduate Centre (near Stamford Hall)
Tuesday 7-8.30pm

Come And Meet Each Other

Come And Meet Each Other (Cameo) is a friendly place where wives of international students or scholars can meet others, ask questions about living in Britain, practise their English, enjoy activities and bring their children. Free refreshments are served. The group runs every other Thursday in term-time, 1-2.30pm, at

Beeston Free Church on the corner of Broadgate and Salthouse Lane.

Mosaic Group for International Women

Sutton Bonington's Mosaic Group for International Women meets every two weeks on a Friday, 1.30-3.30pm, in the lounge of Sutton Bonington Baptist Church, next to the Post Office. We also meet for occasional Friday evening meals together.

Trips

Look out for posters about day trips to cities such as York, Oxford and Cambridge. These trips include return coach travel to and from various campuses.

Seasonal events

Find out more about British culture by taking part in activities organised around key seasonal moments in the UK calendar.

Weekend away

Enjoy a wonderful weekend in March, which includes outings, activities, delicious food and time to find out more about what the Bible teaches.

Finding out about Christianity

If you want to know more about Jesus and the Bible, why not try one of the short courses scheduled at various times through the academic year? For more information email Liz Middleton or Val Owens.

International Discipleship Group (Tuesdays)

This discipleship group looks at learning more about following Jesus and focuses on deepening Bible knowledge and making applications to daily Christian living in the wider context of international cultures.

International Bible Study Group Sutton Bonington (Wednesday evenings)

This is an international group which is held in a local home. We welcome those who would like to understand more about the Christian faith and those who want to deepen their Christian faith. Social events take place throughout the year and are open to all. Meet at the main entrance to Sutton Bonington Campus at 7.30pm for transport.

Mandarin Group (Wednesdays)

Run by Herman To, Pastor of the Nottingham Chinese Church and a member of the Chaplaincy team, this group is in Mandarin and is suitable for students from a Chinese background who would like to understand more about the Christian faith.

Mandarin Group (Fridays)

This evening group is for Mandarin-speaking students and scholars. There is usually a meal followed by prayer, singing, testimony and Bible study. For more information email Liz Middleton.

Solid Rock (Friday evenings)

This is an international group which meets for fellowship. After worship time, there is either a talk or small-group discussions.
e: solidrock.notts@gmail.com

Table Talk

This is an English language activity for practising conversational English, especially for students at the Centre for English Language Education (CELE) on Jubilee Campus. For more information email Liz Middleton.



Places to pray

University Park Campus

- Christian Chapel and Chapel Library, A floor, Portland Building
- D139, Brothers' Muslim Prayer Room, Portland Building
- E136, Sisters' Muslim Prayer Room, Portland Building

Jubilee Campus

- B01 Open Room Multi-faith Prayer Room, Amenities Building
- B05 Brothers' Muslim Prayer Room, Amenities Building
- B02 Sisters' Muslim Prayer Room, Amenities Building

Sutton Bonington Campus*

- B30 Christian Prayer Room, Main Building
- Muslim Prayer Rooms (cream building near the Hopper Bus stop)

* New Chaplaincy facilities and prayer rooms will open later in 2014/15.

King's Meadow Campus

- Multi-faith Prayer Room (by Studio 7)

Queen's Medical Centre

All located in the Multi-faith Centre, D floor (in the corridor between South and East Blocks)

- Chapel
- Mandir
- Mosque
- Synagogue

Derby Medical School

Students and staff are very welcome to use the Faith Centre at the Royal Derby Hospital. These prayer facilities are available 24 hours a day on the south corridor, level one near the Pharmacy, five minutes' walk from the Medical School.

A Sunday morning Eucharist service is held in the Faith Centre Chapel at 10am, and Midweek Holy Communion is at 1pm on Wednesdays.

Jum'ah Prayers are held at The Prayer Room (a space for people of all faiths or none) at the Royal Derby Hospital on Fridays. There are washing facilities for men and women.

Chaplains visit the Derby Medical School each term and by request. Please send us an email at chaplains@nottingham.ac.uk for any further information on faith communities at Derby.

Booking procedure

The Open Room on Jubilee Campus can be booked for use by any faith society. The Chapel and Chapel Library on University Park can be booked for use by Christian societies through our administrator, Debbie Keown.
e: debbie.keown@nottingham.ac.uk

This publication is available in alternative formats:

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Contact us

The Chaplaincy team is here to support you and we'd be delighted to chat about any concerns you may have. We are here in particular to help anybody explore faith, develop their faith or connect with student faith communities and local places of worship.

General contact

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Chaplaincy administrator

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Christian chaplains

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Catholic

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Anthony Bradnum (Lay Chaplain)
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Chinese Church

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International

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Phil Evans (Assistant)
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Diana Paul (Assistant)
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Methodist

Appointment in progress, please contact Chaplaincy administrator.

Sutton Bonington Campus

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Val Owens (International)
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Jewish chaplains

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e: zvi@mychaplaincy.co.uk

Esther Bloom
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e: estherb@mychaplaincy.co.uk

Muslim chaplain

Imam Hassan Jamil
e: hassan.jamil@nottingham.ac.uk

Find out more about by visiting:
www.nottingham.ac.uk/chaplaincy/people

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