



IN CONVERSATION WITH THE CHAPLAINCY

This year seems to have flown by. I can't believe it's Chanukah already and Christians are observing the period of Advent which precedes Christmas.

This year we're delighted to present our Chaplaincy Christmas card (pictured above), designed by a Seven Mills Primary School pupil.

Recently I overheard the comment, "We live with constant change and transition and yet everything needs to look stable". For many individuals and businesses, it has been a year of uncertainty which is set to continue into the foreseeable future. Dare I mention Brexit?

Advent is a time that helps us reflect on the hope that Christmas brings. The Brexit referendum and its aftermath has resulted in uncertainty and challenges within communities and families. Perhaps, our hope should be for some kind of reconciliation, where we commit to working together to find a way forward for all.

Earlier this year Stuart Popham, an enthusiastic supporter of the Chaplaincy from its beginning, stepped down as co-chair from the Chaplaincy Steering Group. The Chaplaincy continues to appreciate the value and support it receives through this group. In particular this year we are grateful for the help we have received from Northern Trust on our website redesign.

Now, as Christians begin preparations for Christmas - just weeks away - we are reminded that hope is accompanied by love. Let us reach out in love to our neighbors this Christmas.

I wish you a Happy Christmas and a hopeful New Year.

Revd Dr Fiona Stewart-Darling

2018 Highlights



The Chaplaincy team is delighted to welcome Revd. **Barbara Hume**. She takes on the responsibility for providing chaplaincy to shop, café and restaurant workers in Canary Wharf as it continues to grow. To support her she will be recruiting and training a multifaith volunteer team to help the retail workers in the Wharf.



In October Revd. Fiona Stewart-Darling participated in the **Ethical Finance conference in Edinburgh**. She was invited to take part in a panel discussion exploring 'aligning investments with values'. As panel members we represented the Jewish, Muslim and Christian faiths. During the conference the Edinburgh Finance Declaration, which is a Shared Values Framework for Ethical Finance was launched. It is hoped to launch in London in 2019.



In May, the Chaplaincy had the first session in the **new Ethics Series – Leadership and Values** - hosted by Clifford Chance and organized jointly in partnership by the Chaplaincy and representatives from the financial and professional services institutions based on the Wharf. Similar events are planned for 2019.

Events & Activities in 2019

#EthicsValuesFaith

We are planning another couple of events in our Ethics and Leadership series.

We are hoping to participate in the London launch on the Edinburgh Financial Declaration in London

In partnership with Barclays, we will host a training day for trainee Muslim leaders and trainee vicars.

Faith Activities

The chaplains provide opportunities for people to explore faith in the workplace, through discussion groups and one-to-one conversations.

Upcoming festivals:

January – Eastern Orthodox Christmas, Epiphany, Holocaust Memorial Day.

February – Chinese New Year

March – Ash Wednesday, Purim, Holi

For more information about our activities, visit <https://canarywharfchaplaincy.co.uk>. Read our blogs and sign up on our website to receive our newsletters and event info.

