

# NEWS RELEASE

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## Canary Wharf Multifaith Chaplaincy Expands Team to Support Growing Canary Wharf Workers

### *Hires Dedicated Retail Chaplain Barbara Hume*

**LONDON, 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2019** – The Canary Wharf Multifaith Chaplaincy, which offers offer advice and practical support for corporate and retail workers and their employers working in Canary Wharf, has named **Barbara Hume** as its lead chaplain dedicated to the retail workers in Canary Wharf.

In her role, Hume is responsible for offering practical support and advice around contemporary issues facing employees in the more than 300 retail outlets in Canary Wharf – whether they have a faith or not. She will form part of the dedicated team of Chaplains serving the Canary Wharf working community – from corporate employees and their employers, to retail workers.

“The Canary Wharf Multifaith Chaplaincy is the only chaplaincy working in a workplace, such as Canary Wharf, making it not only unique, but we believe able to play a vital role, both for the employees and staff of Canary Wharf, and for their employers,” **said Revd. Dr Fiona Stewart-Darling, lead chaplain at the Canary Wharf Multifaith Chaplaincy.** “We believe faith can help inform values in the workplace and I’m thrilled to welcome Barbara to our team to help support us in our work across Canary Wharf.”

Prior to taking up her current role at the Chaplaincy, Hume was rector of seven rural parishes. She has more than 20 years of involvement in Chaplaincy. She set up the Romford Town Centre Chaplaincy, leading a team of volunteers. In 2008, she became the lead volunteer Met Chaplain for Havering Police and staff.

Before being ordained a Deacon in 1997 and priested in 1998 in the Diocese of Chelmsford, Hume trained as an insurance clerk, working in the City of London. She also achieved a Bachelor of Arts degree as a mature student – in her 50s.

“I am delighted to join the Chaplaincy and offer support to the retail workers of Canary Wharf,” said Hume. “Crucial to our work at the Chaplaincy is our confidential, non-judgmental approach. We invite anyone who wants to have a chat – whether you have a faith or not - to get in touch. We will never start a faith discussion and you tell us what you want to talk about. So have a conversation with us – we’re here to talk.”

Read more about Barbara’s work as a retail chaplain in her [blog](#).

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### **About Canary Wharf Multifaith Chaplaincy**

The Canary Wharf Multifaith Chaplaincy operates at the heart of Canary Wharf in London to help offer advice and practical support for corporate and retail workers and their employers working in Canary Wharf.

Founded in 2004, the Chaplaincy provides pastoral and spiritual care to workers – whether they have a faith or not – and offers support to employers on how faith can help inform values and ethics in the workplace.

Through their seven-strong team, the Chaplaincy has chaplains across Christian, Muslim and Jewish faiths and offers confidential advice and support.

For more information and to view the Chaplaincy’s upcoming calendar of events and regular faith activities, visit: [canarywharfchaplaincy.co.uk](http://canarywharfchaplaincy.co.uk).

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