

IN CONVERSATION WITH THE CHAPLAINCY

The chaplaincy team got off to a good start and enjoyed a team bonding, post-Christmas treat - a trip on the London Eye arriving in style by boat! There were some pastoral care situations early in the year and as always the team were ready to support the workers of Canary Wharf.

In May our Catholic colleague Mgr Vladimir Felzmann celebrates his 80th birthday, along with 50 years as a priest and 20 years as a Monsignor. We are looking forward to celebrating with him as a team and wish him God's blessing and continued good health.

Since our last newsletter the uncertainty and challenges continue around Brexit. As we move closer to the deadline of 29 March, demonstrations intensify. We hear a lot from protest groups on both sides about justice.

What do we mean by justice, at the heart of Justice it is not about 'me and what I want'. It is about how we should treat one another and want the best for each other and our country and all its citizens so that all may flourish, economically and socially. Let's pray for the best outcome possible.

Revd Dr Fiona Stewart-Darling

Afterword from Rabbi Dr Moshe Freedman.

I really love working in Canary Wharf as a chaplain as it offers a variety of opportunities for me to contribute to the lives of individuals and companies on the estate. Meeting with professionals to discuss key challenges affecting their companies enables me to understand the challenges that they face and how we can effectively support them. I find it a privilege to listen, empathize, and help those I meet to find the appropriate assistance they need. My hope is that our independent and confidential support helps people to be themselves at work. On another note one of my personal interests is faith and AI.

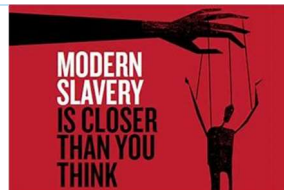
Highlights



The Carols & Candles Service last December was once again well attended. Our readers are always members of the business community (see picture left), and the combined choir comprises choirs from companies based in the Wharf. This year we raised over £2000 which was split between the international charity ChildHope and a local project by DePaul in Tower Hamlets.



Through our Muslim colleague **Shaykh Ibrahim Mogra** we are developing a partnership with the **Ebrahim College** in Whitechapel. The Chaplains have visited the college on a couple of occasions and taken part in panel discussions with the Muslim students. In May through a partnership with Barclays, we will host a training day for trainee Muslim leaders and trainee vicars. This is a long-term project to assist in the training of Muslims for chaplaincy roles.



Through the year the **Chaplaincy team take part in professional development** the same as any organization. Recently A/DI Helene Miller of the Metropolitan Police's Modern Slavery and Kidnap Unit came to do a session with the team to help us to understand the issues and introduce us to the key agencies that can offer help.

Events & Activities

#EthicsValuesFaith

We are working on a number of possible panel conversations for this coming year in our Ethics and Leadership series. Although initially we were planning for Q1 we have decided to wait a month or so after 29 March (Brexit day). Dates will be circulated.

Topics we are considering are:

- Leadership and Culture with respect to technology and AI
- Democracy and the Common Good, what kind of world do we want to live in. A report recently discussed in St Paul's Cathedral.

Faith Activities

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

Christian – Opportunities to observe Lent in Canary Wharf, including a study group and services.

Jewish – Purim 21st March and Passover 20-27 April. Lunch and Learns.

Muslim – Ramadan begins around 6 May. Khatib training for Friday prayers.

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.



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