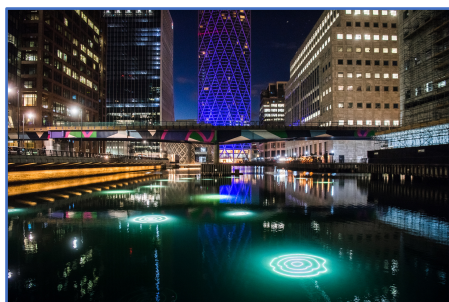


## IN CONVERSATION WITH THE CHAPLAINCY



### EDITORIAL

As I write this editorial, I am aware that many of you have not been into the Wharf for months, so our photo this month is to give you a reminder of what the estate looks like – this photo was taken during the winter lights festival.

Just to update you on chaplaincy's latest news. Naila has joined us as a trainee Muslim Chaplain on a two-year programme. Our main feature is an interview with her.

We have made a few improvements to the chaplaincy website. One because we were asked to make past weekly podcasts available, always good to respond to requests, so we have a new 'Podcast' page. We are also aware that during this lockdown more people are experiencing either family or friends with Covid, some who have sadly died of Covid or other illnesses. Therefore, we have updated our page for employees to give some useful suggestions for coping with grief.

Finally, I think all of us are longing for longer days and less rain (or snow if you have any), for walks in sunshine and most of all for the easing of lockdown rules, and to be able to meet up with family, friends and colleagues. Until then we remain patient and look out for our own well-being and those around us.

### IBRAHIM's interview with NAILA SALIM our new Muslim Chaplain Trainee.

We're very excited to welcome Naila to our team as the Muslim Chaplain Trainee. She completed her Muslim chaplaincy studies at the Markfield Institute of Higher Education.

**"Naila, what's been keeping you busy?"**

"I've been teaching Islamic Studies and Religious Education for over 15 years. I've been an active ESOL teacher in my local community. I also volunteer as an NHS chaplain at my local hospital providing spiritual guidance and pastoral care when needed."

**"Tell us a little about your childhood."**

I was born and brought up in Kenya and now live in the UK with my husband and four beautiful children.

**"Tell us something surprising about yourself."**

"I'm an avid Scout leader and among many other activities, I especially enjoy camp weekends with my troop. I love reading and will never get bored of watching a crime and thriller documentary."

**"What made you apply for this position?"**

"This was a timely opportunity as I had just completed my chaplaincy studies. The chance to train under experienced multi faith chaplains doesn't come often. I am excited to be working in a multi-faith team."

**"Did you know about Canary Wharf?"**

"No, just the name, really. It was one of those places that I never thought about visiting. So, no it definitely was not on my radar!"

**"What did you think went on at Canary Wharf?"**

I thought it was purely a corporate world and I associated it with banks. I had this image of only tall buildings and offices. So, I was amazed at the amount of greenery I saw, the outdoor seating areas, and the sound of running water in various locations."

**"What's your favourite spot?"** "The roof top garden!"

**"The businesses and workforce here are incredibly diverse and international. What are you hoping to offer them and to our multi faith team?"**

My training has only just begun, but I believe I can bring a fresh perspective in times of change."

**"What are your aspirations?"**

"With the support from the whole team, I see myself progressing from a trainee chaplain to a fully-fledged chaplain."