

IN CONVERSATION WITH THE CHAPLAINCY

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Multifaith Chaplaincy



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Chat with a Chaplain

We are always available, face-to-face, by phone, or online

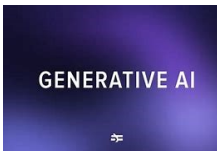
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Video Now Available – Panel conversation 'Applied Ethics and Generative AI'

We now have permission from the panellists to release the video of the conversation.

Watch the lively discussion for yourself between our panellists who brought a wide range of experiences to the discussion, some of the challenges and opportunities, ethical and regulatory considerations, the human dimension, and the impact on the future of work. To watch the video please follow the link to our [blog](#).

Where have you seen the chaplains recently?

Have you spotted any chaplains on the digital screens in the retail malls, or seen our faces on posters in your office buildings, or the Wood Wharf construction site? Or even in your residential building?

We hope so! This is all part of helping remind you that we are a constant presence on the estate, are interested in your wellbeing, and are here to support you. We are always happy to have a confidential and non-judgemental chat over coffee – and please don't think that there needs to be a "religious element" to any conversation.

Breakfast with Charlotte Lo

Recently Fiona had breakfast with Charlotte Lo - and would highly recommend the Ivy for breakfast!

Charlotte represents KPMG on the Chaplaincy Steering Group (SG), together with Gerard Voogt, who featured in October's newsletter.

It is always good to catch up with SG members, share what the chaplaincy has been up to, and explore what else the chaplaincy might offer companies and their employees. I asked Charlotte to add a comment.

"The CW chaplaincy has been a source of comfort to both KPMG and to me personally in all the years that it has been in existence. There have been a number of instances when the chaplaincy has provided support to KPMG employees. An example was in relation to bereavement when we lost a beloved senior personnel.

As a person of faith I have also been personally encouraged by the fact that CW not only has a chaplaincy but a multi faith chaplaincy. "

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Something on your mind?
Talking things through can help. You don't have to have a faith or be spiritual to chat to our chaplains. They are here to offer a #safespacechat about whatever is on your mind.

Conversations are confidential, non-judgemental & have no charge.
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Breakfast with Facility and Real Estate Managers Hosted by HSBC



Carolanne Minashi (HSBC Global Head of Inclusion) held a networking breakfast with the chaplaincy team as a way of introducing the work of the chaplaincy to departments within companies who might not usually come across a Chaplain. Normally Chaplains are associated as working with HR or Inclusion Teams.

Carolanne compared the Chaplaincy to the life jackets that you have on a boat. You only put the life jacket one when you need it. She considers the chaplaincy 'the fourth emergency service', and said "You might go a while without needing them, but when you do, it is great to know they are there!"

Did you know Halloween is connected to All Saints and All Souls Day

Many people have just celebrated Halloween, but did you know 'hallow' means 'saint'? Halloween - or All Hallows Eve - can also be called All Saints Eve.

Have a listen to our latest [podcast](#), to find out about Roman and Celtic festivals that are the antecedents of our modern-day Halloween. On the Celtic side, there was a belief that the supernatural could break into the natural world and the spirits of the dead wandered the earth. People used fire to protect themselves.

All Souls Day Service

Thursday 2nd November,
12:30 –13:00

Prayer Room, Churchill Place Mall

This special service held annually to remember with love and thanksgiving loved ones, friends and colleagues who have died in recent years, including this past year.

Please do extend the invitation to colleagues and friends.



What are you doing for Interfaith Week?



The Chaplains would love to know what have already planned, and would be delighted to receive an invite to join you!

In conversations around the Wharf, it is evident that that many companies are wanting to move to multifaith or multicultural events rather than single faith events, not just in Interfaith Week but throughout the year. We are often asked for suggestions for events. Please do ask us.

There are all kinds of events that you can do which are business-focused such as Faith & Finance, or exploring why harvest festival celebrations are important in all faiths, or what faiths might say about climate change. Did you know that the Sikhs, Hindus and Jains all celebrate Diwali, but from a slightly different perspective, why not ask them?

Chaplains visit the Mandala Lab in Union Square

Recently our chaplains Wayne and Saleha visited the Mandala Lab in Union Square, 'where emotions can turn to wisdom'. Through the traditions of Buddhism, the Mandala Lab asks questions about what it means to be human today through the context of emotions; attachment, pride, ignorance, envy and anger. They are here on the Wharf until 25 November - so please visit them!

Coming up in our next issue

- Feedback on Interfaith Week activities
- Canary Wharf DEI Forum
- Faith festivals in December

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Fancy a coffee and a chat?

All it takes is a quick call. A chaplain will meet you the same day, whenever and wherever you feel most comfortable, for a coffee and a chat – or if that feels like too much, online, by messaging, or via email. [Contact a chaplain.](#)