

# IN CONVERSATION WITH THE CHAPLAINCY

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## New beginnings

September sees the start of the academic year - a new beginning for many, whatever our connection with the world of education. Those with children at school or university breathe a sigh of relief. Teams resettle as colleagues return from holiday. Business shifts from summer to autumn mode. Creation itself makes the same strategic shift, the last flurry of summer activity energised with knowing urgency.

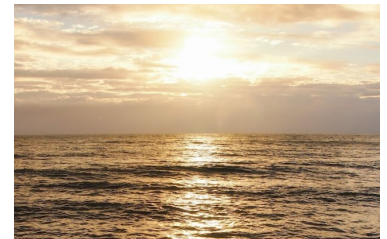
The chaplaincy team welcomes a new colleague as Rabbi Jeremy Lawrence joins us this month. He reflects on the Jewish New Year festival Rosh Hashanah - and also shares some of his photographs! Shaykha Saleha Islam Bukhari comments on 'new beginnings' from a Muslim perspective. We also hear from a couple of businesses new to the Wharf!



## New beginnings on the Wharf - David Garcia Alonso (Mallow) and Jo Guthrie (Napier)

100% plant-based restaurant Mallow recently opened on Wood Wharf. General Manager David Garcia Alonso says, 'Being part of a new, emerging neighbourhood is exciting! I have worked on the Estate before, but Wood Wharf feels very different. We are finding ways of attracting both residents and workers - kids' menus, prix-fixe lunches, and happy hour cocktails all part of our distinctive new mix!'

Recently appointed Chief People Officer at new tenants Napier, Jo Guthrie has also worked previously on the Wharf - with Citi and HSBC - and is looking forward to continuing engagement with the us in her new role: 'Over the past few years, the support and guidance offered by the Chaplaincy across a multitude of areas has proved invaluable on both a professional and personal basis.'



## New beginnings with God - Rabbi Jeremy Lawrence and Shaykha Saleha Islam Bukhari

Jewish New Year, Rosh Hashana, falls this year on September 16-17. It begins a solemn, reflective period with a focus on the judgment and sovereignty of God. 'For me,' says Rabbi Jeremy, 'New Year prayers are concerned with taking a long hard look at myself, imagining how I look to God, 'fessing up, and embracing the opportunity to become a better person in the year ahead.'

Speaking of the Islamic New Year, celebrated back in July, Shaykha Saleha comments, 'There is a unifying dimension to the annual cycle of the year. There are divisions within Islam, as in all religions, but we all celebrate our shared beginning in the Prophet's pilgrimage from Mecca to Medina. It also reminds us that things are interconnected, the end of one thing leads to the beginning of another.'



## Faith Festivals September

1	Sikhism	First reading of Guru Granth Sahib
6-7	Hinduism	Janmashtami
16-17	Judaism	Rosh Hashana
19	Hinduism	Ganesh Chaturthi
25	Judaism	Yom Kippur
26-27	Islam	Mawlid
30	Judaism	Start of Sukkot (till October 6)

