CHAPLAINCY AND PASTORAL CARE SERVICES IN SCOTTISH UNIVERSITIES
All universities in Scotland are required to provide pastoral care to students and staff, and there is great variation on what is provided and how it is provided. Some universities provide an extensive service while for others the provision comes under the broad umbrella of Student Support Services. It is also the case that while some have purpose built on-site facilities others utilise the support of local churches and ministers. Where possible I have included the direct contact details of chaplaincy services but in some cases I have only been able to give the main contact for the university concerned. I hope this information will be useful.

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While every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information the author cannot accept responsibility for any errors or omissions. January 2018.
University of Aberdeen

Multi-Faith Chaplaincy
Inter-Faith Centre
25 High Street
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AB24 3EE

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Email: chaplaincy@abdn.ac.uk

Opening hours: 10.30am - 5pm every Monday
9am - 5pm Tuesday to Friday

Mailing List

We operate a Chaplaincy email list, sending out occasional updates on events occurring throughout the term.

To place yourself on the mailing list, send an email to majordomo@abdn.ac.uk from your own email account. Leave the subject line blank but include this text in the body of the email:

subscribe chaplaincy-centre

Abertay University

Bell Street, Dundee DD1 1HG

Chaplaincy facilities

Student Services manages a number of prayer rooms / quiet rooms across campus for groups and individuals of all faiths and none to meet, pray, meditate or reflect.

Contemplation room

The Quiet Contemplation Room is a small, inclusive space on Level 2 of the Old College (Room 2034.1). It's a space where students or staff of any religion, or of no religion, can read, pray, meditate or engage in quiet reflection. It is open throughout the day and during the evening.

Multifaith space

Located next door to the contemplation room is the multifaith group space. The primary purpose of this larger room is to provide space for group activities such as meetings and communal worship. It may be particularly useful for staff or student faith societies.
The room has been designed to allow students and staff the freedom to configure furniture as appropriate for their needs. To ensure its neutrality the room has also been kept free of any permanent religious iconography.

**University of Dundee**

The Chaplaincy Centre  
University of Dundee  
Cross Row  
Dundee DD1 4HN

**Rev Dr Fiona Douglas**  
University Chaplain - 01382 384156 f.c.douglas@dundee.ac.uk

**Jill Webster**  
Chaplaincy Secretary - 01382 384157 j.webster@dundee.ac.uk

**Events (term time)**

- **Chamber Choir**  
  Mondays 7 - 10pm in the Chapel/Common Room
- **Bible Study**  
  Tuesdays at 12.20 - 1 pm in the Glass House
- **Christian Union**  
  Tuesdays 8 - 10pm in the Chaplaincy Centre
- **Overseas Families**  
  Wednesdays 10am - 12 noon in the Common Room
- **University Prayers**  
  Wednesdays at 12.30 - 12.50 in the Quiet Room

**University of Edinburgh**

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1 Bristo Square  
Edinburgh  
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Work: +44(0)131 650 2595  
Email: chaplaincy@ed.ac.uk  
http://www.ed.ac.uk/chaplaincy

- A place of welcome.  
- A quiet space at the centre of the University.
- Social drop-in with tea and coffee (by donation).
- Opportunities for personal and spiritual development.
- Exploration of personal and social values.
- A centre for social, justice, human rights and peace campaigning.
- Worship facilities and belief contacts for a wide variety of faiths.
- Multi-faith events, meals, debates and festivals.
- A wealth of volunteering opportunities.
- Meeting spaces for societies and religion & belief groups.

**Edinburgh Napier University**

The University has a range of facilities and support available to everyone. Quiet Rooms are located at each campus and can be used for prayer or somewhere to chill.

**Quiet rooms**

The Quiet Room at Merchiston has moved to E11 and plans are in place to divide the room into two in order to provide male and female prayer areas. Booking is not required but the University will endeavour to ensure everyone gets fair and equitable access when they need it most. A shower room with ablution facilities is available for all to use and is located between floor G and floor H (currently marked H1).

There are two Quiet Rooms at Sighthill Campus (in rooms 1.B.03 and 1.B.04) and ablution facilities are available along the same corridor in both the female (1.B.07) and male toilets (1.B.08).

At Craiglockhart the Quiet Room is 4/32 and a shower room is available along the corridor (marked 4/01). These facilities are located on the 4th floor and are accessible either by stairs or a lift (the lift is located by the War Poets Collection).

**University of Glasgow**

**Prayer and Reflection Places**

- University Memorial Chapel
- University Interfaith Room
- University Library, Level 9 annex
- Veterinary School quiet room, located on the ground floor of the Campbell building.
  For further details call +44 (0) 141 330 6918
- Roman Catholic Chaplaincy, Turnbull Hall, 13-15 Southpark Terrace

**Chaplain to the University**

**Reverend Stuart D MacQuarrie**  BD, BSc, MBA

Telephone: +44 (0) 141 330 4160
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Email: chaplain@glasgow.ac.uk
Glasgow Caledonian University

On campus there is a Faith and Belief Centre, located on level 0 of the William Harley Building. The Faith and Belief Centre is here for staff and students, of any faith or none to use for prayer, meditation or social gatherings.

Rev. Alastair Duncan is the Church of Scotland Chaplain at GCU. Alastair is one of the ministers of Renfield St. George's Tron Church. Alastair is available during the week to meet and discuss any issues you may wish.

Currently Alastair does not have a regular slot at GCU but he can be contacted by email or on the Chaplaincy phone number.

Contact Email: minister@sgt.church

You can contact all chaplains by calling 0141 331 8576.

There is a voicemail service where you can leave a message and phone number, and someone will call you back as soon as possible.

Glasgow School of Art

Glasgow School of Art students and staff can access to the Interfaith Chaplaincy Centre at the University of Glasgow:

University of Glasgow Chaplaincy

West Quadrangle
The University of Glasgow
Glasgow G12 8QQ

Telephone: +44 (0) 141 330 5419
Fax: +44 (0)141 330 5566
Email: chaplaincy@glasgow.ac.uk
Chaplain: Reverend Stuart D MacQuarrie JP MBA BD BSc

The Chaplaincy Centre offers prayer and reflection spaces and hosts a variety of denominational and interfaith services and events.

Full details of the services and facilities available at the Chaplaincy Centre can be found at their webpage: http://www.gla.ac.uk/services/chaplaincy/

**Heriot-Watt University**

Full-time Chaplain to the University
**Rev. Dr. Alistair Donald**  
0131 451 4508  
A.P.Donald@hw.ac.uk

Roman Catholic Chaplain (Part-time)  
**Fr Stefan Park**  
0131 443 3777 (St Joseph's, Broomhouse)  
parkstefan@hotmail.co.uk

Chaplaincy Executive Assistant (Full-time)  
**Ruth Duncan**  
0131 451 4508  
Ruth.Duncan@hw.ac.uk

International Worker  
**Fiona Johnson**  
0131 339 0355  
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**Queen Margaret University**

There is a quiet Contemplation Room on Level 1 for personal prayer and contemplation.

Although there isn’t a chaplaincy on the QMU campus, QMU works closely with the St Albert’s Catholic Chaplaincy at the University of Edinburgh.

St Albert’s Chaplaincy is run by the Dominican Order who are the Catholic Chaplains for students and staff at the University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh Napier University and Queen Margaret University.

The Chaplaincy is located at 23-24 George Square near the University of Edinburgh. It is open daily.

**To contact the Chaplaincy:**  
**Web:** http://scotland.op.org/edinburgh  
**Tel:** 0131 650 0900
Robert Gordon University

Our chaplaincy service is available for people of all faiths and none.

As part of the University's support network for staff, students and their families, the service aims to:

- provide a listening ear for students and staff
- work with others in Student Services, offering confidential support
- visit staff or students in hospital if requested
- assist people with life event, conducting Baptism, Wedding or Funeral
- provide links with local churches of various denominations
- offer information to people of different faiths about local contacts in Aberdeen
- Work with the local community to advance mutual benefits

In addition the chaplain participates in the wider life of the University, officiating at events such as Graduation Ceremonies and the annual RGU Christmas Carol Service, and Remembrance Day service.

The chaplain, Isaac Poobalan, is on the campus on most Wednesdays, but can be contacted at the Rectory:

Tel 01224 640119 or Email chaplaincy@rgu.ac.uk

Royal Conservatoire of Scotland

chaplains (Catholic, Church of Scotland, Humanist, Buddhist and Jewish) at Glasgow Caledonian

Although the Conservatoire does not offer a chaplaincy service, students are welcome to contact the University.

Scotland's Rural College (SRUC)

SRUC is an integrated institution delivering tertiary education from six campuses, including four education farms: Aberdeen, Ayr, Barony (nine miles from Dumfries), Edinburgh, Elmwood (in Cupar, Fife) and Oatridge (in Ecclesmachan, West Lothian). It is therefore recommended that students approach student support services at their local campus if they require pastoral care.

Read more about the Scotland's Rural College (SRUC)
University of St Andrews

The Chaplain, Revd Dr Donald MacEwan is available to offer pastoral care for any student or member of staff, regardless of faith or philosophy of life.

The Chaplaincy Centre
Mansefield
University of St Andrews
3 St Mary's Place
St Andrews
Fife
KY16 9UY

Tel: 01334 462866 or (46)2492

Email: chaplaincy@st-andrews.ac.uk or mailto:dgm21@st-andrews.ac.uk

If you making a personal call, the Chaplaincy Centre is situated opposite the Students' Association in St Mary's Place and the secretary's office is on the first floor.

University of Stirling

Quiet Room
You can drop-in anytime for prayer, reflection and meditation, have a confidential chat with a Chaplain - no matter what concerns you may have.

University of Stirling
Stirling FK9 4LA

Andrew Miller Building
+ 44 (0) 1786 467164

Email: chap1@stir.ac.uk

www.stir.ac.uk/student-support/chaplaincy/

University of Strathclyde

The Chaplaincy Centre

Chaplaincy Secretary, Kellie Bracegirdle - initial contact at the Centre and is happy to assist with any chaplaincy enquiries

The Chaplaincy Centre has a Sacred Space which is available for use by all for worship, prayer, meditation or reflection

The Chaplaincy Centre is one of a number of University support services that can help you and provide assistance in the event of an emergency situation.

Office hours are: Monday 10am - 4.30pm, Tuesday to Friday 9.30am to 4.30pm.
Chaplaincy Centre
Room GH208, Level 2
50 George Street
Glasgow
G1 1QE
t: 0141 548 4144
e: chaplaincy@strath.ac.uk

University of the West of Scotland

The chaplaincy team includes members of a wide range of different faiths, including Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, Humanist, Jewish, Muslim, Quaker and Sikh.

Talk to one of the team in confidence. You can make an appointment by emailing multifaithchaplaincy@uws.ac.uk.

Each Scottish campus has a ‘space of contemplation’. Enrolled students and staff are welcome to use these rooms.

The rooms are open Monday to Friday, 9am to 8.45pm. You can book time through Student Link or the Hub.

- Ayr – Room 2.069 on Level 2
- Dumfries – Room 2087 in Dumfries and Galloway College
- Hamilton – Room A619
- Paisley – Room J207

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