

# Faith and worship

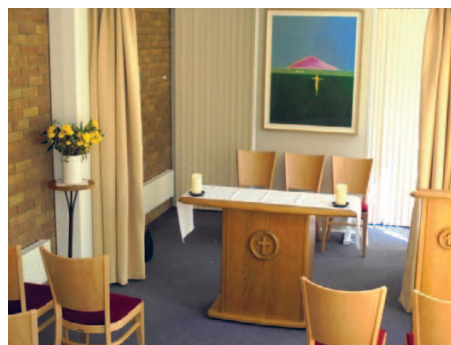
2020/21

Chaplains and faith communities at Canterbury and Medway campuses providing support and opportunities for all students and staff.

## Places to pray on campus

### Eliot College Chapel

Kent University has its own chapel, located on the ground floor of Eliot College. The Chapel is warm, comfortable and modern, and is used for informal meetings and Christian services at various times throughout the week. It's also a good place to sit quietly or to talk things through with friends. Eliot College Chapel is located at the bottom of some stairs (or a lift) which you can find easily if, having entered the main Eliot entrance, you turn left past the College Reception and continue through the double doors.



Making friends at a church meeting on campus



## Supporting church groups and faith communities during the period of social distancing

We are planning to re-introduce all our popular events (including day trips by coach and social gatherings) and the fullest possible range of prayer and worship activities, including on-campus Sunday church services, as soon as national and university guidelines allow it. Meanwhile, we are offering a range of online content and other opportunities for your engagement.

Make sure you sign up to our weekly e-newsletter, and be among the first to hear how things develop! There is a signup form at [www.kent.ac.uk/chaplaincy](http://www.kent.ac.uk/chaplaincy)

Individual Chaplains, our local faith contacts and leaders of student groups (see inside) look forward to meeting you and are happy to connect with you by email, phone or online.

### The Mosque

Canterbury Mosque is situated close to the centre of the campus on Giles Lane, opposite the University's accommodation office. It is usually open throughout the week.

Before your visit, please see [www.canterburymosque.co.uk](http://www.canterburymosque.co.uk) for up-to-date information about current regulations and limitations designed to protect your health and safety.



# People

## Anglican 'C of E'



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Stephen is currently producing the Chaplaincy e-newsletter, providing you with helpful content and keeping you up to date with details of activities as things gradually 'open up'. Subscribe at [www.kent.ac.uk/chaplaincy](http://www.kent.ac.uk/chaplaincy). Also, see the Christian Focus website [www.christianfocus.info](http://www.christianfocus.info) for details of our 2020 startup activities and Sunday 'Zooms'!

Stephen is always ready and happy to connect with students and members of staff and is particularly keen to hear from individuals who are interested in deepening their Christian faith and considering Baptism or Confirmation; or even a calling to some kind of Christian ministry. Stephen is assisted by Revd Dr Stacey Rand, Senior Research Fellow in the Personal Social Services Research Unit. Email [S.E.Rand@kent.ac.uk](mailto:S.E.Rand@kent.ac.uk)

## Medway Chaplain



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Lynne runs a number of regular activities for students. She is a good listener, has a heart for people and the kettle is always on.

## Pentecostal



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Aaron is Senior Minister of New Life Pentecostal Church, which has held meetings on Sunday mornings on the Canterbury campus for over 20 years. New Life Church is currently offering high quality streamed content, and also looks forward to connecting with students in person through worship and small group activities, including Connect Groups and midweek courses, during the year. See 'New Life Group' on the Some Groups page, opposite.

## Catholic



**Fr Tom Herbst**  
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Fr Tom is based on the Canterbury campus, and – subject to regulations in force – hopes to offer Mass in Eliot College Chapel at midday on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays (he will be available in his office at other times on those days). Fr Tom warmly invites Catholic students and others to make contact with him personally, via email.

## Krishna Conscious



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## Muslim



**Dr Sinan Rawi**  
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Sinan has long standing academic connections with Kent University and our neighbouring institutions as well as being involved with the leadership and governance of Canterbury Mosque in Giles Lane, close to the University's Canterbury campus.

## Buddhist



**Dr Dinkar Sharma**  
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Dinkar is on the teaching staff of the University and runs a meditation group on campus which is led by staff members. Students welcome. Dinkar maintains a list of other Buddhist groups active in Canterbury and on campus led by staff members. Please feel free to connect with us!

## Jewish



**Rabbi Zalman Lewis**  
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## Methodist



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Joy is Methodist Student Chaplain in Canterbury, and works from St Peter's Methodist Church in the centre of town. She is involved with city-wide student social group Ichthus (see opposite).

## Keep up-to-date with our news and event announcements

At Kent University Chaplaincy we are optimists, and hope to be able to resume a full programme of events sooner rather than later. Please make sure you sign up to our e-newsletter at [www.kent.ac.uk/chaplaincy](http://www.kent.ac.uk/chaplaincy) and keep up-to-date with our news and event announcements.

# Some Groups

## Catholic Society

[www.cathsoc.org](http://www.cathsoc.org)

Whether you are committed, lapsed or simply curious about being involved with a large, international and friendly group on campus, Cathsoc is for you! We look forward to re-establishing our Tuesday night meetings (where we have welcomed a range of visiting speakers) and a programme of retreats and coach trips.

**President** Michael Chambers  
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**Facebook** University of Kent Catholic Society

## Christian Focus

[www.christianfocus.info](http://www.christianfocus.info)

The student group where everyone is welcome, and nobody will tell you what to think! If you want to be part of a Christian group which is outward-looking, tolerant and diverse, look no further. We can't wait to resume our programme of meetings with interesting themes and discussions, pizza and DVD socials and the most talked about day trips by coach on campus. For now, Sunday 'Zooms' replace our well-established, popular and friendly 12noon Sunday services in Eliot College Chapel.

**Chaplain** The Revd Dr Stephen Laird  
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**Secretary** Andrea Koenders

## Hindu Society

**Facebook** /NHSEKent

## New Life Group

[www.newlifecanterbury.org](http://www.newlifecanterbury.org)

New Life group exists to foster friendship and fellowship amongst Christians and others who are involved in New Life Pentecostal Church in Canterbury. We have midweek groups ('Connect Groups') and occasional social events. For international students wanting to develop their English there are friendship groups for conversation practice. Become more aware of what it means to be loved by God and work this out in practical ways!

**Chaplain** Aaron Berko [a.berko@kent.ac.uk](mailto:a.berko@kent.ac.uk)

## Ichthus Group

[www.canterburymethodistchurch.co.uk/ichthus](http://www.canterburymethodistchurch.co.uk/ichthus)

Ichthus is a *Student Social Group* connected with St Peter's Methodist Church (city centre). As soon as we can, we want to meet again to discuss and argue out our experiences of life, faith and religion over food, drink, and occasional light entertainment. Termly programmes include topical discussions, Bible studies, speakers and socials. Please get in touch if you would like to know more.

**Contact** Joy Everingham  
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## Islamic Society

**Facebook** /ukcisoc

ISOC seeks to enhance the spiritual, social and academic well-being of students at Kent. There are regular lectures and socials as well as special events including Charity Week, and Islam Awareness Week through which we seek to demystify Islam among non-Muslims as well as deepening our own understanding. ISOC is affiliated to the Federation of Student Islamic Societies.

**Contact** us via Facebook

## Jewish Society

Kent University JSoc welcomes Jewish students, along with anyone who is interested in finding out more about the Jewish way of life. We look forward to be able to meet again for Friday night meals and social gatherings and to celebrate the major Jewish holidays, as soon as that becomes possible. We are an international society and have a warm and friendly atmosphere. Kent JSoc is part of UJS (Union of Jewish Students).

**Contact** [chaplaincy@kent.ac.uk](mailto:chaplaincy@kent.ac.uk)

## Campus Christian Council

We meet as representatives of the Christian groups listed here, along with several others active on the campus. We aim to encourage communication between the groups and traditions. Why not get involved?

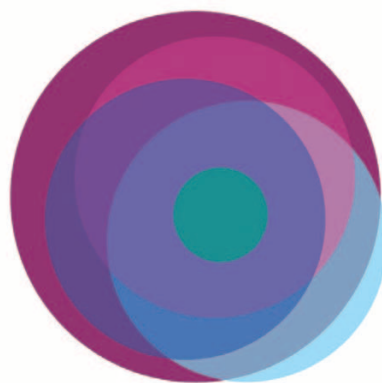
**Contact** Revd Dr Stephen Laird  
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Looking for a cultural or religious group not mentioned here?

**Contact** [chaplaincy@kent.ac.uk](mailto:chaplaincy@kent.ac.uk) and we will do what we can to help.

# Inter Faith Week

8-15 November  
[www.interfaithweek.org](http://www.interfaithweek.org)



## More groups active in the local community

**Canterbury and District Interfaith Action**  
**Contact** [walling1811@gmail.com](mailto:walling1811@gmail.com)

**East Kent Humanist**  
**Contact** [r.j.norman@kent.ac.uk](mailto:r.j.norman@kent.ac.uk)

**Chinese Christian Fellowship: a city-wide fellowship of Christian students with links to China**  
**Contact** [office@ukcccf.org](mailto:office@ukcccf.org)

## Latter-day Saints Student Society

We welcome all LDS students and others who are interested to participate in our weekly activities at the LDS Chapel on Forty Acres Road Canterbury. Mondays and (term time) Wednesdays at 7.30pm.

**Contact** Dr Stefan Rossbach at [s.rossbach@kent.ac.uk](mailto:s.rossbach@kent.ac.uk)

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## Chaplaincy Sunday Worship on and near Canterbury campus

### Anglican 'C of E'

10am at **Blean Parish Church** (led by the University's Anglican Chaplain). Blean church is a short walk along a country footpath at the far end of Park Wood. For directions see [www.bleanchurch.net](http://www.bleanchurch.net). Meet up with other students and walk along together: sign up to the Chaplaincy e-newsletter to find out where we start from. Don't forget to engage with our Sunday 'Zooms'!

### Catholic

In the Autumn term 2020, Catholic students are meeting on campus (to find out where, please subscribe to the Chaplaincy e-newsletter) and walking to **St Thomas' Church**, in Canterbury to attend Mass [www.stthomasofcanterbury.com/](http://www.stthomasofcanterbury.com/)

### Pentecostal

Dr Aaron Berko, our Pentecostal Chaplain, is Senior Minister at New Life Church, Canterbury. See [www.newlifecanterbury.org](http://www.newlifecanterbury.org) for details of socially distanced worship meetings and streamed content.

## Muslim Friday Prayers

Fridays at 1.15pm, but check at [www.canterburymosque.co.uk](http://www.canterburymosque.co.uk) for current limitations and restrictions. The mosque is located in the large house I (identifiable by the dome), situated on Giles Lane between the Accommodation Office and the Sports Halls

## Some weekday services and meetings

### Anglican 'C of E'

Wednesdays at 8.30am in Eliot College Chapel: Morning service.

### Catholic

Visit our Facebook page – University of Kent Catholic Society for details of weekday Mass.

### Buddhist

Contact Dinkar Sharma at [d.sharma@kent.ac.uk](mailto:d.sharma@kent.ac.uk)

### Jewish, Hindu and Sikh

Contact the relevant society (see inside)

## Sundays at Kent University

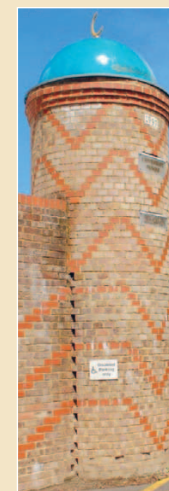


As soon as the limitations around social distancing are relaxed, a full programme of on-campus Sunday worship will be launched. Look out for the 'Sundays at Kent'

posters and

leaflets which, we hope, will appear during the 2020/2021 academic year! Any of the Chaplains (details inside) will help you find a suitable church in town. Most Christian denominations are represented in Canterbury.

## Canterbury Mosque



The mosque is identifiable from the small minaret and blue dome near the Accommodation Office on the Canterbury campus.

On the Medway campus the multi-faith prayer space is located in the Pilkington Building (ground floor).



Please ask for the *Academic Commitments and Religious Observance* leaflet if you are anxious about timetable clashes with faith-related obligations.

All the chaplains are here to help and can give information and advice about other sources of support and counselling.

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