

# Canary Wharf Multifaith Chaplaincy

The Canary Wharf Chaplaincy was first established in 2004 to provide a spiritual component on the private Canary Wharf estate alongside the other features contributing to a conducive working environment, such as: architecture, waterside cafes and restaurants, shopping malls and an extensive arts and events programme. The estate owners in partnership with the Church of England's Bishop of London appointed a full-time priest to serve as chaplain and develop a chaplaincy that was appropriate for this context which over time expanded to form a multifaith team.

Over time the Chaplaincy has developed its work with the working community from the different sectors, companies and their office workers, retail staff in the shopping malls, construction workers and the large security team on the estate. The estate is continuing to grow and develop. In 2004 when the chaplaincy was launch there were 60,000 people working on the estate, today there are around 120,000 and when the estate is completed in the next 6-10 years there could be as many as 200,000 people working here. To give some understanding to the scale of Canary Wharf which is really a small town that has grown vertically on a relatively small foot print, it is helpful to offer some comparisons. For example, Bath has a population of 80,000 and Cambridge has a population of 124,000.



Given the success of the Multifaith Chaplaincy, the team is now running at full capacity. As a team we have developed a strategic plan to increase the size of the team, which will enable us to meet both the present and future demands of the busy and ever growing estate. The first stage in implementing this plan is to appoint a team leader, with the specific task of developing chaplaincy to the retail workers. To give this a context: in 2004 there were less than 200 retail outlets (shops, cafes and restaurants), today there are over 300 and it is estimated when the estate is complete there will be approximately 450. There are five retail malls on the estate, making it the fourth largest shopping destination within the M25 after Brent Cross.

The Team Leader of Retail Chaplaincy will be joining a dynamic and dedicated multifaith team of chaplains, who are committed in working together to deliver the chaplaincy activities. Our aim as a chaplaincy is to:

- Provide high quality pastoral care and spiritual support to all regardless of whether they have a religious faith or not.
- Help individuals and companies to discover that religious faith can have a positive influence on the workplace and can contribute to good behaviour in terms of values and ethics.

Please look at the website [www.canarywharfchaplaincy.co.uk](http://www.canarywharfchaplaincy.co.uk). (we are currently undergoing a redesign).