

So you're interested in chaplaincy?

1st June, 7.30pm - 9.00pm



7.30pm **Welcome**

7.35pm **Opening Devotions**

7.40pm **So what is chaplaincy?**

7.50pm **Meet a Chaplain 1**

8.15pm **So what are the possibilities?**

8.25pm **Meet a Chaplain 2**

8.50pm **So what next?**

8.55pm **Discernment prayer**

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Ian Worsfold

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Gary Hopkins is a member of the Connexional Team and supports the work of chaplaincy across the connexion. He is a Local Preacher and a musician.

Ian Worsfold is Coordinating Chaplain at City, University of London where he has served since 2014. Chaplaincy has long played a part in Ian's ministerial formation, having served as Assistant Chaplain at Southlands College as a graduate between 1997 and 1999.





James Pickin is Regional Learning and Development Coordinator for London, helping to facilitate a variety of learning and development opportunities for churches and circuits and helping to lead the Learning Network team. His interests include different ministry and mission methodologies and ways of overseeing church culture and change.

David Gwatkin is a 7th generation farmer in Herefordshire and a chaplain with Borderlands Rural Chaplaincy. He is a Methodist Local Preacher. He enjoyed a very ecumenical flavoured upbringing! It was impossible not to see God in every corner of his rural surroundings growing up on a farm and immersed in God's creation; discovering God was inescapable.



Melvina Brown started her role as Overstone Pioneer Community Chaplain six months ago. Finding her feet as a Community Chaplain whilst spending the majority of time in lockdown, has been challenging but also rewarding. In her previous role as Family and Youth Worker for the church in Aylesbury, her desire to share God's love with the community was rebirthed through the work she did with a local secondary school. She loves God, adores her family, enjoys reading and never says no to a walk or a picnic regardless of the weather.



Chaplains for Breakout Rooms



Caroline Ainger is a Methodist minister who served in Lincolnshire, then in Liverpool as a Superintendent. Her first chaplaincy position was with the Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust. Working in a multi-faith team across a number of acute hospitals, Caroline was able to pioneer paediatric chaplaincy at St Mary's and the Royal Manchester Children's Hospital.

Caroline currently works in the charity sector and is pioneering chaplaincy with The Brick in Greater Manchester. The Brick has its roots in Methodism and is committed to Relief, Restoration and Reform. We work with those who are experiencing homelessness, addiction, trauma and poverty. Our mantra is 'Leave no one behind.'

Tony Brookes first worked in the NHS as a part-time Chaplain in Lancashire, alongside stationing as a Methodist Minister in the area. Tony has worked in a variety of NHS Trusts, most recently at Ipswich, where he was Lead Chaplain. Tony joined the Hull University Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust in July 2018 as Head of Chaplaincy. He is committed to the promotion of human flourishing through the provision of inclusive, high quality spiritual care for patients, their families/carers, and staff.

Laura Burton is the full-time Methodist chaplain for three of the universities in Liverpool: University of Liverpool, Liverpool John Moores University and Liverpool Hope University. She has worked in previous roles in the Methodist church including as an outreach worker for a fresh expressions church in the heart of Liverpool city centre where she found her calling for chaplaincy.



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Martin Earl has been a Prison Chaplain for 17 years, serving in HMP's Altcourse, Liverpool and currently Dartmoor. He believes strongly in restorative justice and sees it as a key part of his Christian witness. He is an active conflict mediator with the MOJ TUBU unit. He is married with two grown up sons and is a Plymouth Argyle season ticket holder.



Sue Edwards has two girls who are now grown up and live in Stoke on Trent where she was first stationed. She lives in Ilkeston with her cat Buttons (pets always named after chocolate); where she has been since March this year.

She loves walking, singing, theatre, cinema, and being with family and friends. She became a minister in 2010. Chaplaincy has been her calling for a long time. She began healthcare chaplaincy in NUH NHS Trust first part time in February 2020 before moving to full time in April 2020.



Kerry Halliday has the privilege of working as a Chaplain supporting residents, staff and relatives in a Methodist Housing for the Aged Care Home (MHA) based in the South East of England.

She works with wise elders, many of whom are living with dementia and Alzheimer's. Her days are varied and can include worship, private prayer and listening, chat and a cuppa and being present for those at the end of their life.

Her background is in Psychology and she is currently training to be a Local Preacher in the Methodist Church.



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Kathy Hays is part-time chaplain to Rishton Methodist Primary School, near Blackburn, Lancs, as part of her Diaconal appointment in the Great Harwood Circuit. She loves the outdoors, is married to Geoff, a presbyter, and has two grown sons, Blackberry the cat and Treacle the crazy kitten.



John Hostler came into healthcare chaplaincy when he retired after a career in education. He hadn't had much contact with the NHS before and started as a volunteer at his local hospital (in Stockport, Greater Manchester). He's now a paid chaplain there and works two days a week. Because it's a general acute hospital it's a varied job - the team supports patients in all life situations and of course the hospital staff as well.



Elaine Hutchinson is be.friend Team Leader offering chaplaincy to the retail sector of the Birmingham City Centre and also Chaplain to Town Hall and Symphony Hall. She has been offering Chaplaincy for over a decade and is still very passionate about being an intentional listening presence. She is a keen gardener and enjoys pottering around at her allotments. She is also a poet and enjoys creative spaces.



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Mark Mander has been an Armed Forces Chaplain, with the Methodist Forces Board since 2015. After initial training at Britannia Royal Naval College, Mark was appointed as chaplain to the Submarine Flotilla. Earning his submarine qualification he has had the privilege of taking the church below the waves and living life alongside the men and women of the silent service. Other appointments have seen him serve in the Middle East with members of all three services of the Armed Forces. Currently Mark is Padre to Commando Logistic Regiment, Royal Marines, a unit which specialises in operating within the Arctic Circle



Before discerning a call to chaplaincy, Mark was a minister in Coleraine and Portrush in Northern Ireland. He enjoys the outdoors, running and drinking way too much coffee.



David Newlove is a presbyter in the North Cumbria Circuit (Carlisle and the Borders). His time is divided in various ways including pastoral care in 8 churches, developing a City wide vision with other churches and two models of chaplaincy – a formal, structured hospital chaplaincy and an emerging agricultural chaplaincy and for his spare time he's rebuilding a 60 year old tractor.