Congratulations on gaining a place at Christ Church. I am writing to you as the College Chaplain, and I also have role here as Welfare Coordinator.

As Chaplain I am here for all college members, of all faiths or none. I live onsite with my family, and you will see me around, often with our little dog Layla. Since its foundation, Christ Church has been a place where faith and spirituality are valued. We’re unique at Christ Church in that our ‘Chapel’ is also a Church of England Cathedral and pilgrimage site for thousands of visitors every year. There will be lots of opportunities to look around and it’s important for you to know it is also your chapel and you are welcome to use it for private or corporate prayer, and to join us for any of the services/events taking place.

At the beginning of term, you will receive a Chapel Term Card which will have all of the information about services and events in the chapel and the cathedral. Services include a weekly chapel ‘College Communion’, Evensong every day at 6pm, regular services of Compline (night prayer), as well as social events and discussions.

Our hope is that people of all faiths (and none) will thrive at Christ Church. If you have particular faith needs that we can accommodate (whether dietary, provision for prayer etc), then please get in touch and we will do all we can to help. Please see this document about faith provision at Christ Church.

If you would like information about other churches or faith communities in Oxford, including Jewish, Islamic, Hindu and Sikh societies, then there is a helpful webpage here.

College Choir

Christ Church has a mixed voice College Choir which is non-auditioning and sings in the Cathedral on Monday evenings as well as at special services and occasional trips. The contact details for the choir are below.
We’ve lots going on in Freshers’ Week:

**Cathedral by Candlelight**: a chance to explore the Cathedral in total darkness except for a few tea lights and glow sticks. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights, between 8-9pm.

**Cathedral Guided Tours**: Small group tours for Freshers - times to be confirmed.

**Chaplain’s tea and cake**: TBC

**Interfaith Tea**: Sunday 9th October at 4pm (Killcanon 1)

**Freshers’ Evensong**: Sunday 10th October at 6pm (Cathedral)

A special service to begin the new academic year, followed by drinks and dinner.

I really look forward to meeting you in October.

Best regards,

Revd Clare Hayns
College Chaplain

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**Chapel People and Useful Contacts**

All Chapel events and services will be advertised on our Facebook group and so please ‘like’ our chaplaincy page - @chchchaplaincy

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**Catholic Chaplaincy**
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