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Chaplaincy



2023-2024

WELCOME...

I have been Chaplain for 12 years and have loved (almost) every minute of it. I am here for the whole community, regardless of faith or philosophy of life. I really enjoy hearing how life feels for students and for colleagues, and discovering anew what St Andrews (or the meaning of life) is like through fresh eyes. I spend much of my time taking part in discussion groups, or leading worship, or listening to people going through a hard time. But I also make time to travel – this past year to the Caribbean, Yorkshire and the Isle of Arran. My music taste is stuck in the 1980s with smatterings of Renaissance polyphony on top. And you may spot me on one of St Andrews' many golf courses, trying – sometimes successfully – to relax.

Anyway, I hope we meet some time this year (note that I'm taller in person – 6 foot 6). Feel free to get in touch whatever your issue, connected to faith or not, regardless of whether you would say you're religious. People talk about everything to me – from being a person of colour to why they love a favourite writer, from their dream job to the gender they feel. And I wish you every blessing during your time at St Andrews.

Take care,

Donald

Revd Dr Donald MacEwan
University Chaplain

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Hi!

My name is Samantha Ferguson and I work with Donald, Bill and the Chaplaincy Team in supporting all staff and students. Whether we care for you during difficult times or celebrate with you during joyous moments, we are here to support you throughout your time at the University.

The Chaplaincy and our chapels are open to all who are part of our university community. My role is a part-time position and I assist Donald in providing pastoral support and leading worship in our two beautiful chapels – St Salvator's and St Leonard's. I conduct weddings for staff, students, alumni and family of those connected to the university in our chapels and am nominated to conduct same-sex weddings.

At the Chaplaincy, we are here for all faiths, for those who have no faith or those who choose a different philosophy of life. This is very important to us as your Chaplains. All are welcome to come and speak to us about everything and anything. It can be a question about a matter of faith or a personal dilemma.

Whatever it is that is on your mind, we provide a listening service where we walk alongside people in a non-judgmental way. When you need someone to talk something through with, come and have a chat. It is easy to book a slot through the Chaplaincy office at any time or email us direct.

One key area that I offer at the Chaplaincy is in providing support for those who are grieving. We run *Grief Groups* for both staff and students which helps those who have been bereaved feel less isolated. We meet every month during the semester and have a lunch together. Email me for more information.

As far as my background goes, I am a graduate of St Mary's College of Divinity here at the University of St Andrew's and an ordained licensed Anglican Priest in the Scottish Episcopal Church. When time permits, in between walking our two dogs, I love to swim, knit, sing and listen to true crime podcasts. I am the short round one in a collar that you will probably see standing in line at Tesco's trying not to buy doughnuts, so please come and say hello!

Enjoy your time at St Andrews and remember, we are here to help any way we can.

Blessings,

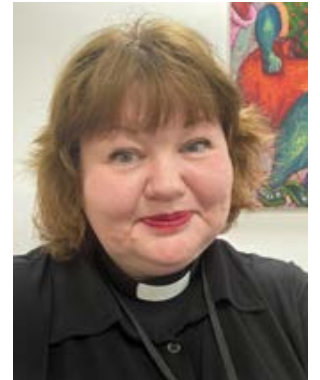
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Greetings...

As Assistant Chaplain, I invite you to come by my office or contact me with any questions, quandaries, moral dilemmas, personal problems, or anything else you would like to get off your chest. My door is always open. I am a good listener, and I enjoy sharing home baking. But don't be surprised if you leave my office with more questions than you arrived with. I believe in questions.

As an interfaith chaplain, I work with students of all religions, philosophies, outlooks, and gender identities. In my work with the Interfaith Steering Group and Textual Reasoning, I try to foster dialogue by establishing respect for people of all faiths. And I believe there is also room for a spirituality that does not involve faith in any god. I strive to learn from all people, and I accept all people with respect.

I also support the Chaplaincy's environmental program. So if you would like to get out in nature, help with our Garden for Reflection, do some conservation work, or get involved with sustainability issues, please be in touch.

I have worked in synagogues and schools as a Jewish interfaith educator in Chicago (my hometown), Jerusalem, New York City, Salt Lake City, and Florence, Italy. I love to see the world, but I love St Andrews best of all. I have lived here, with my wife Emily and three wonderful children for fourteen years.

If you spot me surfing on my paddleboard at the beach or playing my bouzouki at the Whey Pat, please don't hesitate to say hello.

All the best,

Bill

Bill Shackman
Assistant Chaplain (Interfaith, Environmental and Digital)

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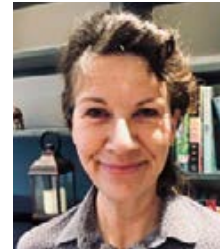


Meet the Team...



Fiona Barnard, Honorary Global Chaplain
Email: fvb@st-andrews.ac.uk

Fiona loves meeting students and staff from all over the world. She oversees our Local Link scheme which introduces students, for whom English is not their first language, to local people – see further information on the Chaplaincy website. She is also an ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) tutor through Fife Council where, among others, she enjoys teaching partners of those at the university. Recently trained in Ignatian Spiritual Direction, she is glad to offer accompaniment for staff and students seeking to explore prayer in daily life.



Revd Jane Barron, Honorary Church of Scotland Chaplain
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Jane has worked in and around St Andrews, particularly with congregations around the East Neuk, for the last few years. She was an English teacher and a radio journalist before training for ministry at Christ's College Aberdeen. Ordained to Stobswell Church, Dundee in 1999 and since then has been minister to St Andrews Scots Memorial Church, Jerusalem & St Andrews Galilee, and St Machar's Cathedral Aberdeen. Jane was inducted to the parish of Ceres, Kemback and Springfield in December 2021.



Sandy Edwards, Honorary Humanist Chaplain
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Sandy previously taught Biology in the University and is now retired but still does fieldwork with some teaching. He is a Humanist funeral celebrant and has held various posts in the Humanist Society Scotland. Sandy is on the committee of the Spiritual and Healthcare department in NHS Tayside and works as a volunteer at Ninewells Hospital.



Revd Michael John Galbraith
Honorary Roman Catholic Church Chaplain
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Father Michael John is the Parish Priest of St James in St Andrews on the Scores opposite Canmore, the Catholic Chaplaincy.



Imam Vali Hussein
Honorary Islamic Chaplain
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Imam Vali Hussein works with the St Andrews University Muslim Students Association in organising Friday Prayers. He is available to students and staff on any issue in connection with Islam.



Kitty Macintyre

Honorary Pagan Chaplain
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Kitty has worked in the University administration for 40 years, having been a student here before that. She enjoys her regular contact with Pagan students and any other students who cross her path.



Dr Emily Michelson

Honorary Lay Jewish Chaplain
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Emily offers support to Jewish students in teaching, hospitality, organizing services and other events, and in taking part in Jewish Society events. Emily is married to our Assistant Chaplain, Bill Shackman.



Revd Dr Jared Michelson

Honorary Cornerstone Chaplain
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Jared grew up in the United States but has lived and worked in St Andrews with his wife Becky since 2013 while pursuing post-graduate education. In 2018 Jared became the lead Pastor at Cornerstone Church in St Andrews.



The Very Revd Archimandrite Avraamy Neyman

Honorary Orthodox Chaplain
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Fr Avraamy is a priest and monk from the Russian Orthodox Church who moved to Scotland in 2007 and is based in Dundee.



Dr Sam Pehrson

Honorary Buddhist Chaplain
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Sam is a lecturer in the School of Psychology and Neuroscience. He works with the student-led Buddhist Meditation Society to run the weekly meditation and reading/discussion group. He is happy to meet anybody in the university interested in any aspect of Buddhist practice.

Rabbi Eliran and Ayalah Shabo

Honorary Jewish Chaplains
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Rabbi Eliran and Ayalah were both born in Israel and now live in Edinburgh. They previously lived in Athens, Greece where Rabbi Eliran served as the Junior Rabbi of Athens and led the Jewish Studies program for high-school students, and Ayalah promoted collaborations between the local and Israeli communities. Rabbi Eliran and Ayalah offer support and guidance to Jewish students.



Revd Dr Jill Walker Honorary Pentecostal Chaplain

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Jill is an Assemblies of God Minister who has recently moved back to Fife having lived in Yorkshire for 30 years. She has taught in both higher and secondary education and has worked as a counsellor. Currently Jill is employed as a Schools Development Worker with K2 (an associate trust of Scripture Union) in NE Fife and is also Chaplain to East Fife Girls' and Women's FC.



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Find us on Instagram: [Chaplaincy Instagram page](#)
Blog: [Chaplaincy companionship](#)

What is the Chaplaincy?

The Chaplaincy is a university department which enhances the life and experience of students and staff in all sorts of ways. We offer worship in the beautiful medieval chapels on Sundays, weekdays, Christmas, graduation, and other times of year. The Chaplaincy team offer pastoral care for any student or member of staff, regardless of faith or philosophy of life. This could be a sympathetic, confidential listening ear, support in emotional issues, a safe place to explore questions of faith or sexuality, of ethnicity or gender identity, someone to talk to in a crisis, or support when all else fails. To arrange to meet Donald, the Chaplain, email him on dgm21@st-andrews.ac.uk. To meet with one of the Assistant Chaplains, contact Samantha on sjf6@st-andrews.ac.uk, or Bill on bs58@st-andrews.ac.uk or email the secretaries on chaplaincy@st-andrews.ac.uk or call 01334 462866 or drop by the Chaplaincy.

We support people of different faiths, providing honorary chaplains, space in the Chaplaincy building (called Mansefield, across from the Union), and we sponsor the Interfaith Steering Group, which runs wonderfully stimulating events. We have a range of facilities available for both student groups and individuals, including small and large meeting rooms, kitchen, garden, and quiet meditation/prayer spaces. Should you or your group wish to book any of our facilities please contact the Chaplaincy secretaries who will be happy to assist you.

Full details of the facilities and how to book can be found at [the Mansfield building webpage](#)

We offer support

The Chaplain and his team offer pastoral support, regardless of faith or philosophy of life, to help you find a way through whatever problems you face.

In hospital or know someone who is?

Please let us know... The Chaplains are glad to visit. Being in hospital can be a vulnerable time and we are glad to offer support. This is especially important if an individual is far from home. The role of the Chaplains is to offer care to any member of the University community: staff or student. We rely on you to help us care. As with any support, appropriate confidentiality will be maintained.



Other sources of support

University life can be stressful, even when you are enjoying it. The University of St Andrews takes the mental and emotional health of its students and staff seriously along with your academic life

As such we offer a wealth of services to support and help you in time of need. Whether that be from the Chaplains, Student Services, Nightline or the Students' Association, there is someone here to help.

Student Services provides a range of professional services committed to guiding and advising students, while offering strategies, skills and techniques to empower you to cope with difficulties and challenges.

Specialist, wellbeing, counselling and mental health services are based in Eden Court and can offer in-person or virtual appointments. Student Services also provides specialist advice on a range of matters, including:

- Disability Support: if you have specific learning disabilities or a long-term medical condition
- Money Advice: if you are experiencing financial difficulties or have concerns about money issues
- Wellbeing: if you are looking for someone to listen and give you advice on a broad range of issues
- Academic Advice: if you need advice regarding changing modules, performance, absence, taking time out, appeals etc.
- Coaching: if you are feeling stuck and you have a goal but no plan.

The Peer Support Network is a confidential one-to-one meet-up service which is open to any student looking for a little extra help during their time at St Andrews. It is made up of student volunteers with training in listening skills who are available for a coffee and a chat. They are happy to provide support and a confidential listening ear for any issue, big or small, as well as company for trying out new things (like society activities). If you're interested in being matched with a peer or would like to learn more about the programme, feel free to send an email to peersupport@st-andrews.ac.uk

To book an appointment with Student Services use [Student Services Online Bookings](#) or:

Telephone: 01334 (46)2020

Email: theasc@st-andrews.ac.uk

The ASC (the Advice and Support Centre) is the front door to the University for all students.

Staff at the ASC are available for any query, from paying bills to obtaining an academic transcript, seeking advice on visas, making a complaint, personal issues or any other student matters.

Staff can also assist you in making appointments with Student Services staff and connecting you with Registry Support Officers and Associate Deans. With links to all University departments, the ASC is the quickest way to get the advice you need!

Telephone: 01334 (46)2020

Email: theasc@st-andrews.ac.uk

To make an appointment

Telephone: 01334 462866 or 462492

Email: chaplaincy@st-andrews.ac.uk

Alternatively, you can contact the Chaplain, Revd Dr Donald MacEwan or Assistant Chaplains, Revd Samantha Ferguson or Bill Shackman direct. Contact details can be found above.

Nightline – is a confidential and anonymous listening and information service run by students and for students every night of term time. If you want to speak to another student, in confidence, about anything, give them a call. Further information and online chat is available at [the Nightline website](#)

Telephone: (01334 46) 2266

Email: nightline@st-andrews.ac.uk

Nightline Messaging: [Nightline online chat](#)

Skype Audio: @StAndrewsNightline



Chaplaincy Events

Orientation Week

Morning Prayers

Monday 4 - Friday 8 September
8:45-8:55am followed by coffee
St Salvator's Chapel

Freshers' Faith Fayre

An opportunity for new and returning students (undergraduate and postgraduate) to meet representatives from faith societies and honorary chaplains and learn how to explore their faith or discover something new.

When: Wednesday 6 September, 12noon-3pm
Where: Chaplaincy, 3 St Mary's Place

Postgraduate Walking Tour

Join the Chaplain, Revd Dr Donald MacEwan on a tour of the sacred places and churches around St Andrews.

When: Thursday 7 September, 11am
Meet at the Chaplaincy, 3 St Mary's Place
Followed by lunch in the Chaplaincy from 12:30-2pm

Events throughout the year

Walk the path of light on the longest night

Friday 22 December, 4:30-9pm
School of Economics and Finance, The Scores

Holocaust Memorial Vigil and Pier Walk

Late January 2024
Details will be published on the Chaplaincy events page nearer the time.

Chaplaincy Groups

Thinking Allowed – A discussion group looking at issues in faith and society during the first semester, then a relaxed exploration of the Christian faith in the second semester. It doesn't matter what background (faith or none) or denomination you are. This event takes place at The Chaplain's house, 10 Abbey Street.

Grief Group – Open to staff and students (with specific events for each) who are grieving. It does not have to be a recent loss. A safe place to share various aspects of grief over a free lunch offered at the Chaplaincy every month during semester. Led by the Revd Samantha Ferguson, Assistant Chaplain, the Grief Groups provide a confidential support network to help lessen the isolation felt whilst living with grief, as well as normalise speaking about the death of family members, friends, peers and colleagues. No one grieves alone at our university. Email Sam for further information sjf6@st-andrews.ac.uk

Ministry Discernment Group – This group is for anybody who wants to explore a sense of call to ministry, in a relaxed setting, with others sharing a similar experience. Led by the Chaplain, Revd Dr Donald MacEwan. Contact him at dgm21@st-andrews.ac.uk

Textual Reasoning – An interfaith discussion group for students to explore open ended interpretations of revered texts from all traditions. Students select topics and share texts to see how different traditions respond to the same concerns. Come along if you are interested in exploring the world's religions in a thoughtful, open and questioning environment. Led by Bill Shackman, Assistant Chaplain.

Turning Pages – A monthly group for staff discussing readings mainly on faith. Email Donald for further information dgm21@st-andrews.ac.uk

Chaplaincy events take place at the Chaplaincy unless advised otherwise. Event dates, times and locations are published in full on the Chaplaincy Events page [the Chaplaincy events webpage](#)

International Student Local Link Scheme

Aimed at international students for whom English is not their first language. Moving away from home can be a daunting prospect wherever 'home' may be, but we know that it can be an extra challenge for international students and any family members who come with them. Fiona Barnard, the Honorary Global Chaplain, is happy to talk to you and offer support in getting used to a new culture, practising your everyday English-speaking skills and engaging more with life in the UK.

Additional information is available at [International Befriending webpage](#)

Chaplaincy Prize

This prize has been established through the generous donation of monies received through the University of St Andrews American Foundation. Awarded each year, the prize will be open to all current students at the University of St Andrews and based around a particular theme for an original piece of creative work or essay.

The theme for the 2023/2024 award is 'Crossing Cultures'

This year's theme reflects so much that matters in a university. It's a place of different ideas, approaches and convictions. We come from a variety of cultures, even in our own family. We come across people we've never met before, with experiences so different from our own. Our faith and spirituality is exposed to other beliefs and traditions. We change during our time in St Andrews – we may even cross cultures.

What we are looking for is **one** of the following:

- An essay (750 words maximum)
- A piece of poetry, hymn, song, or a short story (750 words maximum)
- A focused/practical project, which is documented and reported (750 words maximum).

It must:

- clearly reflect the theme of 'Crossing Cultures'
- contain a faith/spiritual element or show spiritual growth/change.

To enter:

Submit your entry directly by email attachment in either Word or PDF format, to chaplaincy@st-andrews.ac.uk or in person to the Chaplaincy, Mansefield, 3a St Mary's Place, St Andrews.

Full entry criteria available at: [The Chaplaincy Prize webpage](#)

Closing date:

5pm on Wednesday 31 January 2024.



University Chapel Preachers

We are pleased to welcome guest preachers from various denominations and backgrounds to our Sunday services (11am) in St Salvator's Chapel. Services will also be available online and via livestream; details will be published on our Worship webpage, Facebook and Chaplaincy Newsletter.

Martinmas Semester

3 September	Service of Welcome Revd Dr Donald MacEwan University Chaplain	29 October	St Andrews Voices Festival Revd Malcolm Guite Poet, and Life Fellow, Girton College, Cambridge
10 September	Opening Service Revd Dr Donald MacEwan University Chaplain	5 November	Monsignor Patrick Canon Burke Vicar General, Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Edinburgh and St Andrews
17 September	Revd Dr Janet Foggie Celebrant and Author	12 November	Remembrance (10:50 am) Revd Samantha Ferguson Assistant Chaplain
24 September	Revd Dr Doug Gay Senior Lecturer, Theology and Religious Studies, University of Glasgow	19 November	Professor Dame Sally Mapstone Principal and Vice-Chancellor
1 October	Fiona Barnard Honorary Global Chaplain	26 November	Professor Ian Smith School of Economics and Finance
8 October	Dr Joanna Leidenhag Lecturer in Theology and Liberal Arts, Leeds University	3 December	Professor Nina Laurie Professor of Human Geography, School of Geography and Sustainable Development
15 October	Raisin Revd Dr Donald MacEwan University Chaplain	10 December	Revd Dr Donald MacEwan University Chaplain
22 October	Revd Jill Clancy Prison Chaplain, HM Barlinnie Prison		

Candlemas Semester

14 January	Chaplaincy Team member	17 March	Revd Dr Christopher Knight Parish Priest, The Orthodox Church of the Holy Transfiguration, Great Walsingham
21 January	Revd Dr Jared Michelson Honorary Cornerstone Chaplain		
28 January	Revd Dr Donald MacEwan University Chaplain	24 March	Elaine Duncan CEO, Scottish Bible Society
4 February	Professor Sabine Hyland School of Divinity	31 March	Easter Revd Dr Donald MacEwan University Chaplain
11 February	Revd Dr Abi Ngunga Pastor, St Andrews Baptist Church	7 April	Revd Dr Peter Donald Minister: Cairnlea Parish Church, Airdrie
18 February	Revd Dr Donald MacEwan University Chaplain	14 April	Jenny Baker Operations Director, Green Alliance
25 February	Founders and Benefactors Rt Revd Sally Foster-Fulton Moderator, General Assembly of the Church of Scotland	21 April	Very Revd Jeremy Auld Rector of Woodstock and Bladon, Oxfordshire
		28 April	Revd Dr Alan McCormack Dean, Goodenough College
10 March	Professor Tina Beattie Director of Catherine of Siena College	5 May	Revd Dr Donald MacEwan University Chaplain

February Vacation



Services in St Salvator's Chapel will take place in person, some will also be available to watch via livestream. Confirmed dates for each service will be published on our Worship webpage ([the Chaplaincy Worship webpage](#)), Facebook, Instagram and in the Chaplaincy Newsletter.

Chapel Services

Sunday Worship

Sundays at 11am
St Salvator's Chapel

A service of worship lasting approximately an hour with a sermon often from a distinguished visiting preacher usually followed by a short communion service for which all are welcome to stay.

Evensong

Wednesdays and Sundays at 5:30pm
St Salvator's Chapel

A 45-minute service of prayer, both spoken and sung by St Salvator's Chapel Choir.

Compline

Thursdays at 10pm
St Leonard's Chapel

A service of night prayer, with music led by St Leonard's Chapel Choir, spoken prayers and silence.

Carol Services

University Carol Service

Saturday 2 December at 7.30pm
Holy Trinity Church, South Street

Bringing Christmas to life with congregational carols, music sung by St Salvator's Chapel Choir, and a reflection on the Christmas story from the Chaplain, Revd Dr Donald MacEwan.

Alumni Carol Service

Monday 4 December at 7pm
St Salvator's Chapel

A service of traditional carols and readings for our Alumni community, followed by a reception. Contact Alumni Office for further information
[University of St Andrews Development webpages](#)

Nine Lessons and Carols

Saturday 9 December at 8pm
St Leonard's Chapel

An intimate celebration of Christmas with St Leonard's Chapel Choir, and traditional readings and carols.

Carols by Candlelight

Sunday 24 December at 2pm, 4 pm, 6pm
St Leonard's Chapel

Family celebrations of Christmas as darkness falls on Christmas Eve with congregational carols and readings from children.

Special Services

Service of Welcome

Sunday 3 September, 11am
St Salvator's Chapel

University Opening Service

Sunday 10 September, 11am
St Salvator's Chapel

Commemoration of St Leonard

Sunday 5 November, 6pm
St Leonard's Chapel

A service to commemorate St Leonard who was regarded as the protector of travellers and carer of prisoners. All postgraduate students especially welcome.

Remembrance Day

Sunday 12 November, 10:50am
St Salvator's Chapel

St Andrewside and Advent Service

Sunday 3 December, 11am
St Salvator's Chapel

Founders and Benefactors

Sunday 25 February 2024, 11am
St Salvator's Chapel

A service to commemorate the founders and benefactors of the University at which the guest preacher will be Rt Revd Sally Foster-Fulton, Moderator of the General Assembly of Church of Scotland.

Easter Services

Sunday 31 March 2024

Ecumenical Service, 7am, St Mary on the Rock
University Service, 11am, St Salvator's Chapel

Medical Memorial Service

St Salvator's Chapel
Date to be confirmed

A service of commemoration and thanksgiving for those who have donated their bodies for medical teaching and research.

Remembering Service

Thursday 21 March, 5:30pm
St Salvator's Chapel

This service is for those who are grieving the past or present loss of a loved one.

Graduation Services

28 and 29 November 2023, and 10-14 June 2024

Every day of graduation ceremonies, there is a Service of Thanksgiving in St Salvator's Chapel, to which all graduands and their family and friends are particularly welcome. Contact the Chaplaincy for details.

Places to Pray

There are many places for private prayer and meditation in the University, for both students and staff. For the latest information please refer to [the Chaplaincy worship webpage](#)

Please refer to the map on the back cover for locations.

Local Churches also offer worship and prayer facilities, details of which can be found at [the Chaplaincy local churches webpage](#)



Getting Involved

Academic Procession – Staff

Academic and related members of staff may join the Academic Procession for Sunday Services, in gown and hood.

Chapel Bellringers

If you would like to join the bell ringing team to ring the bells before the Chapel services and for weddings and other services, please contact them direct: bellringers@st-andrews.ac.uk

Chapel Readers

Both staff and student readers play an important role in Sunday morning services at St Salvator's Chapel. If you are interested in joining the rota to read the Bible during worship, please contact the Chaplaincy by email: chaplaincy@st-andrews.ac.uk

Chapel Ushers and Tech Team

We are keen to welcome new recruits to the team of Chapel Ushers and Tech Team. If you are interested, please speak to any usher at the end of a service or email: chaplaincy@st-andrews.ac.uk

St Leonard's Chapel Choir

Join the team of students who sing weekly at Compline, 10pm, on Thursdays. Email the director, the Douglas Gifford Scholar, for further information dgscholar@st-andrews.ac.uk

St Salvator's Chapel Choir

The flagship choir of the University. Auditions are held before the Martinmas Semester. Contact the Director of Chapel Music, Claire Innes-Hopkins for further information ceih1@st-andrews.ac.uk

Mailing List

If you would like to receive a weekly e-newsletter and occasional Companionship emails from the Chaplaincy, please advise the secretaries by email: chaplaincy@st-andrews.ac.uk

Multi Faith Worship

Buddhist Meditation

Meditation sessions organised by the St Andrews Buddhist Meditation Group are held during term time in the Chaplaincy, Lochnagar room. An up-to-date timetable of events can be found at [the St Andrews Buddhist Meditation Group website](#) Contact Daniel Koudouna, dzk@st-andrews.ac.uk

Jewish Community Prayers

The Jewish Community of Tayside and Fife, together with the St Andrews Jewish Society, gather in the Lochnagar room for prayers and celebration on major festivals. Kabbalat Shabbat Services take place there every Friday at 5.30pm and the JSoc arranges Friday night dinners occasionally. For further details please contact our Honorary Lay Jewish Chaplain: Dr Emily Michelson, edm21@st-andrews.ac.uk or Assistant Chaplain, Bill Shackman, bs58@st-andrews.ac.uk

Jumah Prayers – Friday Prayers

Jumah prayers (Islamic) take place weekly throughout the year on Fridays in the Chaplaincy, Lochnagar room.

Orthodox

Orthodox services take place in St Leonard's Chapel in Greek and English. The timetable for Liturgies can be found on the Chaplaincy website: [The Worship in St Andrews webpage](#)

There are also a variety of prayer meetings run by the various faith societies. For further details contact the relevant faith society, see Useful Contacts section.

St Salvator's Chapel

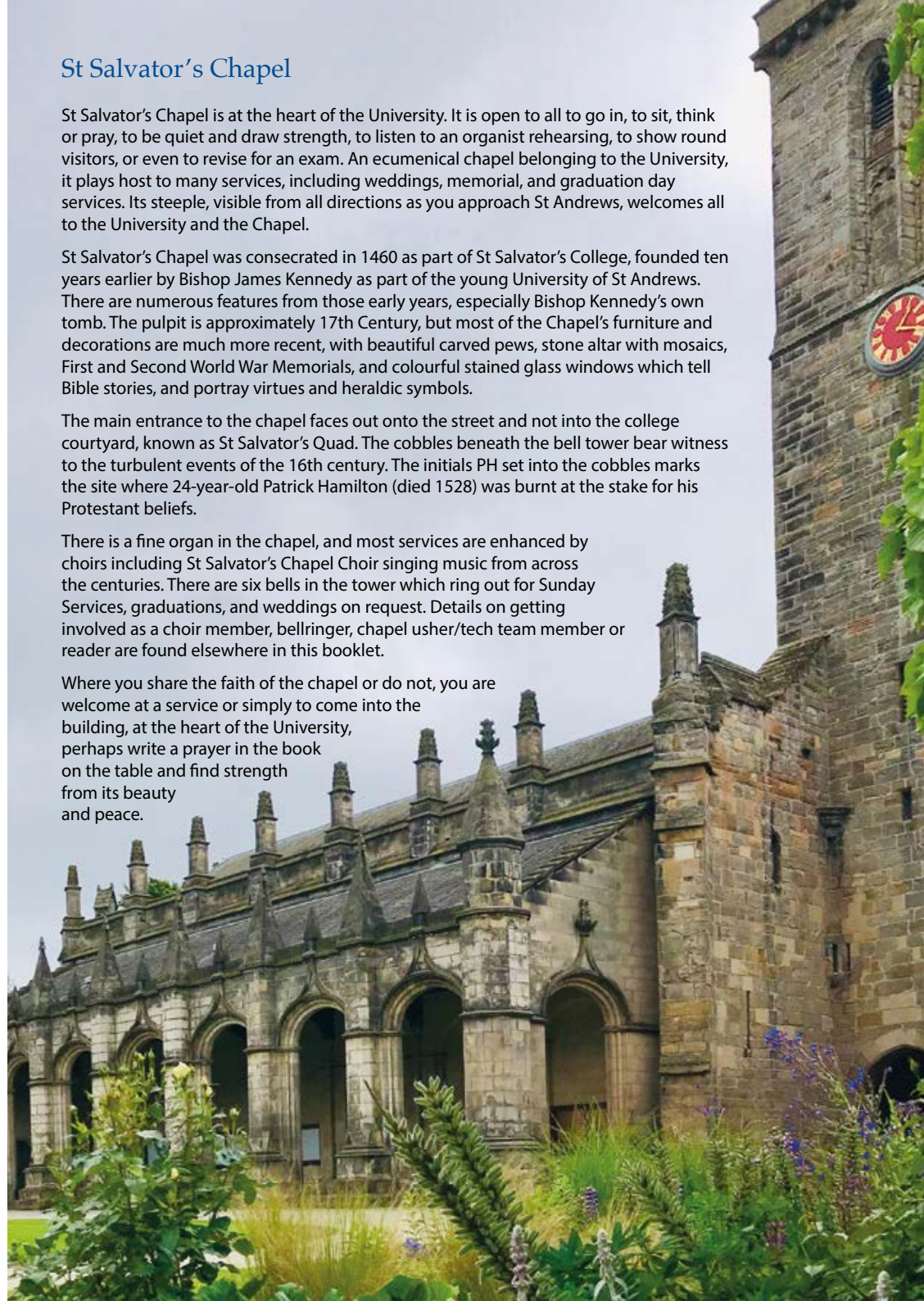
St Salvator's Chapel is at the heart of the University. It is open to all to go in, to sit, think or pray, to be quiet and draw strength, to listen to an organist rehearsing, to show round visitors, or even to revise for an exam. An ecumenical chapel belonging to the University, it plays host to many services, including weddings, memorial, and graduation day services. Its steeple, visible from all directions as you approach St Andrews, welcomes all to the University and the Chapel.

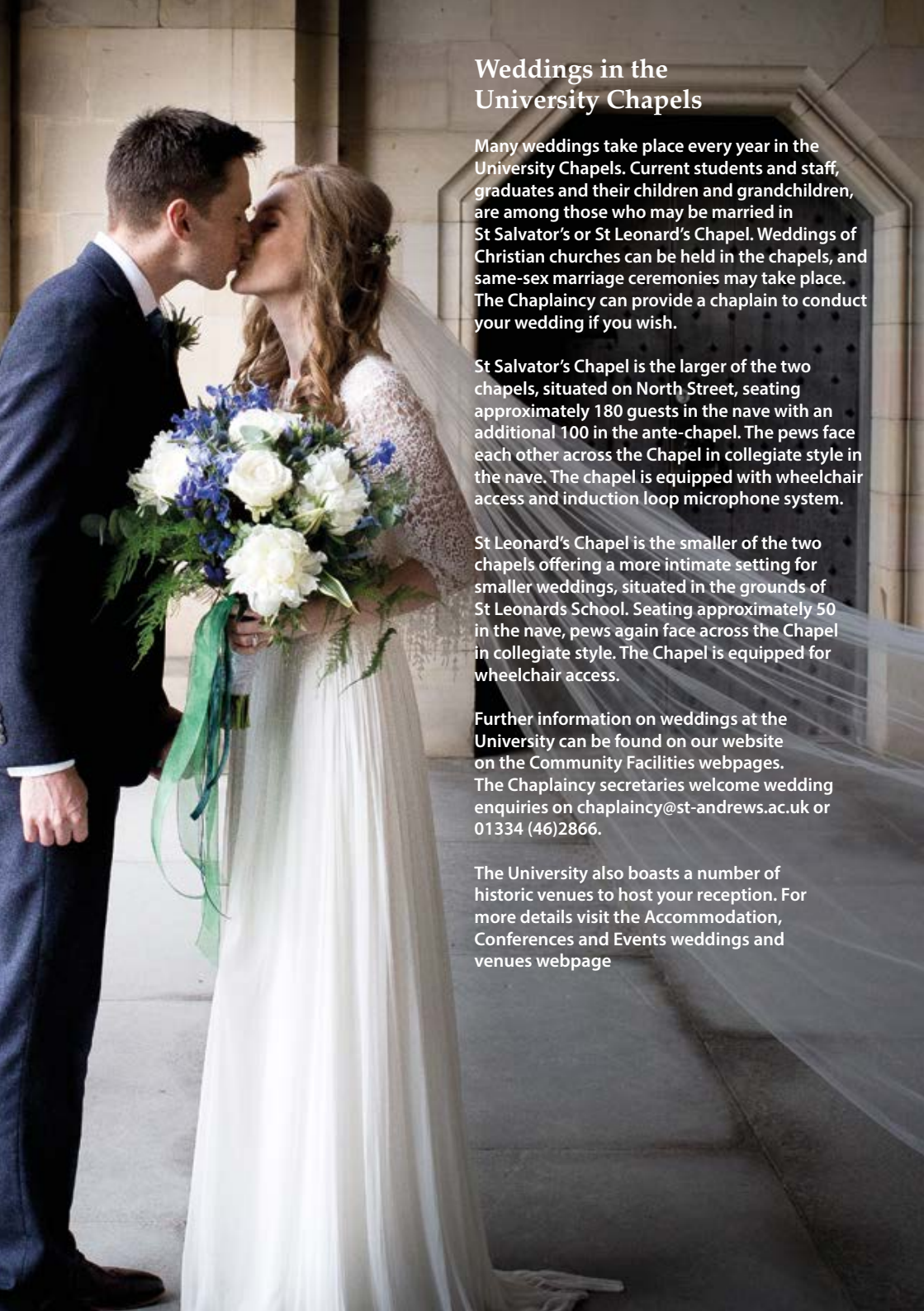
St Salvator's Chapel was consecrated in 1460 as part of St Salvator's College, founded ten years earlier by Bishop James Kennedy as part of the young University of St Andrews. There are numerous features from those early years, especially Bishop Kennedy's own tomb. The pulpit is approximately 17th Century, but most of the Chapel's furniture and decorations are much more recent, with beautiful carved pews, stone altar with mosaics, First and Second World War Memorials, and colourful stained glass windows which tell Bible stories, and portray virtues and heraldic symbols.

The main entrance to the chapel faces out onto the street and not into the college courtyard, known as St Salvator's Quad. The cobbles beneath the bell tower bear witness to the turbulent events of the 16th century. The initials PH set into the cobbles marks the site where 24-year-old Patrick Hamilton (died 1528) was burnt at the stake for his Protestant beliefs.

There is a fine organ in the chapel, and most services are enhanced by choirs including St Salvator's Chapel Choir singing music from across the centuries. There are six bells in the tower which ring out for Sunday Services, graduations, and weddings on request. Details on getting involved as a choir member, bellringer, chapel usher/tech team member or reader are found elsewhere in this booklet.

Where you share the faith of the chapel or do not, you are welcome at a service or simply to come into the building, at the heart of the University, perhaps write a prayer in the book on the table and find strength from its beauty and peace.





Weddings in the University Chapels

Many weddings take place every year in the University Chapels. Current students and staff, graduates and their children and grandchildren, are among those who may be married in St Salvator's or St Leonard's Chapel. Weddings of Christian churches can be held in the chapels, and same-sex marriage ceremonies may take place. The Chaplaincy can provide a chaplain to conduct your wedding if you wish.

St Salvator's Chapel is the larger of the two chapels, situated on North Street, seating approximately 180 guests in the nave with an additional 100 in the ante-chapel. The pews face each other across the Chapel in collegiate style in the nave. The chapel is equipped with wheelchair access and induction loop microphone system.

St Leonard's Chapel is the smaller of the two chapels offering a more intimate setting for smaller weddings, situated in the grounds of St Leonards School. Seating approximately 50 in the nave, pews again face across the Chapel in collegiate style. The Chapel is equipped for wheelchair access.

Further information on weddings at the University can be found on our website on the Community Facilities webpages. The Chaplaincy secretaries welcome wedding enquiries on chaplaincy@st-andrews.ac.uk or 01334 (46)2866.

The University also boasts a number of historic venues to host your reception. For more details visit the [Accommodation, Conferences and Events weddings and venues webpage](#)

Chaplain's Conversations

Discover more about the people of the University of St Andrews. In conversation with the Chaplain, Donald MacEwan, these key figures will explore their path to the university, what inspires them in their research and their thoughts about the future of education. This is a FREE ticketed event, which will take place in the Byre Theatre Studio. Tickets available via the Byre Box Office 01334 475000 (byreboxoffice@st-andrews.ac.uk).



Wednesday 27 September 2023, 5:30pm
Dr Ife Okafor-Yarwood
School of Geography and Sustainable Development

Dr Okafor-Yarwood, a Lecturer in Sustainable Development, is involved with multidisciplinary research into the complexities that shape environmental justice, maritime and natural resource governance, and security in Africa.



Wednesday 21 February 2024, 5:30 pm
Dr Emily Finer
School of Modern Languages

Dr Finer, a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Russian is involved with research on transnational and multilingual interactions between English, Polish, Ukrainian, Yiddish and Russian language cultures and intersections between global science fiction, exoplanet science, and space policy.



Useful Contacts

Buddhist Meditation Society meet weekly to practise and discuss Buddhist meditation.
E: Daniel Koudouna, dzk@st-andrews.ac.uk
Website: [Buddhist Meditation Society webpages](#)

Catholic Society is designed to foster friendship amongst the Catholic community. They are to be found at Canmore, the Catholic Chaplaincy on The Scores. Throughout the year they host a wide range of events, including a guest speaker series, reading groups, retreats and a ball.
Email: cathsoc@st-andrews.ac.uk
Facebook: [Catholic Society Facebook page](#)

Christians in Science group thinks about the relationship between science and Christian faith and welcomes anyone who is interested in this conversation.
Email: Andrew Torrance, abt3@st-andrews.ac.uk

Christian Union exists to give every student in St Andrews the opportunity to hear and respond to the good news of Jesus Christ. Main meetings are held every Tuesday at 7:30pm in the Baptist Church. They organise many other things throughout the year such as a carol service, lunch bars, a ball and much more. Check out their Instagram and Facebook or get in touch to find out more!
Email: prayer@saucu.com
Facebook: [Christian Union Facebook page](#)
Instagram: [Christian Union Instagram page](#)

Humanist Society welcomes everyone and anyone. We are interested in questioning and exploring topics on how one can best live their life, and how science can show us so much about the world.
Email: lieh1@st-andrews.ac.uk
Facebook: [Humanist Society Facebook page](#)

Interfaith Steering Group gives a chance for all the faith societies to talk together and organizes inter-faith events.
Email: interfaith@st-andrews.ac.uk

Jewish Society is a very friendly Society welcoming both Jewish and non-Jewish students alike.
Email: jewishsociety@st-andrews.ac.uk
Facebook: [Jewish Society Facebook page](#)

Just Love St Andrews is a group of Christians who equip students to pursue justice with their whole lives. Students are welcome to join in following Jesus' commands to love our neighbour and show mercy. The group has weekly evening gatherings as well as weekly volunteering opportunities and other larger events throughout the semester. As a community, they strive to love the last, the least and the lost (Luke 7) everyday, in everything they do.
Email: standrews@justloveuk.com
Facebook: [Just Love St Andrews Facebook page](#)
Instagram: [Just Love St Andrews Instagram page](#)

Pagan Society offer a forum for discussion, friendship, and learning. They welcome followers of, or those curious about, Pagan spiritualities such as Wicca and Shamanism, among others.
Facebook: [Pagan Society Facebook page](#)

Queer faith community is a friendly and informal space to chat about both queer and faith experiences. Welcoming queer and questioning people (as well as allies) of any faith and/or with any relationship to faith.
Email: qfc.standrews@gmail.com
Facebook: [Queer faith community Facebook page](#)

Saints LGBT+ is a social and welfare group dedicated to providing an open and safe environment for people in the LGBT+ community, and allies, within St Andrews. The Queer Faith Officer will be available to support those LGBT+ students of faith – contact details to be confirmed.
Email: saints-lgbt@st-andrews.ac.uk
Website: [Saints LGBT+ webpages](#)
Facebook: [Saints LGBT+ Facebook page](#)

Sikh Society is a welcoming place for all Sikh students, and those who want to learn more about the Sikh religion and Punjabi culture. Hosting a range of events from trips to Dundee Gurdwara, to film nights, from our Diwali evening to Langar on Campus. Feel free to drop them an email or Insta DM to receive details about upcoming events or how to join as a member!
Email: sikhsoc@st-andrews.ac.uk
Instagram: [Sikh Society Instagram page](#)

St Andrews Muslim Student Association meets regularly for prayer and social events and is committed to charitable fundraising throughout the academic year.
Email: Islamsoc@st-andrews.ac.uk
Facebook: [St Andrews Muslim Student Association Facebook page](#)



Religious Festivals, Events and Holidays 2023-2024

September 2023		
Friday 15 - Sunday 17	Rosh Hashanah	Jewish
Saturday 23	Autumn Equinox	Pagan
Monday 25	Yom Kippur	Jewish
Wednesday 26 - Thursday 27	Milad un Nabi	Muslim
Friday 29 - Friday 6 October	Sukkoth	Jewish
October 2023		
Saturday 7	Shmini Atzeret	Jewish
Sunday 8	Simchat Torah	Jewish
Sunday 15 - 24	Navaratri	Hindu
Friday 20	Birth of the Báb	Baha'í
Tuesday 24	Dussehra	Hindu Jain
Saturday 28	Anapanasati Day	Buddhist
Tuesday 31	Samhain	Pagan
November 2023		
Wednesday 1	All Saints' Day	Christian
Thursday 2	All Souls' Day	Christian
Sunday 12	Birth of Baha'u'llah	Baha'í
Sunday 12 - Sunday 19	Inter Faith Week	All Faiths
Monday 13	Diwali	Hindu, Jain, Sikh
Monday 27	Guru Nanak Jayanti	Sikh
Thursday 30	St Andrew's Day	Christian
December 2023		
Sunday 3	First Sunday of Advent	Christian
Wednesday 6	St Nicholas' Day	Christian
Thursday 7 - Friday 15	Hanukkah	Jewish
Friday 8	Bodhi Day	Buddhist
Thursday 21	Winter Solstice / Yule	Pagan
Sunday 24	Christmas Eve	Christian
Monday 25	Christmas Day	Christian
Tuesday 26	Zartosht No-Diso (Death of Prophet Zoroaster)	Zoroastrian
Tuesday 26 - 1 January	Kwanzaa	African
January 2024		
Saturday 6	Epiphany	Christian
Sunday 7	Orthodox Christmas Day	Eastern Orthodox
Saturday 13	Lohri	Sikh
Monday 15	Pongal/Makar Sankranti	Hindu, Jain
Saturday 20	Guru Gobind Singh Jayanti	Sikh

February 2024		
Friday 2	Imbolc	Pagan
Friday 2	Candlemas	Christian
Saturday 10	Chinese New Year	Chinese
Tuesday 13	Shrove Tuesday	Christian
Wednesday 14	Ash Wednesday	Christian
Thursday 15	Parinirvana Day	Buddhist
Saturday 24	Magha Puja	Buddhist
March 2024		
Friday 8	Maha Shivaratri	Hindu
Sunday 10 March - 8 April	Ramadan starts/ends	Muslim
Wednesday 20	Spring Equinox	Pagan
Sunday 24	Palm Sunday	Christian
Sunday 24	Purim	Jewish
Monday 25	Holi	Hindu
Monday 25 - Wednesday 27	Hola Mohalla	Sikh
Thursday 28	Maundy Thursday	Christian
Friday 29	Good Friday	Christian
Sunday 31	Easter Day	Christian
April 2024		
Tuesday 9 - Wednesday 10	Eid al Fitr	Muslim
Saturday 13	Baisakhi	Sikh
Sunday 21	Mahavir Jayanti	Jain
Monday 22 - Tuesday 30	Pesach	Jewish
May 2024		
Wednesday 1	Beltane	Pagan
Sunday 5	Orthodox Easter (Pascha)	Eastern Orthodox
Thursday 9	Ascension	Christian
Sunday 19	Pentecost	Christian
Wednesday 22	Vesak	Buddhist
Sunday 26	Trinity Sunday	Christian
Thursday 30	Feast of Corpus Christi	Christian
June 2024		
Wednesday 12	Shavuot	Jewish
Friday 14 - Wednesday 19	Hajj	Muslim
Thursday 20	Midsummer Solstice	Pagan
Saturday 29	Feast of St Peter and St Paul	Christian

This is an abbreviated list; some festival dates will have local variations.



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