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CHAPLAINCY NEWSLETTER

Presbyterian Chaplaincy at Queen's University, Union Theological College, & Stranmillis College

WHO WE ARE

The Presbyterian Chaplaincy at Queen's University, Stranmillis College, and Union College work to show the truth, goodness, and beauty of God to students and staff on campus. Our team is here to provide support, guidance, and opportunities as students journey through their university life.

Our Team:

Rev. Nigel Craig - Chaplain

Lyndsey Ballantine - Assistant Lay Chaplain

Vicky Purse - Administrator



As a team, we work in four different areas; Derryvolgie Hall, Queen's University, Union Theological College, and Stranmillis College. Please pray for the work of Chaplaincy in each of these areas of campus.

At our accommodation at Derryvolgie Hall we house 88 students across 9 flats. Our emphasis is on a Christ-centred community, where students can grow and engage with others from various different backgrounds. Throughout the week we host services, Bible studies and other events to provide opportunities for students both living in and outside Derryvolgie Hall.

Our team spends a considerable amount of time in Union College and on Queen's campus, getting to know students, offering pastoral advice and supporting them in their studies. As well as providing a support network for staff, particularly through events such as our Prayer Lunch.

Prayer Points:

Thankfulness for a successful 'Move-In Weekend' at Derryvolgie Hall, followed by Freshers' Events.

For students as they settle into life at University, adjusting to different routines and learning styles.

For God's guidance as our team seeks to minister to each student and staff member we meet.

Our Sunday evening services, both in Union College and at Derryvolgie Hall.

Our ministry opportunities each week;

- Friendship House
- iMeal
- Toasties & Tunes

Thankfulness for the buzz around our Chaplaincy Centre on Elmwood Avenue, and for the opening of Sojourn Coffee in February '24.

God's guidance as we seek to use the building for His glory on campus.

SPOTLIGHT

iMeal - Chaplaincy Ministry

On Wednesday evenings we host a meal for international students called iMeal. Our purpose at iMeal is to display God's love and genuine kindness through hospitality and friendship. There are thousands of international students living accross Belfast, who sadly often feel alone, home-sick, or unwelcome in our country. iMeal was created in response to this. It is to be a welcoming, warm environment where students can come inside, enjoy a warm meal, good conversation, and 'good craic'. Our staff and volunteers see the value in creating a safe community where friendships flourish, trusting that God will use this space for His glory.



iMeal Bingo Night - 16th October 2024

We are only three weeks into iMeal yet have so much to be thankful to God for. We as a team, would love it if you could pray for this ministry:

- Thankfulness as already we have seen a massive uptake from both those volunteering from Derryvolgie, and the international students who attend - often reaching our capacity each week, we haven't done since before the COVID Pandemic. We are currently seeing total numbers of approximately 50+ students.
- Pray for our incredible students who volunteer each week, and spend time building relationships and showing God's love to the international students.
- Pray for our Assistant Lay Chaplain. Lyndsey, as she plans and caters for iMeal each week, and as she heads up the Wednesday evenings.
- Pray for the international students, both those engaging with iMeal and those not. Pray they would know the support accross campus, and feel God's presence as they engage in communities such as iMeal.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE WORK OF CHAPLAINCY,

Nigel, Lyndsey, and Vicky



Announcements, Events, and Updates

SUNDAY 8TH DECEMBER

Carol Service

Speaker: Ryan Higgins

FRIDAY 14TH MARCH

30 Year Thanksgiving
Service

FRIDAY 9TH MAY

30 Year Gala
(Ticketed event)



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