

Use of prayer and faith facilities

The University of Edinburgh has prayer and faith facilities at the sites listed below.

General principles for the use of all of these prayer and faith facilities are:

- The facilities shall be used only in ways which are consistent with the Dignity and Respect Policy of the University, which enshrines the University's principles of Equality & Diversity, and by those whose behavior is consistent with the Policy:
[http://www.docs.csg.ed.ac.uk/HumanResources/Policies/Dignity and Respect-Policy.pdf](http://www.docs.csg.ed.ac.uk/HumanResources/Policies/Dignity_and_Respect-Policy.pdf)
- All users of prayer rooms and other faith-related facilities must leave them in their original layout and in a clean and tidy condition so that they can be used immediately by others. Personal belongings should not be left unattended.
- Posters, leaflet, flyers etc are not to be placed in the prayer and faith facilities without the prior permission of the Chaplaincy.
- Misuse or damage of the facilities may result in a ban from using them.
- No University building is child-proofed. Responsible adults must accompany children at all times if bringing them into any prayer rooms or faith facilities.
- If users have concerns with regard to any facility, they should contact the building's receptionist, or the person/s designated as key contact on the facility's noticeboard.

The University of Edinburgh has the following prayer and faith facilities:

Central Area

The Chaplaincy Centre, 1 Bristo Square, Edinburgh, EH8 9AL

There is a Sanctuary available to people of all faiths and none, located off the Chaplaincy Centre Auditorium drop-in area. The Chaplaincy Centre is open to all University members and University-registered visitors, and there is a Receptionist or Servitor on duty throughout opening hours. It is open 9.30am-9pm weekdays in semester time (with occasional early closure: check Chaplaincy noticeboard for details or ask the Chaplaincy Receptionist). Most lunchtimes the Chaplaincy provides a service or spiritual practice within the Sanctuary, 1.10-2pm. Otherwise, the Sanctuary is available for individual reflection or prayer, and for group activities. The Sanctuary is not bookable.

A contemplation room for individual use is available on the upstairs floor whenever the Chaplaincy is open. This is not bookable.

The Chaplaincy Centre also has Meeting Rooms that are bookable. Please email the Chaplaincy Receptionist/follow this link* for the terms and conditions on Chaplaincy Centre bookings.

King's Buildings

Chaplaincy Rooms, Mary Brück Building, Colin MacLaurin Road, Edinburgh EH9 3DW

The Chaplaincy Rooms comprise Muslim Prayer Rooms for men and women, and respective ablution areas, and two common rooms and a kitchen for people of all faiths and none. Users are responsible for keeping all of these areas clean, tidy and hygienic.

The Rooms are open 9-5pm when the Building is open, and can be accessed by University members and University-registered visitors out of office hours with a University Card.

If any group wishes to book the common room space for activities, this is to be done through the bookings diary kept in the common room alongside an email to the Associate Chaplain: associate.chaplain@ed.ac.uk

Easter Bush

There is a prayer space at Easter Bush in the Vet School, used daily by Muslims and accessible to University Members during the Vet School opening hours.

Moray House

There are Muslim prayer rooms on the Lower Ground Floor Mezzanine in Paterson's Land, Moray House. These are accessible when the building is open (currently 8am-9am Mon-Thu, 8am-5pm Fri; access at weekends depends on timetabling).

New College

'The Sanctuary' at New College is available to all University students and staff and University-registered visitors of any faith and of none to use for contemplation, quiet reflection and retreat. It is accessible when the buildings are open (currently 8.00am to 6.00pm Monday to Friday and 9.00-12 noon Saturday, during the teaching semesters, and until 5pm Monday to Friday at other times). It can be used for individual and private drop-in and for small groups to come together in quietness and calm. At times the Sanctuary is used for Christian worship such as during the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland when it is available for use by the Church Commissioners. Users are responsible for maintaining The Sanctuary in a clean and tidy condition, for the benefit of all users.

External Speakers and other visitors

Users wishing to bring speakers or visitors who are external to the University to lead prayers or work with groups must submit the standard online form for University bookings.