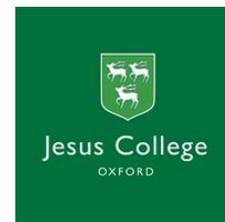


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I am delighted to hear that you have been given a place as a graduate student at Jesus College. Welcome!

I'm the College Chaplain. At Jesus, that basically means I'm here for you, and for everyone in the College. I chat with students and listen to what you have to say; I organize everything that goes on in our beautiful Chapel; I encourage music and the arts (especially our Choir); I arrange a lot of thought-provoking events; I help people to practise their own religions and value one another's beliefs, spiritualities, and traditions. Above all, I enjoy a good cup of coffee or tea with everyone who wants a listening ear or who has questions – big or small – about the particular, the practical, or the practically life-changing.

I'm part of an *amazingly supportive welfare team* here in College, with other staff and students. Along with them, I am available for all students, from every background and culture, for whatever reason. Of course we hope that you simply have a great time here, but if you do ever need some guidance or support, please do say. If you wish to find out more about how all this works at Jesus, about MCR members of the Welfare Committee or just graduate life in our community in general, do get in touch. We can't solve every problem for you but we hope we can help you navigate the fun but intense world of Oxford.

I also support *all students' spirituality* here. As a Church of England priest, I lead Chapel services and work with student Christian groups. If you're a Christian, I hope you find our Chapel warm and welcoming, whatever your denomination, background, or style of worship. But I also take care over students' personal needs in other faiths. I'd be very glad to help you connect with other faith communities throughout Oxford, and help arrange for your religious needs. If you have suggestions or requests, do get in touch. Look out for our special Festivals in Hall. *Everyone is always welcome* to come to Chapel, or use our faith resources, or simply make the most of what it means to have a Chaplain and spiritual space within College.

You'll see that on Thursday of Freshers' Week you can come to either breakfast or lunch (or both!) with me – along with Freshers from both the MCR and JCR – a great way to meet one another with free food. Please do feel free to find me, or another member of our welfare team, and simply figure out where one of us can be found if ever we are needed. If you would like to drop in to see me and say hello, do get in touch. And have a read about the other members of the welfare team, in the rest of the information sent out to you, so you know who's here to support you. Otherwise, during term I'm usually around Sunday-Friday, so please do just introduce yourself to me.

In the meantime if there is anything I can do to help, or if you have questions which need answering (however mundane they may seem), please don't hesitate to get in touch. My phone number is +44 (0)1865 279757 and my email address is [megan.daffern@jesus.ox.ac.uk](mailto:megan.daffern@jesus.ox.ac.uk). As for when you arrive, I also attach a photograph of myself so you know who to look out for should you need any kind of help.

I very much look forward to meeting you and getting to know you. With all my colleagues, I add my congratulations on securing your place, and hope you enjoy the rest of the summer.

With all best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Megan Daffern".

The Revd Dr Megan Daffern

