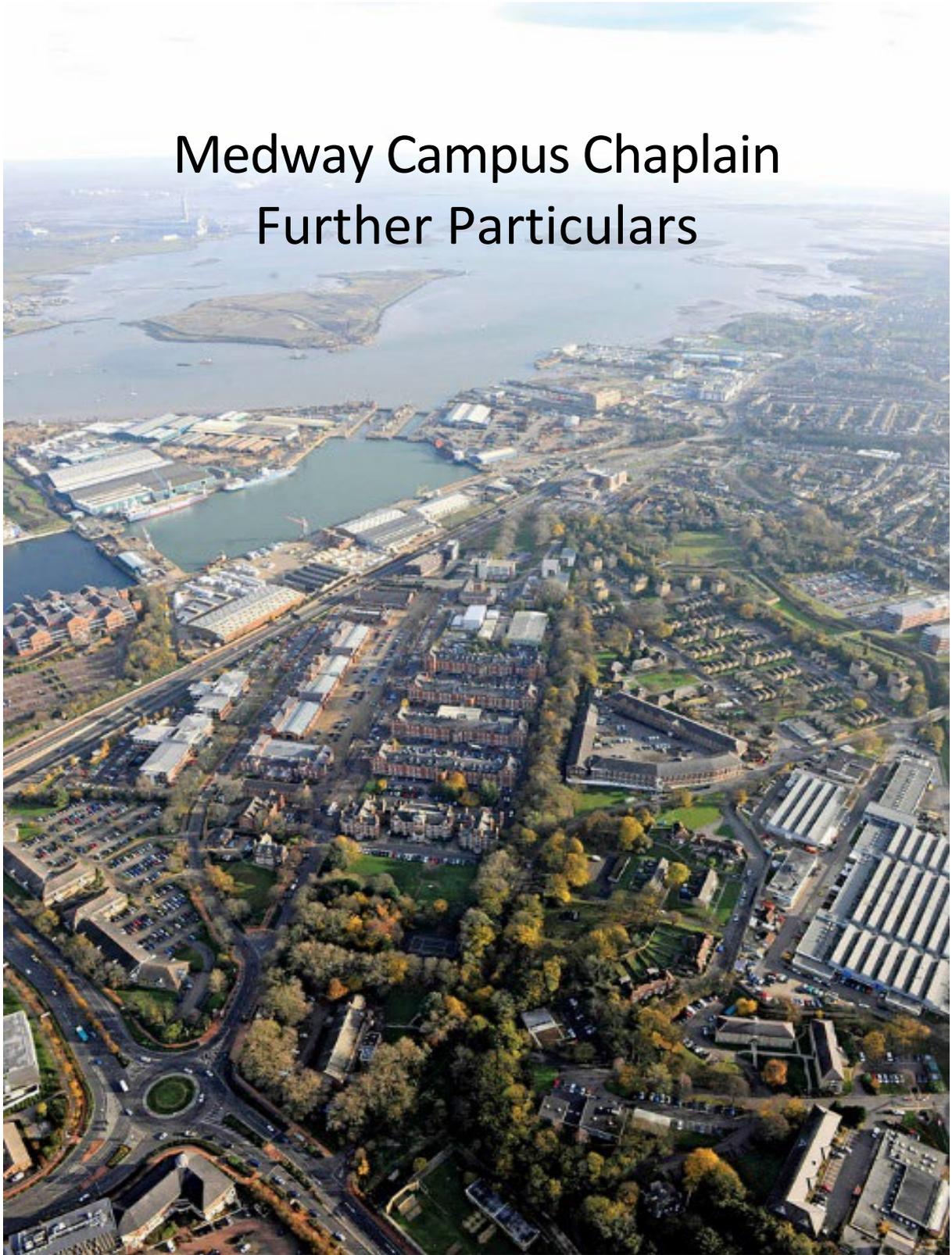


# Medway Campus Chaplain Further Particulars



## About the Diocese of Rochester:



Welcome to the Diocese of Rochester. A diverse and vibrant community of faith, we share the vision that we are called together by God to change, serve and grow the Church across the areas of Medway, north and west Kent and the London Boroughs of Bromley and Bexley.

We serve a population of some 1.4 million people which is likely to increase by another 200,000 over the next 15 years or so, having increased by 100,000 in recent years.

Urban, suburban and rural, the wealth of cultures across the Diocese is huge. From this rich mix, we represent some of the most prosperous and poorest areas of the country.

Because of this, we both have some of the biggest challenges and, as we see it, some of the best opportunities for growing God's Kingdom.

We seek to be a Church that reflects the diversity of our communities both in our membership and in our leaders, and one that is a safe and welcoming space where all can flourish and be valued.

Much of the Archdeaconry of Rochester is clearly urban and suburban in character, with much more sparsely populated communities on the Hoo Peninsular and in the Cobham Deanery. As with other coastal areas, the Archdeaconry contains some significant areas of deprivation with Luton/Chatham among the most severely deprived wards in the

south-east of England, with many of the issues arising from the closure of previous centres of employment such as the Royal Dockyard.

Issues of debt, homelessness and mental ill-health are among the presenting social concerns, and there are church-related initiatives in these areas supported by our diocesan Community Engagement Team. Much of the newer housing in the area is attracting somewhat more affluent residents, with good numbers commuting to London for work or engaged with the Medway University Campus on which three universities have a presence.

## **Our vision – seeking first the kingdom of God**

Through prayerful engagement and discernment, what has emerged is an understanding that as a family of faith our vision is that:

*Seeking first the Kingdom of God, we are called together by God to change, serve and grow with compassion, courage, and creativity.*

- Change is about the need for us to adapt in a changing world, so that our churches can play their full part in serving God and drawing people once more to faith in Jesus Christ.
- Serve is about the attitude we need to adopt if we are to earn and gain that cherished place in people's hearts and at the heart of our communities.
- Grow is about what God wants to bring about in us and through us, as people growing into the likeness of Christ, and as churches where people are being drawn to follow Jesus through our words and through our deeds.

## **Our objectives**

Within this overall vision, our key objectives are to grow *missional churches*, with *missional leaders* and *missional disciples*, that are:

- Growing a safe and healthy culture for all
- Growing younger and more diverse
- Growing spiritually and numerically
- Impacting their communities
- Releasing financial resources for mission
- Planting and growing new missional churches

We understand this to be a 'virtuous circle' in which missional churches encourage and develop missional leaders and disciples, missional leaders.

<http://www.rochester.anglican.org/>

## About Canterbury Christ Church University CCCU:



The Medway Campus of Canterbury Christ Church University is a vibrant and welcoming learning environment, situated in the historic Medway region of Kent. As part of a shared campus with the Universities of Kent and Greenwich, Medway Campus benefits from a collaborative academic atmosphere while maintaining its distinct identity.

Canterbury Christ Church University established its presence at Medway in 2004, as part of the

Universities at Medway initiative. The campus was officially opened by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Rowan Williams, and has since grown to become a key centre for undergraduate and postgraduate healthcare, nursing, social care and education. The university's facilities at Medway include specialist simulation suites and clinical skills labs, ensuring students gain hands-on experience in a supportive setting.

As a Church Foundation university, chaplaincy plays a vital role in supporting the spiritual and pastoral needs of the university community, offering a welcoming space for reflection, discussion, and faith-based activities. The new chaplain will have the opportunity to contribute to this dynamic and inclusive environment, fostering connections across the campus and beyond.

For more details about Medway Campus, visit [Canterbury Christ Church University's website](#).

## About the University of Greenwich:



The Medway campus of Greenwich University houses the Faculty of Engineering and Science. The whole of the campus was known as HMS Pembroke; was designed by Pilkington and built in splendid Edwardian redbrick dating from 1903. The University of Greenwich moved their engineering programmes to the campus in 1996, to join the National Resource Institute, which occupied the whole of upper Pembroke.

Since 1996, the university has invested over £50 million pounds in developing extensive new

laboratories, research facilities and services. The university has linked with other educational establishments to develop the campus as a major higher education centre in the Medway region, known collectively as the Universities at Medway. The Faculty of Engineering and Science hosts significant research activity. In addition, there are several health programmes delivered on campus: including BSc Adult Nursing and BSc Paramedic Science.

The University of Greenwich education transforms lives, giving students skills that employers value and the confidence to achieve extraordinary things. We have also gained official acknowledgment for our work, achieving Gold in the Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF) 2023 in recognition of our outstanding performance in student experience and outcomes. We are 28th in the world in the category of reducing inequalities (The Times Higher Education Impact Rankings 2024) and voted in the top 10 of most beautiful universities in the UK!

<https://www.gre.ac.uk/about-us/campus/medway>

## About the University of Kent:



The University of Kent stands for ambition, with a student-focused approach which is supportive, challenging and rewarding, and interdisciplinary research driven by collaboration to create positive impact.

Its campuses at Canterbury and Medway welcome more than 16,000 students from over 150 countries. It is renowned internationally for the quality of its teaching and research, with many of its academic schools and centres being among the best in its disciplines across the arts and humanities, sciences, and social sciences.

Kent's Medway campus is home to undergraduate courses such as Business and Management, Pharmacy and Social Work (which was ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Times Good University Guide 2025). Meanwhile Kent's postgraduate courses at Medway include Accounting, Marketing and Advanced and Specialist Healthcare. The University's award-winning Centre for Child Protection is also based at the Medway campus, with courses available to a wide range of professionals involved in child protection. The Centre's projects have involved working in partnership with organisations such as the NSPCC, the NHS, the Home Office and Kent Police (Special Branch).

Kent's Medway campus is a dynamic and diverse community. As part of Kent's commitment to the region, the development of Docking Station - an exciting new facility for Medway and for creative industries in the South East – is under construction. A partnership between the University's Institute of Cultural and Creative Industries, Medway Council and the Chatham Historic Dockyard Trust, the Docking Station will be a cutting-edge creative production facility, bringing new skills and facilities to the region and serving as a testament to our ambition for the future of the digital creative industries in Medway.

## Universities at Medway:



The universities share several buildings on campus, namely Pilkington where the multi faith space is located. The £10 million Drill Hall Library hosts extensive book and journal collections, as well as around 400 personal computers, plus netbooks and laptops, for student use.

The student social space, the Student Hub was opened in September 2016.

## About St Mark's Gillingham:

The Medway Campus for the Universities sits within the parish of St Mark's. The Parish has two churches, St Mark's and St Mary's Island Church. Both churches are firmly rooted in the Anglican tradition and worship is in the charismatic evangelical style. The members of the churches reflect a wide background of Christian traditions.

St Mark's Church is situated on the high street in Gillingham town centre. It is a lively Anglican church with a rich tradition and a community focus

St Mary's Island Church is based in the Church of England primary school on the Island, reaching out to the community developing around it.

The congregations reflect the culturally diverse parish, and every year many students at the Universities worship at St Mark's.

St Mark's Church purpose is living for Jesus, loving Gillingham and learning together, and we are committed to authentically demonstrating the love of Christ by both working with and serving the community. St Mary's Island Mission Statement is Creating Spaces for our community to encounter Jesus.



<http://www.stmarkschurchgillingham.co.uk>

<https://www.stmaryslandchurch.com/welcome.htm>



## Medway Campus/Region:

Located in the heart of North Kent, Medway is a vibrant and historic area with a strong sense of community and a growing creative scene. With its rich maritime heritage, charming riverside towns, and excellent transport links to London (just 40 minutes by train), Medway offers the perfect balance between city access and a more relaxed pace of life.

Affordable housing, beautiful countryside, and an increasing focus on regeneration and the arts make it an exciting place to live and work. Whether you're drawn to its history, its people, or its potential, Medway is a place where you can make a real difference.

Home to a diverse and dynamic population, the Medway Campus is a place where chaplaincy can thrive — offering meaningful engagement with students from many cultures, faiths and walks of life, across the three universities.

Not far from the campus you can find Chatham Historic Dockyard, several theatres and a multiplex cinema, sports facilities, including the popular Saturday morning Park Run.

Rochester Cathedral, where many of our Medway students graduate, is considered England's second oldest cathedral and, along with the Rochester Castle, is well worth a visit.

## Transport links

Medway has excellent road and rail links. A new high speed rail service is available from London St Pancras to Ebbsfleet International with a journey time of approximately 20 minutes. From Ebbsfleet you can catch a connecting train to Chatham which takes approximately 20 minutes.

