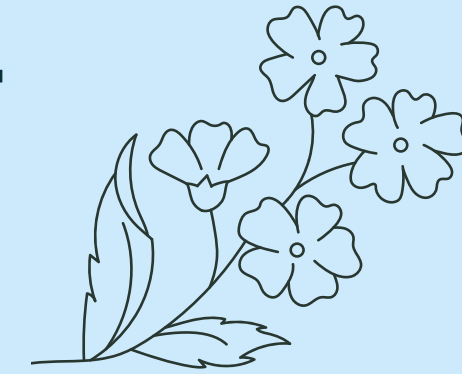
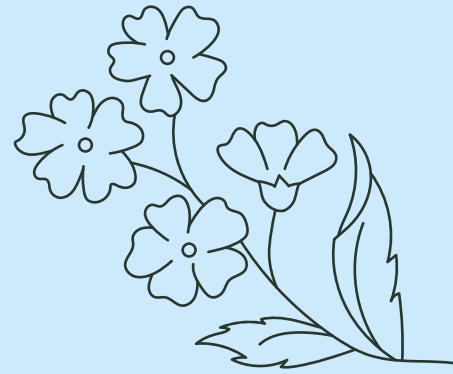
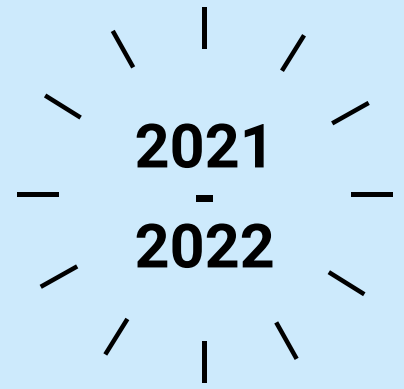




Chaplaincy

# Barat House

## Intentional Community



*Ecumenical Christian Community on campus*



# What is Barat House?

Barat House is home to an ecumenical intentional student community. With the support of the university chaplaincy, the students are expected to work together to create an intentional community, guided by the Christian ethos of Southlands College and Digby Stuart College.

It is an opportunity to explore faith in action with an emphasis on ecumenism and the shared values between the Methodist and Roman Catholic Churches although residents need not necessarily be from either tradition.

Equality, social justice and a commitment to improve the lives of others informs the ethos of the community.



*The Building...*

*...The People*



# Student Testimonials

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## ***Reflective, happy and mindful***

“I have really thrived from the community’s sense of purpose and spiritual engagement. I felt that through living here I could really feel invested into the lives of those whom I was living with, likewise that support was equally reciprocated...as an individual I felt much more reflective, happy and mindful”

## ***A huge blessing***

“As an active Christian my faith is the most important part of my life. I enjoy sharing my faith with others and learning from others about their faith journey too. I believe that Christian living is an active process that consists of praying, sharing, serving and learning from one another. Having this opportunity whilst at university this year has been a huge blessing to me.”

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"Someone could start the day feeling burdened for whatever reason, but by listening to an uplifting message and sincere intentions during morning prayer then moving on to the kitchen to find someone has made another batch of banana bread for all to enjoy, and after an impromptu gathering around the table for lunch, by the end of the day, you feel uplifted."



BARAT HOUSE COMMUNITY MEMBER  
2020 - 2021

# Student Testimonies

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## *To feel part of something*

“Having been a member of this community since September I have found my personal and spiritual growth has been incredible...it has helped me feel part of something at university, rather than just going through the motions.”

## *I've blossomed...*

“From spending a year living in Barat House I really feel I've blossomed in terms of my confidence and my religious exploration. I've honestly become so much happier from living in a community consisting of the most caring and loving people I think I've ever met. I love the feeling of togetherness we have within the house and it just makes me feel so loved and cared for as we all socialise and share things together and look out for one another.”

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# The Vision

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The vision is to **forge a new way of living in a University context**, drawing on religious beliefs and values to **inspire** and **impact** others.

Students' studies and other life engagements will be held, supported and shared through the **common commitment** to the community, and therefore, **each other**.

The physical signs of this commitment are evident through the time given to building up the **shared life of the community**. This includes **prayer, meals, focused faith conversations** and getting involved in **social action projects** as a community.

The hope is that through a commitment to their studies and their community the house, and all within, will **flourish** and be a **beacon for intentional living**.

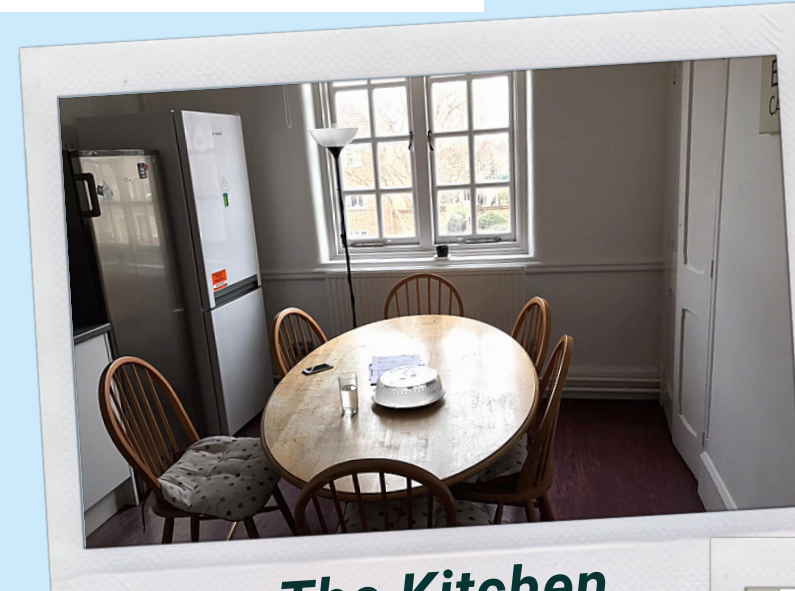
# A Look Inside



**The Living Room**



**The Prayer Room**



**The Kitchen**



**The Kitchen**



**The Study Room**



**A bedroom**



**The Study Room**

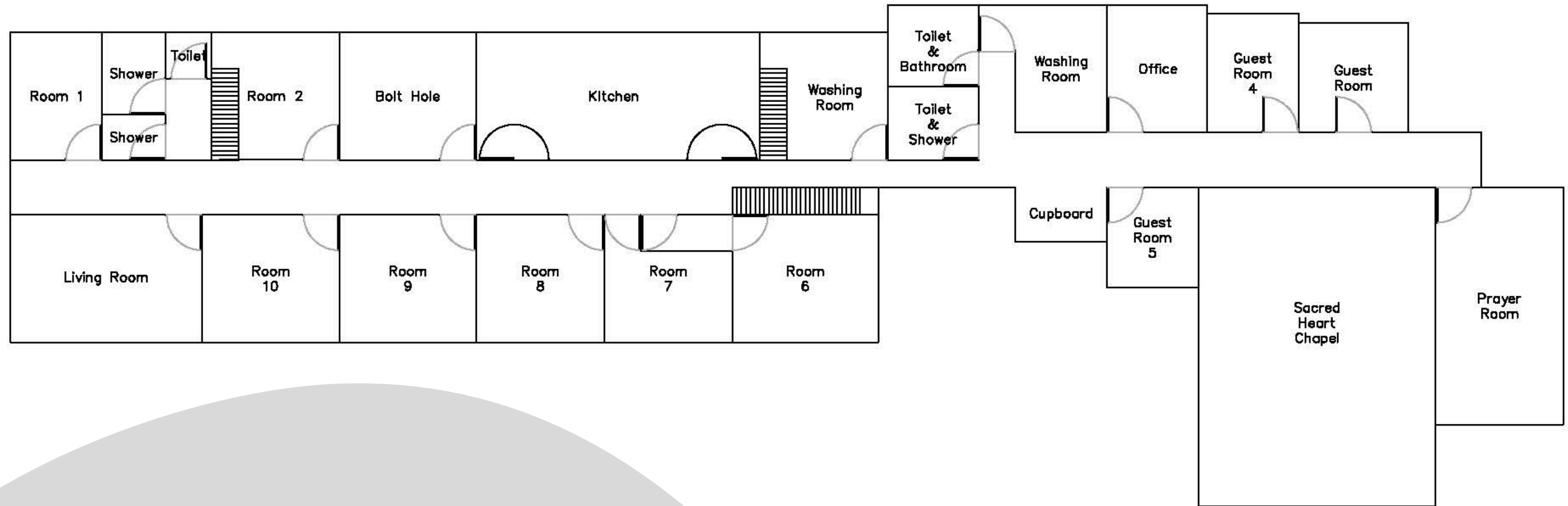


**The Laundry Room**



**A Bathroom**

# The Floorplan





# The Commitments

The **commitments** are laid out in the **living document**, which each student **sees** and **commits to live by** before moving into the house. The **living document** encapsulates the **message** and **vision** of the community and lays out clearly the commitments each member makes **to one another** – the living document explains **how the community lives**, whilst also being something which has **a life in itself**.

**01 Social Life based around communal meals:**  
Fixed once a week shared evening meal along with the expectation that where possible throughout the week students will eat together.

**02 Prayer & Faith Conversations**  
Inspired by common prayer, regular church engagement and lived experience in the community.

**03 Personal development & vocation**  
Each resident will have a chaplain who will act as a mentor, supporting the resident to reflect on experience and offering spiritual accompaniment.

**04 Faith in action**  
Each student will focus on giving back through commitment to group and individual projects in the wider community both within and outside the university.

**05 Community Building Activities**  
There will be regular community building activities such as the regular chaplainry events, trips to visit other communities as well as bread making, crafts and gardening within and around Barat House. Community members commit to taking part in as many of these events as possible.

# Our Facilities

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- 2 Washing Machines
- 1 Tumble Dryer
- 1 Bath
- 4 Showers
- 3 Fridges
- 2 Freezers
- Large Living Room
- Extra Study room\*
- Prayer Room



*\*For students who's bedrooms cannot fit a study desk.*

# Contact Us

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