Magdalene College, Cambridge

Post of Chaplain

Magdalene College is a small, lively and fairly traditional mixed college, comprising about 100 fellows, 350 undergraduates, 230 graduate students, and 110 staff. The Chapel dates from the 1470s, and is supported by people from many different traditions, members of all denominations and none.

It is intended to appoint a Chaplain, who is an ordained graduate priest of the Church of England (or a Church in full communion with it) from 1 September 2018, or as soon as possible thereafter. The Chaplain will be elected to an Official Fellowship, and will be a member of the Governing Body of the College.

Applications will be welcome from clergy who have, at least, completed their initial curacy (or equivalent), or are about to complete it.

The principal duties of the Chaplain are the conduct of services in the College Chapel, and the pastoral care, as part of the College’s pastoral team, of all resident members and staff of the College, whatever their religious background and conviction. The Chapel is supported by people of many different traditions, and the Chaplain will be expected to promote an environment of positive support for members of the community from all faiths and none. The College attaches particular importance to the promotion of an ecumenical atmosphere, and the Chaplain will be expected to foster co-operation and understanding between Christians of diverse backgrounds in College. The Chaplain will also be expected to maintain and encourage the strong choral tradition, and, if appropriately qualified, may be invited to contribute to undergraduate teaching, for which separate payment would be made.

The pattern of worship during the three full terms is Holy Communion on Sunday morning; a Sunday choral evensong (1662 Prayer Book) with a sermon, often by a visiting preacher (this is the principal service of the week); a celebration of Holy Communion on feast-days; morning prayer said daily, and choral evensong on Thursdays. There are also a few additional services both in and out of full term (which lasts about eight weeks).

The Chaplain will be a member of the Chapel Affairs Committee, chaired by Dr Neil Jones, which oversees the life of the Chapel. If suitably qualified, the Chaplain may be invited to contribute to undergraduate teaching, for which separate payment would be made.

The appointment would be for three years in the first instance, subject to a probationary period of one year, with the possibility thereafter under the College Statutes of re-appointment up to a maximum total tenure of seven years.

The stipend is pensionable, and equivalent to the Ely Diocesan stipend for incumbents (currently £25,348). Accommodation will be provided in a nearby College house (9 Hertford Street), free of rent, council tax, and water rates. Removal expenses within the UK will be paid by the College. The successful candidate will be expected to seek
a licence from the Bishop of Ely, and to receive Enhanced DBS (with barring) clearance.

The Chaplain enjoys the dining privileges and full allowances which attach to a Fellowship, including an entertainment allowance, and the use of a day-study in College.

Applications, which should be submitted online at the following link https://app.casc.cam.ac.uk/fas_live/chaplain.aspx, should include completion of the online form, a curriculum vitae, a covering letter, and the names and email addresses of four referees, including the appropriate bishop and at least one lay person, who have been asked to write to the College on the applicant’s behalf. Following receipt of the application, referees will be contacted by the College by email and asked to submit a reference online by the closing date for applications. Candidates are responsible for ensuring that references are submitted by the closing date. Enquiries about the process of application may be addressed to the Master’s Secretary, Ms Jo Hornsby, email jeh34@cam.ac.uk, telephone (01223) 332144.

Informal enquiry about the post may be made to the chair of the Chapel Affairs Committee, Dr Neil Jones, email ngj10@cam.ac.uk.

The closing date for applications is 12.00 noon on Monday 23 April 2018. Interviews will be held on Wednesday 9 May 2018.