



IPCA EUROPE CONFERENCE
Magdalene College Cambridge
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International Prison Chaplains' Association in Europe
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Prison Chaplaincy is a response to the words of the Gospel:

I was naked and you clothed me; I was sick and you visited me; I was in prison and you came to me. (St Matthew 25:35-36)

A prisoner has written this about the chapel in his prison :

If prison is a dark foreboding place, then the chapel is the ray of hope. Perhaps it can even be regarded as the beating heart of moral survival: a place to reconnect with one's better feelings and truer self. Whether a prisoner enters for prayer, peaceful contemplation, companionship or guidance, the chapel is one of the few places in prison that offers a real chance for betterment. (Prisoner "S"- 2012)

The right of prisoners to practise their religion in custody was affirmed by UN Resolution 45/111 (December 1990). However the way in which this right is exercised varies from country to country. In Europe this is by the application of ECHR Article 9, *Freedom of Thought, Conscience and Religion*, by states parties.

IPCA-Europe was founded in 1985, as a fellowship of European Prison Chaplains. Its mission is *to support and coordinate prison chaplaincy in Europe* (IPCA Europe Constitution). It helps and supports chaplains in their work.

IPCA Europe is one of six regions of **IPCA Worldwide**. Other regions are Africa, Asia, Oceania, North America and Latin America & the Caribbean. Approx. 3000 prison chaplains are associated with IPCA, of whom 600 are in Europe.

IPCA Europe is a registered organisation in Sweden. Its address is *Box 14038 ,167 14 Bromma, Gustavslundsvägen 18 Sweden*

IPCA Europe Conferences are held every 4-6 years. The most recent were Springe, (Hannover) in 2008 and Sambata, (Romania) in 2012. An interim conference is scheduled for Strasbourg in March 2014, including a visit to the European Court of Human Rights.

IPCA Worldwide Conferences have recently been held in South Africa (2000), Canada (2005) and Stockholm, (2010). The next conference will be in September 2015 in Sydney.

The purpose of IPCA Conferences is to allow chaplains to meet, to share experiences, to study and to pray.

For more information about IPCA worldwide go to:

<http://www.ipcaworldwide.org>

or

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International Prison Chaplains' Association](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Prison_Chaplains'_Association)

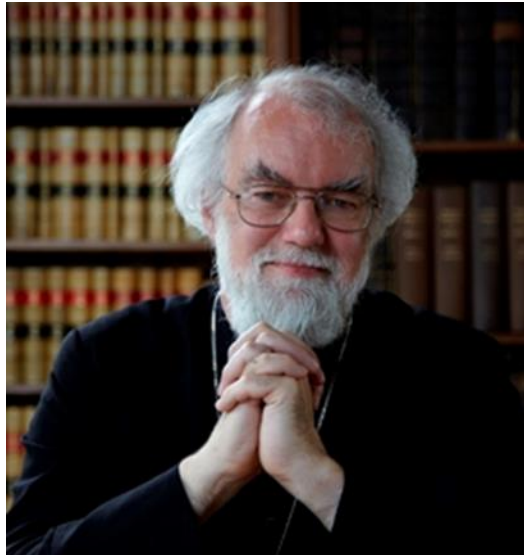
Cambridge 2017

IPCA Europe has been invited to hold its next conference at Magdalene College, Cambridge. The dates are Monday 11th – Friday 15th September.

The University of Cambridge *is one of the world's oldest universities and leading academic centres, and a self-governed community of scholars. Its reputation for outstanding academic achievement is known world-wide and reflects the intellectual achievement of its students, as well as the world-class original research carried out by the staff of the University and the Colleges. (Cambridge University website)*

Magdalene College was founded in 1428 when King Henry VI approved the establishment of a hostel on the site for Benedictine monks coming from their abbey monasteries in the Fenland to study Canon Law at the University. Its alumni include Samuel Pepys,

The College has offered the use of its newly-built **Cripps Conference Centre**.



The Conference President

The president of the conference is to be Dr Rowan Williams, Master of Magdalene College, Archbishop of Canterbury 2002-2012. Dr Williams is a leading theologian with a lasting concern that *the dignity of prisoners should be preserved*.

The conference will be based on the *Triduum*, the traditional three day observance of the sufferings, death, burial and resurrection of Christ.

Purpose

It will allow prison chaplains to benefit from the latest developments in Theology and Criminology as applied to offending behaviour, the experience of prison, the rehabilitation and release of prisoners and the practice of prison chaplaincy.

The Cambridge Department of Criminology and the Cardiff University School of Chaplaincy Studies have already agreed to support the Conference.

Cost

At 2013 prices the cost for 120 conference participants is approximately £60,000.

While it is envisaged that attendees from Western Europe should be able to meet the cost themselves, it is hoped to offer a reduced fee to participants from Eastern Europe.

The initial fund-raising target is to raise £10,000 by Summer 2015.

This will be required to pay a deposit to Magdalene College and ensure the dates can be confirmed before the IPCA Worldwide gathering in Sydney 2015.

Eligibility

Although IPCA Europe developed from the efforts of Christian prison chaplains, meetings and conferences are open to all who are concerned for prisoners, their families and the practice of prison chaplaincy.

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