



WYCLIFFE HALL

*The Evangelical College
in the Heart of Oxford*

PROSPECTUS



A Permanent Private Hall of the
University of Oxford

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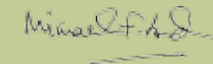
Welcome to the Wycliffe Hall prospectus!

Wycliffe is a rich and diverse community in the beautiful and strategic setting of Oxford. I hope that this short brochure will give you a glimpse of the life of the Hall, and how your studies, faith, and vocation might flourish by joining us.

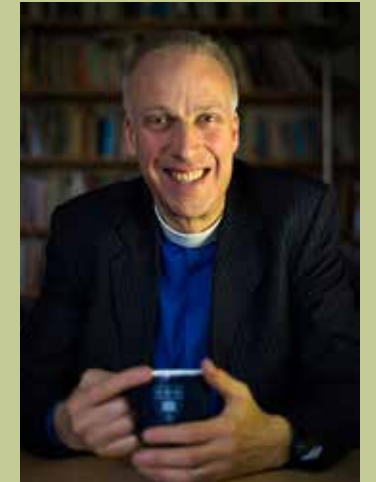
Wycliffe finds its unique identity as the evangelical college of the University of Oxford, equipping Anglican ordinands and independent students for their future lives and ministry. Alongside its own faculty, Wycliffe is able to draw upon the extraordinary academic and cultural resources of this world-class university. We offer a wide variety of undergraduate and post-graduate courses run through the Universities of Oxford and Durham, and seek to equip students with the knowledge and intellectual tools to engage and impact the world around us.

As a crucial part of our academic identity, we also seek to encourage, nurture, and challenge our students spiritually, and for them to become more confident in their lives together and before God. Whether through worshipping, praying, sharing, learning, laughing, or relaxing together, Wycliffe is a centre of community, fellowship, and support.

Whatever your calling and trajectory in life, Wycliffe will equip you academically and spiritually, broaden your horizons, and give you the best foundation for your life ahead.



Michael Lloyd
Principal



“Ask any Wycliffe student. They love it. The staff is outstanding, the standards high, the fellowship warm, opportunities for ministry outside College considerable, and academic work always has an eye on practical application in the parish.”

Revd Canon Dr Michael Green

“At Wycliffe I learned the lifetime habit of scriptural exploration and listening to the Word of God, and the crucial discipline of regular worship. Both have been the backbone of everything I have done ever since. Beyond training ministers, Wycliffe is in an important position to show how the truth of Christianity must continue to make its way into the heart of academic and public discourse.”

Rt Revd Prof N.T. Wright

VISION

Wycliffe Hall was established in 1877 as an Anglican, evangelical training college at the heart of Oxford—an identity that continues to this day as a Permanent Private Hall of the University. Wycliffe remains committed to its focus on biblical faith and mission, and training men and women for ministry, whatever the calling on their life might be.

Today, the aims of Wycliffe’s founders are reflected in four central pillars of its identity:

A Centre for the Intellectual Renewal of the Church. We believe that rigorous academic study is important for impacting the Church and, through the Church, society. We will help students develop their minds to interact with the world and shape what people find thinkable, imaginable, and believable.

A Centre for the Renewal of Christian Preaching. We believe passionately in the power of profound, biblical preaching. We will help students to preach in a way that is fresh, engaging, imaginative, and pastorally perceptive.

A Centre for the Renewal of Christian Character. We believe that it is who we are, as much as what we say, that impacts the world. We will help students to develop themselves so that they don’t simply have the mind of Christ, but are also the presence of Christ in the world.

A Centre for the Renewal of Christian Prayer. We believe that without the weapon of prayer, we shall never be able to win the war of ideas. We will help students to develop their prayer lives as a spiritual discipline and to be confident in its power in the world.



OXFORD

The City

Oxford is a vibrant and stunning city and a great place to study and live. The total population of Oxford is around 150,000, including over 30,000 students. As a result, you will find a wealth of cultural, recreational, and sports facilities within a busy and cosmopolitan atmosphere.

Although Oxford is a bustling city, it is an architectural delight, placed in the heart of the Oxfordshire countryside, and surrounded by ancient meadowland. Oxford boasts beautiful waterways, the oldest botanic garden in the country, the University Parks, Port Meadow, and innumerable college gardens and quads, so that you are never far from tranquility and escape. With its woodland, parkland, meadows and hills, it combines the advantages of city and countryside in a way that is ideal for families, and especially those with small children.

Oxford has an enduring history of Christian witness, and the Christian faith continues to thrive here. There are flourishing churches of different sizes, liturgies, and traditions that are passionate about making the good news of Jesus Christ known.



Wycliffe students attend many of these churches and are always happy to introduce you to a church and help you and your family integrate into a local community.

The University

The University of Oxford is the oldest university in the English-speaking world, founded near the turn of the twelfth century. Today, the University consists of 38 independent colleges, and 6 permanent private halls. Wycliffe is one of these permanent private halls.

The collegiate system is at the

heart of the University's success, giving students and academics the benefits of belonging both to a large, internationally renowned institution and to a smaller, interdisciplinary, college community. It enables leading academics and students across subjects and year groups, and from different cultures and countries, to come together in the search for truth.

Wycliffe tutors and students are actively involved in the life of the University, and able to draw upon many of Oxford's significant academic, social, and cultural resources, including the world-famous Bodleian Library.



“Oxford is an amazing place, and Wycliffe has proved to be a true home within it. It is difficult for me to imagine a more enriching environment in which to pursue top level theological study. I receive a wealth of support from Wycliffe’s evangelical community, but then have full access to the diversity of perspectives represented by Oxford University as a whole.”

Andrew—MSt, Modern Doctrine

LEARNING

Wycliffe is a centre of academic excellence. This is not just part of our identity through our connection with the University, but is founded on three key concerns: that our faith should be rigorous, critically grounded, and diligently searching of God's will and Word; that the truths we discern through our academic studies are important and impacting on the church; and that those same truths are powerful in challenging and serving the world around us.

Faculty

Our courses are taught by the dynamic and award-winning Wycliffe Faculty who are committed to both academic rigour and practical and spiritual formation. Teaching is designed to stretch minds and to challenge old presuppositions, but is also concerned to help our students grow in confidence and find their own voice. In this sense, our staff are pastors as well as teachers. While some students come straight from first degrees, many will not have been in formal studies for a number of years. Our faculty are equipped to nurture and draw out the very best in their students, whatever their background.



Courses

Wycliffe offers a number of outstanding undergraduate and graduate theology qualifications. These range from the single-year Certificate in Theological Studies and Postgraduate Diploma in Theology, which offers an introduction to theological studies, through to two- or three-year Bachelor's degrees in Theology, which allow students to go into greater depth, and may act as a pathway to further studies.

University

Although much of the teaching will be done at Wycliffe, the University of Oxford offers significant resources to stimulate and deepen our students' experiences, whether through lectures and seminars, libraries, or other academic forums. Students on courses accredited by the University of Durham are also able to take advantage of many of these opportunities, including the use of the world-famous Bodleian libraries.



"The staff are simply excellent. They know their areas inside-out. Wycliffe doesn't just give you first-class academic teaching, but in everything that is taught there is the chance to ask people who have experienced front-line ministry what the theory looks like in practice."

Mike—2nd year BTh

COMMUNITY

Wycliffe places considerable emphasis on academic and spiritual formation. But all of this is couched within the defining character of *community*. Wycliffe is a community that thrives on the diversity of its members; where individuals are encouraged, nurtured, challenged, and supported in their personal growth; and where each member plays an important role in the life of the wider body.

Academically

Students come from around the world to study a wide variety of courses and with very diverse vocations. Wycliffe was founded to train ordinands for Anglican ministry, and this remains its central focus. However, Wycliffe also welcomes independent ordinands, those seeking preparation for other ministries, graduates pursuing higher degrees, or those seeking personal and spiritual growth. Wycliffe also has a significant

number of students studying on part-time and mixed-mode courses.

Spiritually

Wycliffe students also come from diverse spiritual and worship backgrounds. Wycliffe aims to foster an environment of prayerful and loving openness, where staff and students can express their beliefs, be challenged by the beliefs of others, and to grow together as we seek God and study his Word. Whatever their background, each student has an invaluable contribution to make to the spiritual life of the college.

Fellowship

The chapel plays an important part in this formational process, as well as fellowship groups where students can share with each other in a more intimate setting. But mealtimes, social

events, sports teams, and friendships are also a firm emphasis. Each student is a member of the UCR (Upper Common Room)—a large social space where students can relax, read the newspapers, and play pool—and are supported by the Common Room Committee, which offers welfare support and a wide range of social events throughout the term.

Families

Wycliffe also encourages families to become a real part of the community, and to share in this fellowship. Children are a welcome at meals, and Wycliffe runs a crèche at various times throughout the week so spouses can have some space or attend teaching sessions. *Contact* is an organisation set up by and for student spouses with the full support of the Hall, and runs talks and Bible studies each week.



“The welcome provided by Contact was fantastic and meant we knew people straight away in a new place. Families are made to feel part of the community at Wycliffe and I always felt able to come in for lunch, chat with students and tutors, as well to sit in on daytime classes. I joined Wycliffe’s evening part-time course too, and had the privilege of being a student as a well as a spouse and I really had the best two years in Oxford—socially, academically, and spiritually.”

Jessica—2nd year Part-Time

“At Wycliffe there is something very special about coming together as a community each day for chapel and reminding yourself why you are here, and that is to glorify God.”

Oli—1st year BTh

WORSHIP



The spiritual life of the Hall is at the core of its identity. Our prayer is that students will continue to develop their relationship with God and grow in grace and faith as we worship together.

Chapel

The chapel stands at the heart of Wycliffe, both geographically and spiritually. Here students will be led through their ministerial training. But more than this, it is a place where we as a community meet to praise God, to hear his Word, to receive his sacraments, and to seek his face in prayer for ourselves and the world around us. Wycliffe not only

teaches students how to be leaders and ministers, but is a living, spiritual community that offers ministry to each other and the wider world.

At Wycliffe students are introduced to the crucial discipline of regular worship. In amongst its busy academic schedule, the community meets together in chapel each day for either a short reflection at the start of the day, a weekly communion service, biblical exposition, or in prayer. In our identity as evangelicals and focus on Christ, we aim to embrace a wide range of worship and liturgical styles and our hope is that students will feel at home, but also expand their horizons in these areas.

Prayer

Prayer is one of Wycliffe's central pillars. We believe that nothing can be achieved without God's grace and guidance upon our lives. At Wycliffe, students will become ever more aware of the power of prayer, and develop a discipline of prayer as the bedrock of their ministry. As part of our worship, the community regularly meets together to pray and intercede for others. In their first year students will be guided in ways to deepen their prayer lives including being introduced to different styles of prayer and spiritual direction. In addition to weekly prayer meetings, and 24/7 prayer weeks, students are also strengthened by forming prayer triplets.

“I have found myself surrounded by so much support within the college and the university. Although English is my second language, Wycliffe has given me more confidence in writing essays, leading services, and preaching as well as knowing the richness of Anglican culture. It has been a great help for my future ministry. Being at Wycliffe has completely changed my life and I shall always thank Wycliffe and its staff for giving me this opportunity.”

Mohammad—2nd year BTh



TRAINING

Wycliffe remains focused on training men and women for Anglican ordination. Wycliffe staff have many years of parish experience between them and are passionate about training leaders to develop and transform local churches. In addition to the central role of our own chapel, Wycliffe students have many opportunities to gain practical ministry experience throughout the year.

Preaching

Wycliffe is passionate about training students to be powerful, confident, and impacting preachers. All

ministerial students undergo a course in homiletics, and will attend preaching classes each week with their fellowship groups. Here they gain experience of preaching within the group and the Wycliffe chapel, and gain considerable feedback and support from peers, tutors, and a dedicated communications coach. Students will also have opportunities to preach in local churches as well as on placements and missions.

Placements

Wycliffe has developed relationships throughout the city to provide diverse

and exciting pastoral experience through short and long placements—whether in local churches, hospitals, prisons, the military, or homeless shelters. While often challenging, and drawing students out of their comfort zones, many find placements the most rewarding of experiences as students are taught how to bring their learning out of the classroom and into practice, and see lives changed around them.

Missions

Wycliffe organizes a variety of different evangelistic missions throughout the year. These may include bringing a small team into a country parish setting or poor inner-city estate, supporting ministry within a drug rehabilitation home, coordinating with other denominational churches across an entire city, or leading a team to rural Ugandan villages. In these diverse and challenging settings, students gain valuable first-hand experience of leadership, evangelism, apologetics, preaching and pastoral care. They are consistently challenging, formational, and rewarding experiences.





FORMATION

Wycliffe is committed to the spiritual formation of its students—that each may be more fully formed into the likeness of Christ. This is bedrock of all ministry. Wycliffe’s Tutor for Spiritual Formation works alongside the rest of the faculty to ensure that all aspects of Wycliffe life are transformational in the lives of its students, so that their relationship with God may not only develop, but become more conscious, intentional, and directed. In addition to our life of corporate worship and community, spiritual formation finds its place in a number of other areas:

Fellowship

Fellowship groups offer each student the opportunity of meeting in a smaller group setting, to develop closer relationships, and to encourage and share with one another. Groups meet weekly for prayer, Bible study and

discussion, and work together to lead services in the college chapel. Groups are led by a tutor who oversees the spiritual, emotional, and intellectual formation of each student, and holds together their overall training during their time at Wycliffe.

In addition to fellowship group tutors, students are encouraged to meet with an external spiritual director or mentor, and the college can facilitate this relationship. Wycliffe also offers spiritual formation placements and retreats.

Leadership

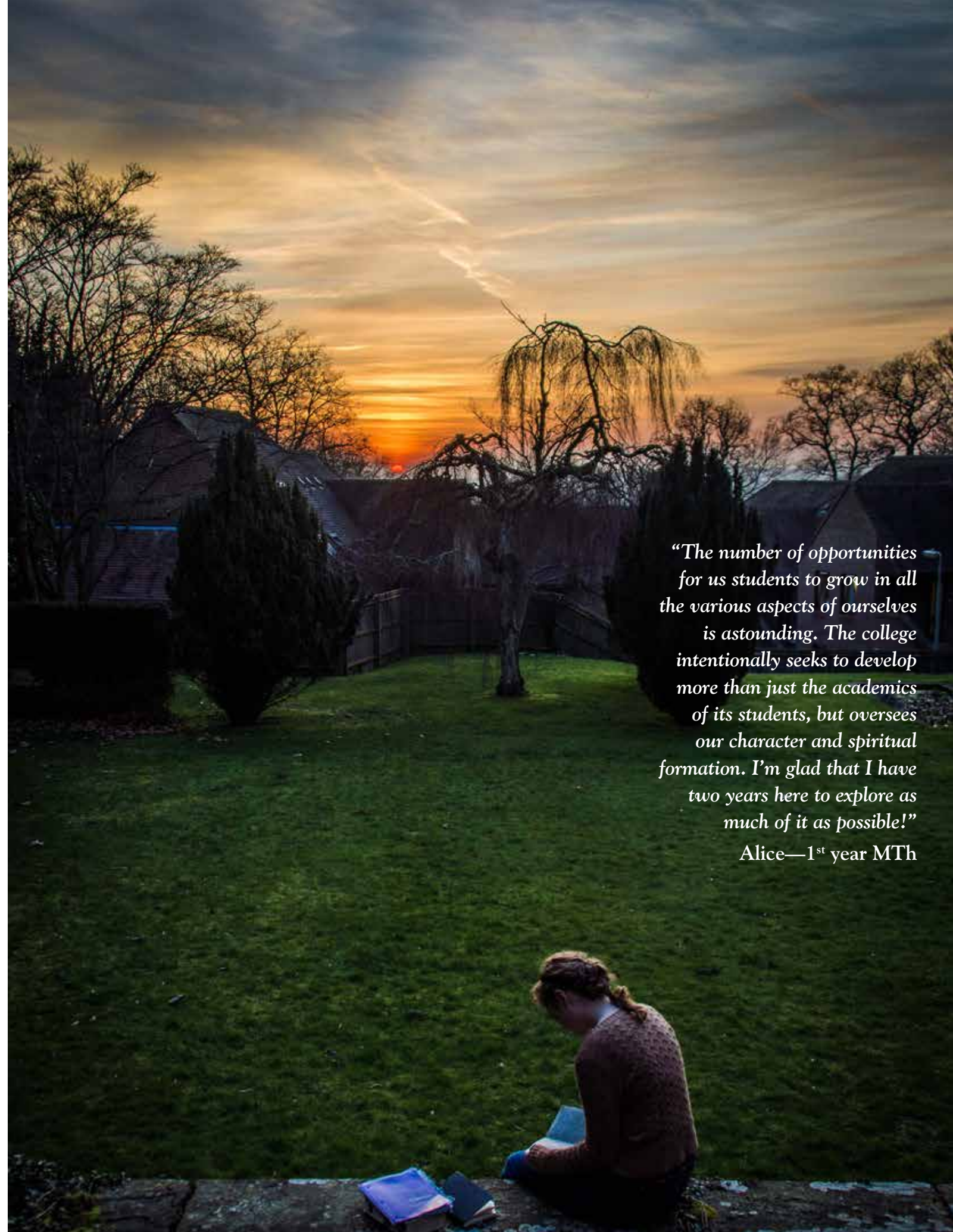
Spiritual formation is not just about the individual, but is the foundation for all ministry and leadership.

Whatever their future pathway may be, Wycliffe aims to equip each student to become leaders who will be effective in the church, academy, and

wider society. During the first year, students will spend a week focusing on spiritual formation and leadership, and subsequent teaching will build on this to help students understand how to unite their own spiritual journey with their ministry.

Learning

Wycliffe has a reputation for academic excellence. This is not something we regard in the abstract, however, but as equipping for mission and ministry. Wycliffe tutors are not simply lecturers but pastors who seek to challenge and equip each student to stand more firmly in their faith and vocation and to go on growing in the likeness of Christ. Each of our modules will reveal not simply a broader perspective on God’s nature and desire, but how our studies ground and develop our ministry to the world.



“The number of opportunities for us students to grow in all the various aspects of ourselves is astounding. The college intentionally seeks to develop more than just the academics of its students, but oversees our character and spiritual formation. I’m glad that I have two years here to explore as much of it as possible!”

Alice—1st year MTh

GRADUATES

Wycliffe Hall is a centre of excellence for graduate study and research, where students are not only supported academically and spiritually, but are developed for their future careers. Whether you are undertaking graduate studies to become a minister, academic, or as part of your own personal development, Wycliffe is committed to supporting you and helping you through your studies.

Community and the Graduate Society

As a graduate you will be welcomed into the wider college community, and can share in the significant teaching, social, and spiritual provision enjoyed by all Wycliffe students. However, all graduates are members of the Wycliffe Hall Graduate Society. The Society offers a closer-knit community, providing weekly social events

throughout the term. The Society also organises a fortnightly Graduate Research Seminar where graduates and other academics can present their research, learn from others in different fields, and contribute to the ongoing theological conversation. This is complemented by the termly 'Lounge Lecture' series, where renowned academics meet with graduates in a relaxed and informal setting and share their own research. Spouses and partners are also welcome to Society events.

Academic Training

Wycliffe is also committed to aiding its graduates materially. The Hall is equipped with one of the largest theological libraries in Oxford. In addition to use of the Bodleian and Faculty libraries, Wycliffe also offers all of its graduates a permanent desk

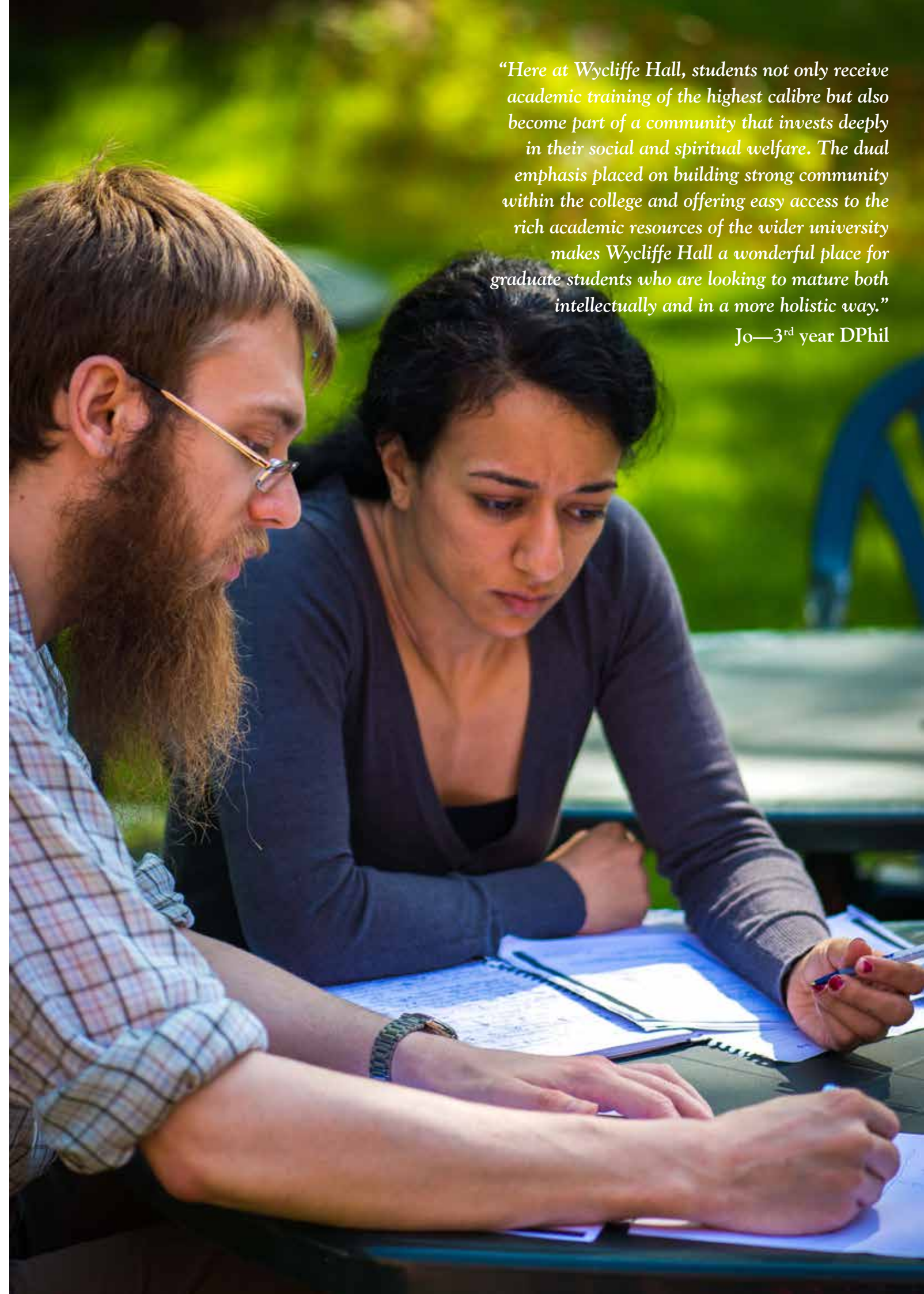
and study space within college, and the possibility of accommodation on site. Scholarships and bursaries may also be available. For those considering an academic career, an essential part of one's development is not simply research but also teaching experience. Wycliffe Hall offers the possibility for graduates to be mentored by one of its tutors, and to gain teaching experience in lecture, seminar, and tutorial contexts.

Studying at Wycliffe as a Graduate Ordinand

Wycliffe considers its ministerial programme to be second to none. Many of our graduate students study alongside training for ministry, and Wycliffe Hall specializes in helping its graduate ordinands balance their academic studies with their ministerial formation.

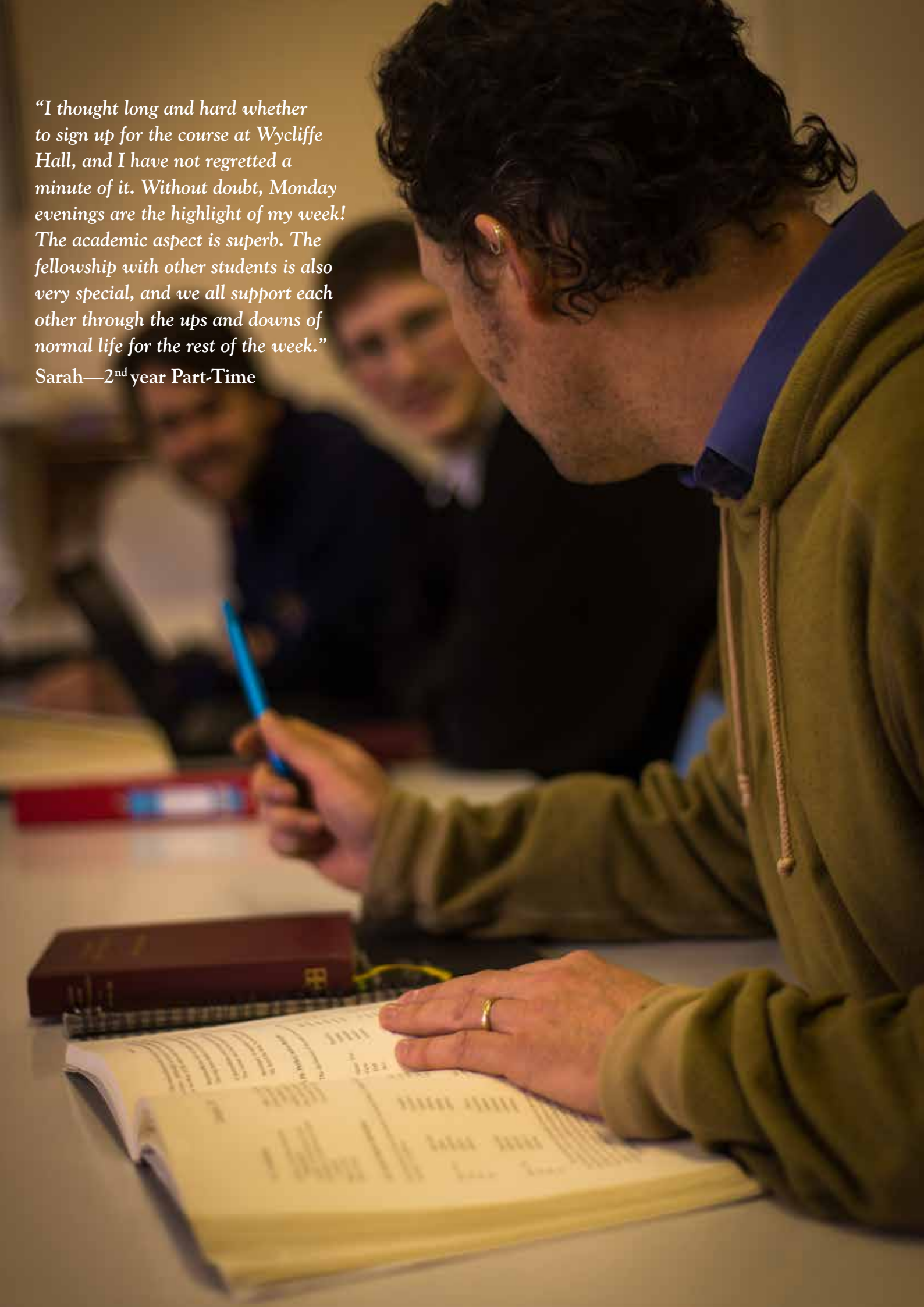
"Here at Wycliffe Hall, students not only receive academic training of the highest calibre but also become part of a community that invests deeply in their social and spiritual welfare. The dual emphasis placed on building strong community within the college and offering easy access to the rich academic resources of the wider university makes Wycliffe Hall a wonderful place for graduate students who are looking to mature both intellectually and in a more holistic way."

Jo—3rd year DPhil



“I thought long and hard whether to sign up for the course at Wycliffe Hall, and I have not regretted a minute of it. Without doubt, Monday evenings are the highlight of my week! The academic aspect is superb. The fellowship with other students is also very special, and we all support each other through the ups and downs of normal life for the rest of the week.”

Sarah—2nd year Part-Time



PART-TIME

Wycliffe Hall offers the opportunity to study for the Certificate in Theological Studies (CTS) on a part-time basis. This course is offered as part of the Oxford Department of Continuing Education and is a matriculated course of the University of Oxford with all of the rights and privileges that entails. The part-time certificate is a two-year course offered on Monday nights, where students can study a wide range of topics including Old Testament, New

Testament, Christian Doctrine, Church History, and more.

The CTS is an excellent opportunity for those wishing to expand their understanding of Christian theology, for those wanting core training for lay ministry, or for those looking to explore the possibility of further ministerial training. Completion of the part-time CTS also leaves the possibility of going on to further study full-time; whether

that be one additional year leading to the Diploma in Theological Studies, or two additional years leading to the Bachelor of Theology.

Whether you are looking to deepen your theological understanding or to gain a better grounding for your ministerial context without having to give up your job and pursue full-time study, Wycliffe’s part-time CTS track is an exciting opportunity not to be missed!



SCIO

“At SCIO I was immersed in a dedicated community of scholars that enriched my personal and academic potential. In retrospect, it was truly a necessary capstone in my undergraduate career. The quality of scholarship, relationship, and commitment to Christian vocation that I encountered has had a deep and lasting impact.”

Haley—SCIO two semesters



Scholarship and Christianity in Oxford (SCIO) was founded in 1991 to aid bright, engaged students from its member institutions to prepare for a life of thoughtful, scholarly reflection. It partners with Wycliffe in offering programmes for students coming from colleges and universities in North America and a broad array of international academics. Students come from accredited institutions and engage in study at Oxford as part of their degree programme at their home institutions. SCIO's programmes strive to integrate fidelity to Christ and Christian traditions with focused scholarly research and reflection. SCIO is a centre for research, funded in part by major grant awarding bodies. SCIO offers particular institutional strengths in diverse areas of scholarship including science and religion and text and manuscript studies.

Scholars' Semester in Oxford (SSO)

The Scholars' Semester in Oxford programme brings students from North America to Wycliffe Hall for one or two semesters. As registered Visiting Students at the University, the SSO students can take full advantage of the University's library, lecture, computing, sporting, and other facilities. They follow a typical Oxford programme of tutorials during Full Term, and their own programme for five weeks outside Full Term which supports their tutorial work, enables them to visit important sites in Oxford and beyond, and allows them time for independent study. SCIO offers specialist study in classics, English language and literature, history, the history of art, modern languages, musicology, philosophy, psychology, and theology.

Oxford Summer Programme (OSP)

SCIO's Oxford Summer Programme brings students from North America to Oxford for four weeks over the summer vacation. The students have access to the Bodleian Library which underpins their academic programme. They hear lectures, and pursue specialist subjects in academic seminar discussions and individual tutorials, and in independent writing projects. Social and cultural activities, such as punting, theatre visits, and field trips complement library- and classroom-based work to enable students to see something of Britain, as well as to further their academic work.

FUTURE

Jo Lewis-Barned

Student Worker, St Saviours, Guildford

I loved my time at Wycliffe. I made great friends and stretched my understanding of God and His world on a daily basis. Wrestling with difficult issues after lectures, around the snooker table, or in the pub was a great preparation for student ministry—that’s what I do most days now! Wycliffe prepared me with a great foundation on which to go deeper with God and from which to share the Good News of Jesus.

Ruth Bushyager

Area Missioner within the Diocese of London and Chaplain to the Bishop of Kensington

At Wycliffe Hall I was not just equipped academically for the ministry I am now serving in; I was personally invested in by so many godly, inspirational, and highly experienced tutors. My years at Wycliffe set alight my gifts and passion for mission and evangelism, and the real experience of going out on missions and being mentored as an evangelist was hugely formative. In the decade since leaving Wycliffe I have drawn continually on what I learned in the fields of preaching and biblical theology, and am also hugely indebted to OCCA for the apologetics training I was so blessed to receive.

Archie Coates

Vicar, St Peter’s, Brighton

The three years I spent at Wycliffe provided fantastic theological training which has given me enormous confidence to preach and lead the

church now. The outstanding care of the tutors and staff at Wycliffe encouraged me immensely as I took the first tentative steps towards ordained ministry, having been a somewhat reluctant ordinand! Their constant encouragement helped me to believe in myself and what God could do through me. I loved the positive atmosphere of life in college, fostered by staff and my fellow students. There was a great sense that we were “for each other” and that all things were possible with God.

Michael Jensen

Rector of St Mark’s, Darling Point, and Lecturer in Doctrine and Church History, Moore Theological College, Sydney

Wycliffe Hall was more than a great location to study during my years at Oxford: it was a home. At Wycliffe, I made lifelong friendships with evangelical scholars from all around the world. The mutually supportive Christian community I found at the Hall – which include many vigorous but friendly debates! – was an integral part of my Oxford experience.

Beth Honey

Pioneer Minister, Derwent Oak Bishop’s Mission Order, Derby

People are the most important thing about Wycliffe. I am still close to many of the friends I made there, and am currently enjoying further graduate studies which my BTh prepared me well for. Wycliffe provided a close community where I could explore and develop my vocation through studying, placements (from social housing areas in Oxford city to leafy newbuild estates, from the

Derbyshire hills to rural Uganda), and some experimenting in both areas to discover the fullness of mission in God’s world.

Kosta Milkov

Director of Balkan Institute for Faith and Culture, visiting lecturer of theology at Evangelical Theological Seminary, Osijek, Croatia, Senior Associate of RZIM Europe, and an ordained minister in the Evangelical Church in Macedonia

After being accepted for doctoral studies at Oxford I was looking at the different colleges that offered theology as a subject of research. Once I came across Wycliffe I knew I had found the right college. It said it was a family friendly environment with a strong Christian ethos. Throughout my time in Oxford this was proved right, and Wycliffe was a safe place where my wife and daughter also felt welcome.

Roger Revell

Minister, St Peter’s Fireside Anglican, Vancouver

My time at Wycliffe Hall was invaluable to my preparation for ministry in the church. The tutorials, the essays, and the Common Room debates all enriched my ability to assemble sermons in a timely, effective manner. The Hall’s participation in the wider university community offered an international, stimulating, and sharpening forum for engagement with other religious traditions (including secularism) and other stripes of Christianity. In short, my time in Oxford afforded apt preparation for Gospel ministry in a diverse world with all the challenges and adventures therein.



Roger Revell



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Archie Coates



Liz and Paul Franklin



Jo Lewis-Barned

Liz and Paul Franklin

Paul is Director Chaplain to Onespace youth and community center, and curate at St Nicholas Church, Kidbrooke, Liz is Curate at St Michael and All Angels Church, Blackheath

In addition to Oxford’s immense

academic and spiritual resources, at Wycliffe we lived alongside students, visiting pastors, and scholars from across the world. We gained greater insight into the worldwide church and a range of denominations and traditions which enhanced our classroom learning. The staff at

Wycliffe were generous in sharing their experience, learning, and lives, and were passionate about our spiritual and ministerial formation. Our training needs were very different and we appreciated the opportunity to individually tailor our learning.

NEXT STEPS

Church of England Ordinands:

Please fill in an application form on the Wycliffe Hall website making clear that you are an ordinand.

If you intend to apply for a postgraduate programme you need to apply to the University of Oxford on their website in addition to the Hall.

All other Applicants

All applications for the BA in theology offered by the University of Oxford must be made through UCAS on www.ucas.ac.uk between September 15 and October 15.

Applications for the CTS and BTh should be made via the application form on the Wycliffe Hall website.

If you are applying for a postgraduate course you must apply directly to the University of Oxford.

You can state a college preference on your application form or have a college assigned for you by stating that you have no preference. This will not affect how your application is assessed and whether you are made an offer. You will not be able to change this later so if you want to study at Wycliffe Hall it is advisable that you make it your college of preference.

Visiting Scholar or Pastor

If you are applying as a Visiting Scholar or Pastor then please apply via the Wycliffe Hall website.

All applications for SCIO should be made via the SCIO website at www.scio-uk.org.

For Further Information

Please contact the admissions officer on admissions@wycliffe.ox.ac.uk or phone 01865 274205 if you have any queries.



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