



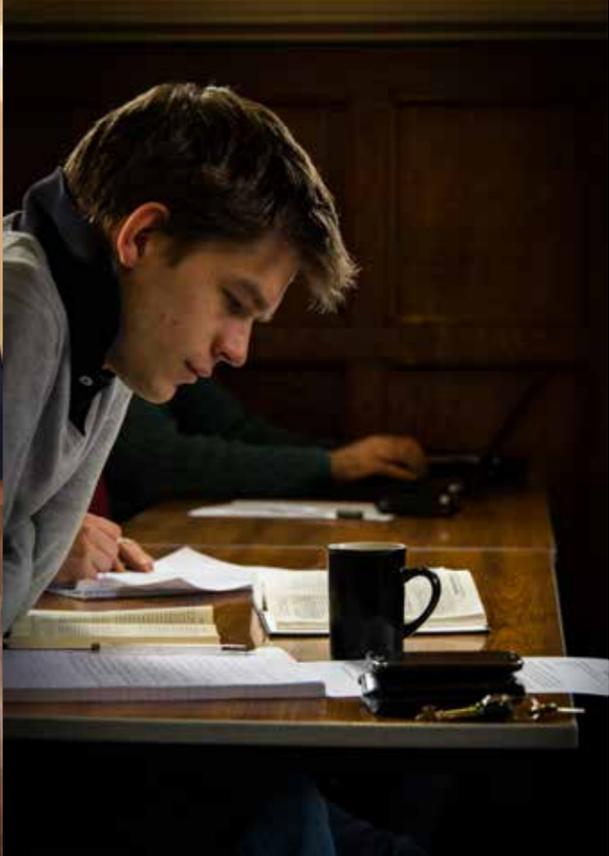
# WYCLIFFE HALL

*The Evangelical College  
in the Heart of Oxford*

## GRADUATE PROSPECTUS



A Permanent Private Hall of the  
University of Oxford



# WHY WYCLIFFE?

*“Graduate work at Wycliffe has been beyond what I imagined...”*

Ariel—MSt, DPhil

*“My time at Wycliffe during my graduate studies was transformational...”*

Lindiwe—MTh

*“...studying theology within this worshipping community was an invaluable experience.”*

Jacob—DPhil

*“...If your field of study is available at Wycliffe Hall, I recommend it without reservation.”*

Dallas—MTh

*“Wycliffe is unparalleled for theological graduate study*

*in this country...”*

Olly—PGDip, MPhil

*“Studying at Wycliffe has been a gift on so many levels...”*

David—PGDip

**Depth. Diversity. Renewal. Community.**  
Welcome to Wycliffe Hall, Oxford.

# IDENTITY

Wycliffe Hall is a centre of excellence for theological study and research, where students are encouraged to grow together both academically and spiritually. At Wycliffe, we firmly believe that our studies are not just academic but a crucial foundation for our faith and vocation, whatever that may be.

Wycliffe was established in 1877 as an evangelical ministerial college at the heart of Oxford—an identity that continues to this day as a Permanent Private Hall of the University. Training men and women for Anglican ordination remains an important focus. However, Wycliffe welcomes students

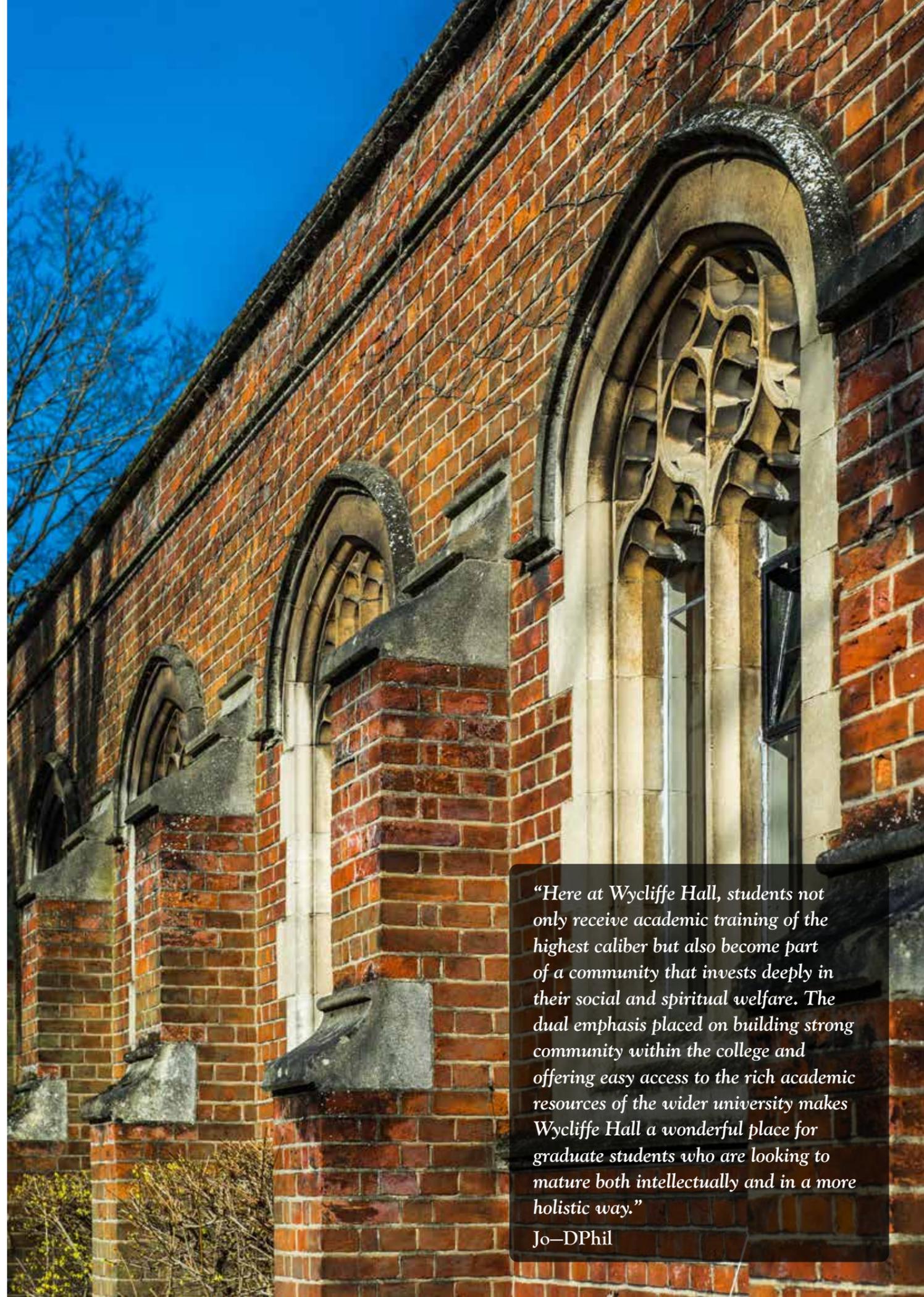
from a rich diversity of backgrounds, studying a variety of degrees, and with different trajectories for their lives, and is home to a large and dynamic graduate community.

*“The graduate faculty in the MTh program are professional and engaging at every level and have exceeded my expectations. Their personal care for my success is readily apparent.”* – Dallas, MTh

*“What I have particularly valued are the opportunities to tailor my learning according to felt needs, which the Wycliffe staff have accommodated so warmly. Their care and concern for my flourishing in ministry has been so beautifully clear, and it inspires me as I step into full-time ministry myself. I*

*cannot recommend Wycliffe highly enough!”*  
– David, PGDip

Wycliffe challenges its students to discover their gifts and calling, to develop their faith and relationships, and provides the tools and support to study fearlessly, creatively, and confidently. In addition to its academic reputation, Wycliffe is a community that thrives on the diversity of its members, and welcomes not only students but also their families, to live, be supported, and to share in the fellowship of the Hall. We look forward to welcoming you into our vibrant community and to working with you towards your future.



*“Here at Wycliffe Hall, students not only receive academic training of the highest caliber 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—DPhil

# LEARNING

Wycliffe Hall offers graduates the opportunity to develop their academic training and research to the highest levels, while being supported within a closely knit Christian community. At Wycliffe you will be encouraged to explore your vocation, to prepare for your future, and to experience the riches that Oxford has to offer.

In addition to being involved in the wider Wycliffe community, Wycliffe's Graduate Centre provides a more intimate community for its graduate students, and organizes a wide range of events throughout the term, providing a stimulating environment for graduate students to meet and share with one another academically, socially, and spiritually.

*"Alongside the opportunity to embark on original scholarship, there is a supportive and engaging graduate community, a wealth of events and chances to develop new skills, and all the riches that Oxford has to offer."*

– Hannah, MPhil and DPhil

*"The people I met at Wycliffe model lives of faith in different ways and I've learned as much from them and from their stories as from my textbooks. I am grateful for the community at Wycliffe who have walked alongside me through seasons of difficulty and seasons of blessing and have helped me better walk alongside others."*

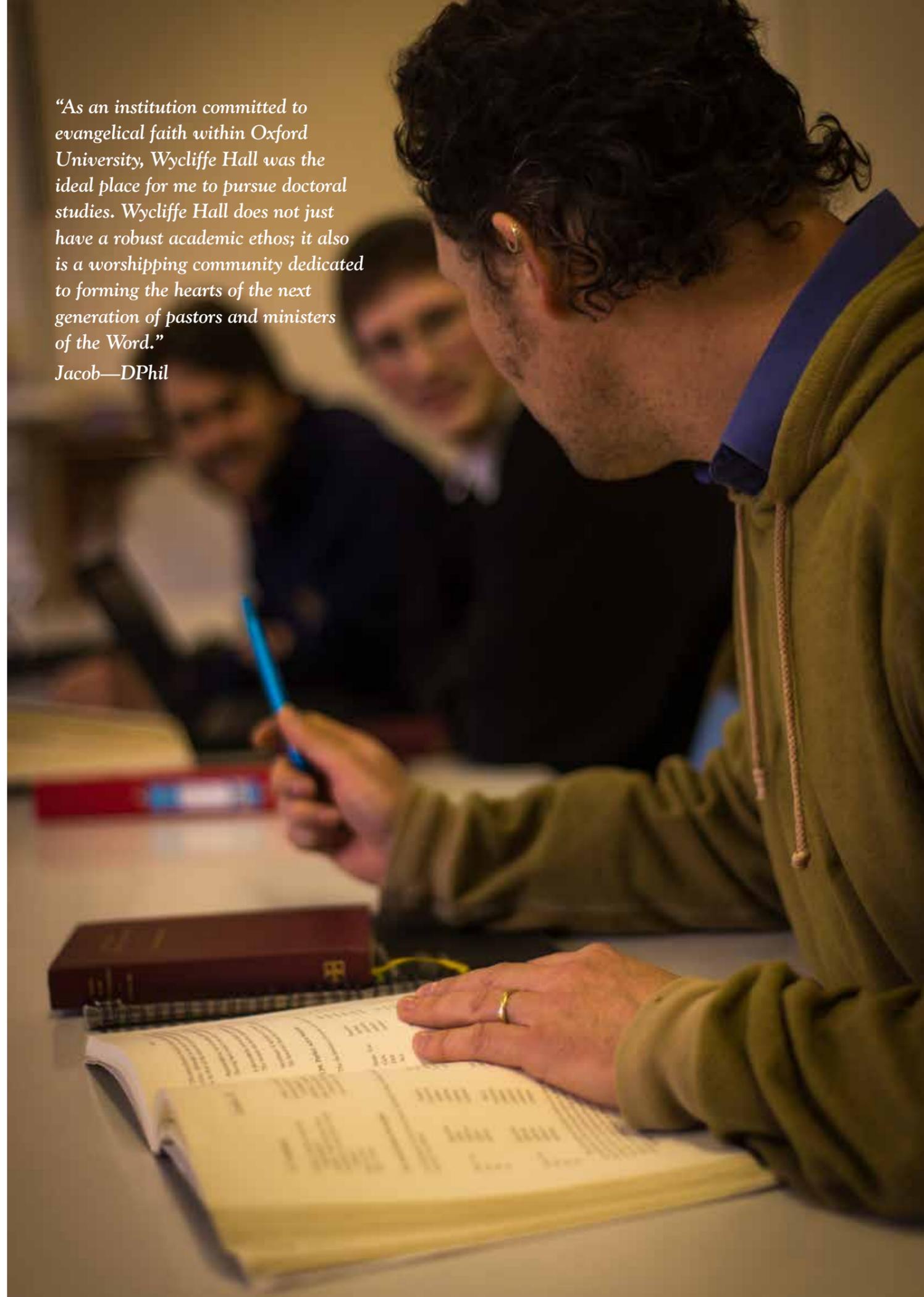
– Ariel, MSt and DPhil

members. Whether in providing personal study space, funding for conferences, mentoring from its senior academics, training in lecture, seminar, and tutorial environments, or one of the largest theological libraries in Oxford, Wycliffe is committed to ensuring that graduates are prepared for their future, and leave with the skills to succeed.

From Michaelmas 2022 Wycliffe will be working with the Lanier Foundation UK to establish a graduate centre at Yarnton Manor, a Jacobean Manor 4 miles north of Oxford, providing further opportunities for additional accommodation, research, and social space.

*"As an institution committed to evangelical faith within Oxford University, Wycliffe Hall was the ideal place for me to pursue doctoral studies. Wycliffe Hall does not just have a robust academic ethos; it also is a worshipping community dedicated to forming the hearts of the next generation of pastors and ministers of the Word."*

Jacob—DPhil



*“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

# UNIVERSITY

Wycliffe welcomes students studying at all graduate levels through the University of Oxford. The central aim of graduate programmes at Oxford is to encourage and empower each student to develop their own thoughts and research alongside world-leading academics. Each course will combine elements of teaching with personal research, and core contact will be through seminars or individual supervision, where students read, research, and present their own ideas to their peers and supervisors.

### **Academic environment**

In addition to formal sessions, graduates at Oxford also learn through the plethora of other opportunities

that the University provides to meet with one another. At Oxford, graduates are invited to contribute to ongoing conversations and debates. Although the terms are short, it is an immersive experience where students learn, develop, and thrive through their own research and collaboration with others.

*“The breadth and depth of teaching available at the Faculty, together with the library and administrative assistance, is truly breathtaking. Wycliffe takes this relationship seriously, and punches well above its weight with its own scholars to provide further impetus and discussion across all areas of theological interest. What Wycliffe then provides on top is the love and worshiping community which a theology*

*graduate needs to flourish through the long hours of research and writing.”*

- Olly, PGDip and MPhil

### **Support**

Studying at Oxford is inspiring yet intensive. In addition to the academic and spiritual support provided by the Wycliffe team and community, graduates also receive access to faculty and Bodleian libraries, and a host of historic and modern places and spaces to work. Churches and Christian groups across the city, as well as student societies also take an active interest in student welfare. They can introduce you to a plethora of sporting, cultural, and social facilities as well as local churches and support services.



# ORDINATION

As an evangelical seminary at the heart of the University of Oxford, Wycliffe offers a vibrant community for graduate ordinands. Training for ordination at Wycliffe offers students the ability to make use of Wycliffe's considerable ministerial and spiritual training resources and experience, but also to immerse themselves in the academic life of the University as they develop their theological education and research.

## Integration

Ordinands at Wycliffe are able to be trained in ministry while studying alongside theologians from around the University under the guidance of some of the world's leading scholars. Here they will be given the opportunity to broaden their knowledge, be challenged on their presuppositions, and to develop their own research in a rigorous and enriching environment. At Wycliffe we will ensure that your

academic study and ministerial development are thoroughly integrated so that they never stand in tension but remain a coherent pathway towards your individual vocation and ministry, whatever that may be.

*"I am so grateful to have been able to engage in graduate study at the University of Oxford alongside ordination training, all supported by Wycliffe Hall. Combining the Faculty of Theology's academic rigour with Wycliffe's ministerial expertise and rhythms of spiritual formation has been a real privilege."*

Jess—MPhil and DPhil

## Tailored Pathways

At Wycliffe, we recognize that no two vocations are alike, and strive to ensure that each student develops in every way possible for their calling. For those investigating pastoral ministry, the MTh offers students the opportunity to develop their prior theological

learning and to focus their research on its application. At Wycliffe you will be encouraged to develop resources for your future ministry, and for how the church may continue to impact the world around it.

For those whose vocation is as a 'potential theological educator', the University of Oxford offers some of the most prestigious research degrees. At Wycliffe ordinands are trained by academics researching at the highest levels in their own fields, who understand the importance of academic theology for the church and wider community. At Wycliffe you will be nurtured and encouraged in your academic development and ministry, and offered training to be effective ministers and communicators.

For more information about Wycliffe's provision for ordinands, please see the main Wycliffe Hall prospectus.

*"My time at Wycliffe during my graduate studies was transformational. The ordination and MTh course gave me the rigorous training that I needed to prepare for ministry and so much more than I expected. I met many wonderful people. The staff were very supportive, available, and encouraging. One of the highlights was being part of the graduate community where we often had social gatherings and interacted with well-established and emergent guest speakers. I gained invaluable academic and ministerial experience which equipped me for curacy."*

Lindiwe—MTh





# WORSHIP



Oxford has an enduring history of public Christian witness, and the Christian faith continues to have a voice within the University and wider city.

You'll find many flourishing churches of different sizes, liturgies, and traditions that are passionate about making the good news of Jesus Christ known. As a worshipping community, Wycliffe Hall also has its own spiritual rhythm of life. This is core to our 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

For those preparing for ministry, the chapel will play a central role in your

training. However, it is also 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 ministers, but is a living, spiritual community that offers ministry to each other and the wider world. Embracing a diversity of worship and liturgical styles, our aim is that students will feel at home, but also expand their horizons as we worship together in this rich community.

## Fellowship Groups

Fellowship groups offer students the opportunity to gather in a smaller group setting, to develop closer relationships, and to share

and encourage one another in their intellectual and spiritual journey. 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 acts as an advisor during their time at Wycliffe.

## Exploring ministry

Whether one is training for ordained ministry or not, Wycliffe graduates are welcome to take part in ministry training, as a way to explore their calling, or to further develop their skills for the future.

*“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



# OXFORD

## *A city full of treasures*

Whether you're a younger or older student, single or coming to Wycliffe Hall as a family, we're confident you'll love being in Oxford. Rich in history and diversity, the "city of dreaming spires" is simply a great place to live, work, study and play. There are myriad cultural and recreational activities for everyone. Museums, galleries, cafes, pubs and parks are all on your doorstep, as are a number of vibrant places of worship.

An architectural delight, surrounded by ancient meadowland, Oxford is home to the oldest botanic garden in the country, the University Parks and innumerable college gardens and quads, so that you are never far from a quiet place to sit, think and pray, even within a city with a population of 150,000 - including over 30,000 students.

And if ever you do want to leave, the stunning Cotswolds countryside and the bustle of London are within easy reach.

## *A university full of opportunity*

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 six permanent private halls. Wycliffe is one of these permanent private halls.

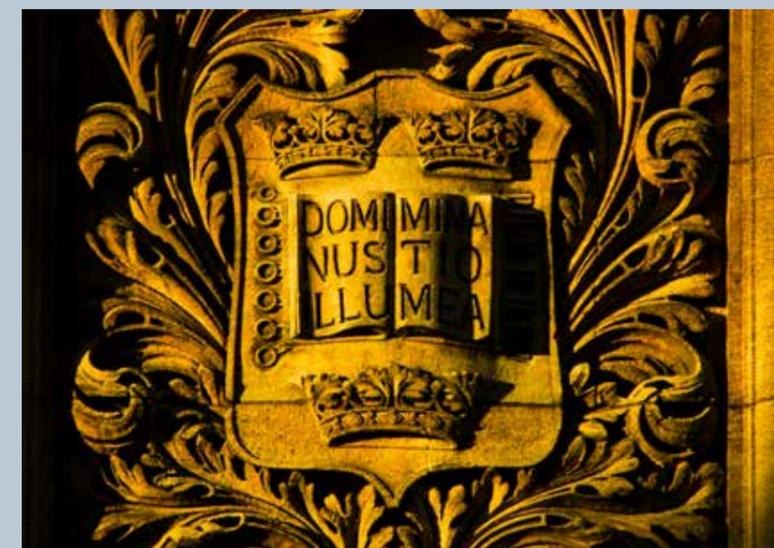
The Oxford collegiate system gives students and academics the benefits of belonging to both a large,

internationally renowned institution and to a smaller, interdisciplinary, college community. This enables leading academics and students across subjects and year groups, and from different cultures and countries, to come together in the pursuit of truth.

As a student at Wycliffe Hall, you'll be actively involved in the life of the University, and be able to draw upon many of Oxford's significant academic, social, and cultural resources, including the world-famous Bodleian Library.

*"Wycliffe was an amazing place to study, have community and make life-long friends. Being a part of a world-leading university was an exciting place to further our academic careers and equipped us well for our future ministry, both within and outside of traditional church settings. It was wonderful to study in a place that was both Gospel-focused and academically rigorous."*

Oliver and Judy—PGDip and MTh



# COURSES

Wycliffe accepts students for a wide range of graduate degrees, that differ in terms of areas of specialization, length of time, and the balance of teaching to research. These include primarily academic courses, as well as those in applied theology. The majority of courses that Wycliffe accepts are offered through the Faculty of Theology and Religion and the Oriental Institute.

However, Wycliffe also accepts students who wish to study theological subjects through graduate degrees offered through other faculties, or who wish to make use of Wycliffe's theological expertise within their studies and vocation. The main graduate degrees that Wycliffe accepts students from include the following:

## **PGDip in Applied Theology**

Full time and Part time  
9 months

In addition to making use of the full breadth of Faculty teaching, the PGDip in Applied Theology is a year long course that allows students to conduct their own research projects in four areas of theology. These projects are not only academically rigorous but applied to specific contexts that may prove central to a student's vocation or ministry, whatever that may be.

## **MTh in Applied Theology**

Full time and Part time  
2 years

Church of England Approved Pathway

The MTh focuses on applied theology and trains students to increase their theological knowledge and research skills, but also to develop their own

projects in applied theology. Although often taken by those training for ministry, it is suitable for all those wishing to see how theology might be applied into their own context. In addition to four shorter projects in the first year, the second year is devoted to the development of a long research thesis.

## **PGDip in Theology**

Full time and Part time  
9 months

The PGDip in Theology is designed as a conversion course for those who have degrees in another discipline but who wish to go onto graduate study in academic theology. Taught primarily through tutorials and lectures, the PGDip offers students an intensive year of study, specializing in topics that may prove foundational to their further graduate research, typically onto the MSt or MPhil.

## **MSt in Theology**

Full time only  
9 months

The MSt is a short course that allows students to specialize in a chosen area of theological or Biblical study. It contains both taught and research elements, and equips students for higher study, including potential progression onto the DPhil. In addition to the general provision of the Faculty, it is taught primarily through seminars and supervisions.

## **MPhil in Theology**

Full time only  
2 years

The MPhil is a two year programme that specializes in a chosen area of theological or Biblical study. It typically follows the MSt course for the first year, but focuses on the student's own research in the second year. The MPhil may progress into the DPhil and develop the Master's thesis further.

## **DPhil in Theology**

Full time and Part time  
3 years (or 2 years following the MPhil)

The DPhil is Oxford's PhD programme. Taught primarily through supervisions with a doctoral supervisor, the DPhil allows students to develop their own research project conducted at the highest levels. Entry will be on the basis of the student's proven track record, as well as the strength of their research proposal.

## **PGCE**

Full time  
9 months

The PGCE trains students to become teachers. It is an intensive course combining teaching elements with extensive practical experience from the start. Wycliffe primarily accepts students wishing to focus on Religious Education, but also in a range of other subjects.

Full details of these courses can be found on the relevant Faculty web sites. Those wishing to apply to Wycliffe on other courses are encouraged to get in touch with the Hall for further details of permitted courses.



# THANK YOU

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Dear prospective graduate,

Thank you for taking the time to peruse the Wycliffe Hall graduate prospectus. Our prayers are with you as you choose where to make your home for the next few years. It's of course a crucial decision and I hope that the information in these pages will help you discern your next steps.

It's customary to find a word from the principal of an institution at the beginning of a prospectus, however I felt it would be more helpful for you to hear directly from our students first about how the Wycliffe community has encouraged them and given them confidence in their academic studies, faith and vocation.

In their inspiring reflections about how the Wycliffe staff and faculty have helped equip them academically and spiritually to engage with the world around us, I hope you've been able to picture yourself living and learning here, too. Whether through studying, debating, worshipping, praying, eating, laughing, and relaxing together, Wycliffe is a centre of fellowship and support in this extraordinary University setting. Together, as a community of disciples of Jesus, we will see nations transformed by the gospel.

Thank you again for prayerfully considering being part of the Wycliffe community.



Michael Lloyd

Principal



*“Studying at Oxford exceeded my highest expectations! Oxford’s academic rigor and rich intellectual culture started conversations and questions that I will pursue for the rest of my life. I initially ranked Wycliffe Hall at the top of my college preferences because I wanted to study theology among Christians, and Wycliffe similarly exceeded my expectations by becoming my social and spiritual home in Oxford. The world-class tutors and friendly community created an ideal setting for learning.”*

Matthew—PGDip

# APPLY

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All graduate courses are run through their respective faculties and departments. Students wishing to apply for these courses will need to do so through Oxford's centralised Graduate Admissions department. Please go to [www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/graduate](http://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/graduate) for further information.

Individual graduate courses will have their own entry requirements. However, most will require applicants have achieved a good 2:1 (67% or 3.8 GPA) in a previous degree, and request transcripts, references, a personal statement, and a sample of written work. Degrees with a considerable research element (the DPhil and, to a lesser extent, the MPhil) will require a research proposal as well.

Potential applicants should consult the Graduate Admissions pages for further details of what their applications may require. However, applicants are also encouraged to contact Wycliffe in advance for further guidance and advice on how to apply.

The application form will ask potential students to indicate a first-choice college that they would like to attend. If you would like to come to Wycliffe, please enter our name on your application form. If for some reason Wycliffe does not appear to be allocated to your chosen course, please contact the Hall for advice.

Applications will first be considered by the relevant faculties who will formally admit students onto their courses. Once this has been done, applications are then sent to the respective colleges who review and accept students for membership.

## Ordinands

In addition to the application onto their chosen course, prospective ordinands will also need to apply directly to Wycliffe for their ordination training. This can be done directly through the central Wycliffe Hall website.



*“Before applying to Oxford for the first time as a graduate I carefully read through various college websites. Wycliffe Hall stood out: a dynamic Christian community, infused with Evangelical spirituality, formed around Evangelical liturgy and practice, and populated by theologically-engaged students and staff, all immersed in their shared vocation—seeking after Christ in both life and work. Through five years, an MSt, a DPhil, living in college and living outside of it, I have found this first impression to be true. To return to Wycliffe Hall after a long day working at the Faculty was to return to friends, community, and fellowship.”*

Andrew—MSt and DPhil (English)

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