

# CLIFF TODAY

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**CLIFF** COLLEGE

Welcome to your 2023 edition of Cliff Today!



As a College, we remain committed to our core task of training and equipping people for mission and evangelism. We work hard to ensure every academic course and encounter with Cliff has a mission focus. We still believe that every person needs to hear the life transforming news of Jesus Christ; this is not just our heritage, but also our present and future.

We are excited to be developing partnerships both here at home



and around the world with churches and institutions that share our heart and can offer quality theological education. I am very excited about a new Memorandum of Understanding with UCEL in Argentina and am sure the relationship will bear much fruit.

As we continue to increase our online and hybrid course delivery, more people than ever can access Cliff College's education. This offers exciting opportunities for every person, of every age, wherever they find themselves. There are lots of ways to engage with Cliff College, and I hope the overview in these pages encourages you to stay connected.

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# CLIFF FESTIVAL

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Cliff Festival 2023 (26–29 May) welcomed hundreds of attendees for a weekend of worship, learning, celebration and spiritual connection.



This year's theme was 'Eden Restored', prompting reflections on living and witnessing to God's kingdom in a complex world and exploring restoration in our relationships with God, one another and the natural world.

The clear sides of our Hope Stage tent allowed us to see God's creation all around as we worshipped, prayed and learned together, and it was a delight to share in baptisms and reaffirmation of baptisms as part of our anniversary celebration on Monday.

Dr Ruth Valerio from Tearfund led our Bible studies, taking us on a journey through Scripture to learn about restoration.

The programme also included all-age worship sessions, afternoon performances from musical and dramatic artists and evening services with preachers including Linbert Spencer, Bejoy Pal and Daoud Nassar.

In addition to the Hope Stage events, attendees had the opportunity to participate in

seminars covering topics including revival, eco-church, justice, mission and discipleship.

There was plenty on offer across the site, from performances on the Orchard Stage to mocktails and conversations at the Hope & Anchor, a bookstore at the Market Hub to guided walks to

Curbar Edge and archery tag for those with energy to burn! For those seeking a quiet and reflective space, creative prayer workshops, meditations and quiet prayer spaces were available. Festival continues to cater for children and young people with age-specific venues offering appropriate content for 0–2s, 3–4s, 5–11s, 11–17s and 18–30s.

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Looking ahead, Cliff Festival 2024 is scheduled for 24–27 May, with the theme **Rerouted: Finding Peace on the Journey**. This theme invites attendees to explore the journeys God takes them on and the importance of walking alongside others in church and community.

Tickets for the Festival can be purchased at [www.cliffcollege.ac.uk/festival](http://www.cliffcollege.ac.uk/festival)

# ENGAGING IN MISSION

For students and staff based on campus at Cliff College, engaging in mission in our local area is an important part of our learning and ministry. Over the past year, we've been partnering with local churches in mission in different ways appropriate to their contexts.



Some of our students have led a Warm Spaces project in partnership with Calver Methodist Church. This has encouraged the church in its mission, with our students providing resources and support to the church as it connects with local people and meets their practical needs.

We've also been working alongside Deacon Lorraine Brown in setting up a Messy Church in Monyash, and with Pioneer Minister Jonathan Hood in facilitating a youth drop-in for students at Hope Valley College.

These partnerships offer opportunities for local families and young people to engage with church and faith in accessible and appealing ways. These have also been great experiences for our Cliff Year participants as they explore different expressions of mission and outreach.

This year Cliff College has partnered with the Peak Circuit to reflect on what mission looks like in rural Derbyshire. One of the things to come out of this is the creation of a pilgrimage route in the circuit, which will stretch from Matlock to Spennyworth and will provide a unique and meaningful way for people to explore faith.

These partnerships give Cliff College the opportunity to commit to longer-term work with churches and communities. From September 2023, some of the students on our new undergraduate degree will be able to dedicate more time to this work through their Mission Placement unit.

We're excited to see the fruit that God will bring from this work and these partnerships with churches in our local area.

# DOORSTEP CHALLENGE

Sometimes God leads us to do things in an upside-down way, don't you find? In 2020, I embarked on a BA Theology and Ministry degree; halfway through the course, I took on the lead Pastor role at the Elim Network Church in the town where I live (less than an hour's drive from Cliff College).

One of the difficulties of the degree was finding alternative ways to conduct Mission Placement during a pandemic and the resulting lockdowns. The understanding that Christian mission is not limited to overseas

missionaries was key to my Mission Placement unit in my final year, which saw our church reaching out to the people on our doorstep.

After receiving training and equipping on evangelism, we engaged in conversations on the street and held an evening event which was focused on proclaiming the gospel message to the town.

What I had learned about different models of evangelism helped as we reflected on the experience, reflecting on our strengths and weaknesses and considering how to plan for any future events which would better suit the needs and demographics of the area.

**Zoe Presland,**  
Pastor, Elim Network Church and  
BA Theology and Ministry student

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## WAYS OF CONNECTING

My mission placement this year has been at a large Methodist church, where I've been doing some work with their online and digital content as well as assisting with their third age and young adult ministries.

The church's online congregation expanded during the pandemic and, after congregations returned to worshipping in church buildings, they've continued to prioritise sharing their services online. That's meant they have a good-sized congregation who tune in on YouTube and Facebook, including some people who don't want to attend a service in a building and others who used to attend those services in person but now can't due to age, mobility or transport availability.

It's been a great opportunity to work for a larger church as I've

had a lot of people to learn from. So often church is like an iceberg – we see 10–15% of it but there's a lot more going on that's not visible on a Sunday morning. It's given me a lot of respect for people who are in full-time ministry, because so much of what they do is unseen but essential to the work of the church.

**John Forsdick**  
BA Theology and Ministry student



# TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT COURSES

These flexible and accessible courses from Cliff College are designed to train and equip the whole church for mission and ministry in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

This includes courses accessed entirely online and available anywhere in the world; teaching and learning in classrooms onsite at Cliff College; and hybrid courses that give students the option to learn in a way that suits them.

Offered in partnership with organisations including BRF and the Methodist Church, these courses are highly practical

and focus on equipping for particular areas of mission and ministry. They range from pioneer ministry and evangelism to faith development in families; from coaching leaders to studying the Bible; from Christian spirituality and holiness to the issues facing the church today.

Some online courses can be taken for academic credit, which is awarded by the University of Manchester; and six of these courses can be taken together as the Foundations for Mission and Ministry programme, which is part of the recommended training for Local Lay Pastors in the Methodist Church.



*"I highly recommend taking a course with Cliff College, whether you're taking it to gain a qualification or for the joy of learning something new. The online learning is highly adaptable and the team at Cliff have been incredibly supportive. The learning is stretching my mind and my faith as I discover more about mission, ministry and myself."*



*"I was met exactly 'where I'm at' with relevant, balanced content, both practical and stretching. I should have been on this course years ago!"*



*"I have been inspired, enthused and encouraged by the whole experience. The lectures and fellowship of studying together were wonderful."*



# THE TREK

The Trek is part of Cliff College's heritage, something we have been gifted from the past that we can treasure and appreciate in the present. Our history shapes our present identity, and Cliff's heritage of reaching out with the good news of Jesus has been key in relaunching the Trek for the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

The 2023 Trek started in Scarborough on the Monday of Holy Week and finished four days and 45 miles later in Withernsea.

We were blown away by the warmest of welcomes from Methodist churches along the route, with members sharing their food and their stories with us. It's a unique opportunity for Cliff students to hear about what each church is doing, and for local churches to hear how the College is training and equipping students for mission.

Along the way, we found opportunities to talk about faith in the most unlikely of places, with students discovering they

have a real gift for evangelism and connecting with people despite declaring, 'I could never do that' at the start of the Trek.

Our evening celebrations were themed around 'Yesterday, today and forever', recognising God's faithfulness to us in every age and time and stepping out in faith, knowing that faithful love that never fails.

*The Trek 2024 will run from 24–29 March in Cornwall – and we would love you to join us. We can't promise good weather, but we can promise an unforgettable time (and maybe a blister or three).*



# REFLECTING ON THEORY & PRACTICE



As a school-based Family Support Worker, some days I encounter challenges that can be overcome with simple solutions, such as providing an alarm clock so a child can get to school on time even when their adult cannot seem to manage that requirement.

Other days involve sitting with emotional parents who are struggling with homelessness, domestic violence or other challenges in family life that are much harder to resolve. There's quite a lot of crying, and it's not all me.

As a student at Cliff College over the past few years, I have found the language of theological reflection helpful. Simply noticing the difference between what we might espouse and how we operate is eye-opening for all sorts of occasions.

Though it is such a basic thing, reflecting on that has been very useful for my work and practice. I have also enjoyed learning alongside students of different ages, especially on residential study weeks and overseas trips.

In summer 2022 I travelled to Israel/Palestine with a group of students and will never forget being led by John to find the Banksy of Beit Sahour.

This artwork is painted on the side of a garage as an act of solidarity and to give hope to struggling people.



**Sue Rockhill**  
BA Mission and Ministry student

## DELIVERY SERVICE

As part of my BA Theology and Ministry degree, I have had two different mission placements over two years which have given me the opportunity to put what I have learned in my studies into practice.

One of my placements was in my home church in Oxfordshire, where I preached at three services. Skills I had learned in units like Preaching Practice, New Testament Greek, New Testament and Old Testament Exegesis helped me to write and shape the sermons I delivered.

These units enabled me to read and understand passages within the Bible and learn about the contexts in which they were written, and to explain this information to others in relevant ways.

Another placement I had was working in a youth group, which gave me the opportunity to use the learning from my Mission and Evangelism and Mission Placement units to inform how I engaged in mission to and with children and young people.

**Jennie Lockett**  
BA Theology and Ministry student





# BA THEOLOGY AND MISSION



*"Studying at Cliff College has been an amazing way for me to dig deeper into my faith. It's enabled me to learn more about the Christian faith which will be useful as I go into ministry and encounter people who have questions, whilst also letting me form my own opinions."*



*"Studying Theology at Cliff College is a fantastic way of learning from God both academically and devotionally, I would recommend it to anyone who wants to grow alongside fellow Christians in their understanding of God."*



This innovative programme from Cliff College offers a solid foundation in Christian theology and biblical studies alongside practical instruction and experience in mission and ministry.

It can be studied online or on campus, full-time or part-time, allowing students to access learning in the way that best suits them and their families and ministries.

Our current students come from all across the UK and further afield, including the Channel Islands, Ireland and Uganda! Our mixed classrooms allow students from across the world to learn alongside those in lecture rooms at Cliff College, enabling our students to share ideas and experience from their different contexts with one another.

Each student on the BA programme engages in mission in each year of their studies, with the Mission and Evangelism Placement unit giving them the opportunity to explore different ministry contexts and theologically reflect on their practical experience.

This core part of our programme ensures that students leave Cliff College with hands-on experience of mission and prepares them for Christian ministry in their future careers.



# HEARING THE CALL

I am a fifth-year PhD student at Cliff College and a curate in the Church of England. In the past I might have said these were two very distinctive callings, one being academic and the other being pastoral, but I have come to realise these are two parts of the same vocation.

Cliff has given me the time, support and space to study God's word deeply, and as with any prayerful act, this is worthwhile in itself.

However, studying then positively impacts how I lead and treat people as a priest, due to my understanding of God growing, and my own discipleship deepening.

The ability to wrestle with profound theological issues allows me to communicate

faithfully in the pulpit and elsewhere, which is a pastoral act. The Word of God does not simply contain nice theories but is transformational, and studying it enables us as the church to tune into what God wants us to be and become, which involves serving each other better. I'm thankful to have the opportunity to grow in this single calling through my studies at Cliff College.

**Rev Andre Adefope**  
Fifth-year PhD student



# WORKING WITH CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

I enrolled on the BA Mission and Ministry programme in 2019 because I had recently moved to a small church with an older congregation which was starting children's and youth work from scratch.



I had worked with children, young people and families for many years in other contexts, but I felt completely out of my depth!

I needed to think through both the theology and the practicalities of how we as a church should begin to engage with children and young people. Cliff College's BA Mission and Ministry programme has given me the skills to do this.

I have particularly appreciated the opportunity to use the assignments to begin to apply theoretical knowledge to my actual context and receive feedback, advice and encouragement from my tutor, who has a lot of experience in the area of children's, youth and families ministry.

In my second year we learned how to 'audit' an area of ministry. I found doing this in my own church really helpful and have recently been able to put some of these skills into practice again in the wider context of conducting an audit of the youth and children's work across our deanery.

**Eleanor White**  
BA Mission and Ministry student



I'm in my third year of a part-time Diploma in Mission and Ministry at Cliff College, focusing on working with young people.

I live in Northamptonshire and work for Peterborough Diocese as a Youth Mission Enabler. My course at Cliff has really helped me in my practice. A few weeks back I took the 'Preaching in Context' unit on my course which really helped build my confidence as a speaker.

As a direct result, and due to the assignment task, I preached my first ever all-age talk in church in April, on 'the road to Emmaus' passage in Luke 24. I felt it went well and am now looking forward to preaching again!

**Sarah Howes**  
BA Mission and Ministry student



# POSTGRADUATE STUDY AND RESEARCH

Our programmes are designed to enable in-depth engagement for those who want to study theology and missional practice at postgraduate level.

Cliff College offers both taught and research degrees, with an emphasis on exploring the cutting-edge of mission and evangelism in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Our new MA programme, MA Theology and Mission\*, offers online or on-campus learning, with full-time and part-time study options available. Alongside two core

\*subject to approval in spring 2024

units on missional theology, students can select topics including leadership, preaching, chaplaincy, intergenerational ministry, justice and pioneer ecclesiology, as well as Scripture and theology.

Research programmes at Cliff College include a standard PhD and a PhD Missiology, which is a professional doctorate. Both programmes combine in-depth, high-level research with a supportive and encouraging research community of staff and students.



*"I have felt consistently supported, encouraged, and inspired by the staff at Cliff, and am grateful for the opportunity to learn in an environment as deeply committed to mission and discipleship as it is to academic rigour."*



*"The PhD Missiology has not only enhanced my academic development, but it has positively impacted me as a person and my ministry. Studying part-time has meant that I have been able to combine my research with the practicalities of running a community church. I have appreciated the twice-yearly residentials at Cliff College where you can spend quality time with supportive lecturers, supervisors, and a cohort of other PhD researchers."*



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# CLIFF YEAR

A gap year programme for 18–25-year-olds, designed to give people opportunities to encounter God, be equipped for ministry and engage in mission.

Drawing on the history of Cliff College being a place for people to be trained as evangelists and sent out on mission, the Cliff Year includes:

- time dedicated to studying Scripture and to personal spiritual growth and development;
- time spent alongside other students exploring mission, evangelism and theology;
- time to practise evangelism and mission in different contexts and to discern and use skills and gifts in the service of the church.

Running from September to June, the Cliff Year is ideal for those who have completed their A Levels but aren't sure what to do next, or for those who have just completed a degree and want to dedicate a year to God before entering employment.

*"The Cliff Year has grounded me in my faith and given me confidence in the things I believe. I'd recommend the Cliff Year to anyone who wants to grow in their relationship with God and have opportunities to serve in different ways in local churches."*

*"The Cliff Year has given me the opportunity to live in community which has given me space to grow and develop as a person alongside others, whilst developing a good routine like reading my Bible and praying with other people."*

# A GLOBAL COMMUNITY

In April 2023 a group of 16 Cliff College staff, students and friends visited Kraków in Poland. The trip included a visit to Oskar Schindler's Enamel Factory, a walking tour of the Nazi-ruled Jewish Ghetto and a guided tour of the Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial and Museum.

Jennie, one of our students who participated in the trip to Kraków, said, 'It was an emotionally challenging few days, but really important to see the history and understand something of people's experiences.'

This trip was one in a series of opportunities for Cliff College students to examine the history of Jewish communities in Europe, and particularly to reflect on the relationship the

church has had with these communities. Other events have included a walking tour of Lincoln that focused on its Jewish communities and their experiences over the past 500 years. These events have been helpful in shaping our students' understanding of the interactions and history between different faith groups and will equip them for future mission and ministry in diverse communities in the UK and around the world.

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# LEARNING FROM A DISTANCE



I am currently studying as a formation student for ministry with the Methodist Church in Ireland. Living in rural Ireland and having the learning available online means I can study without having to uproot my family or be away from home for long periods of time.

I really enjoy how the training is produced – the combination of short videos with reading and questions means that I can easily work through part of a session before the family get up, rather than having to put aside a huge block of time.

Of the four units I've completed so far, my favourite has been Pastoral Practice.

I'm a listener and love to listen to people's stories, and this unit has certainly taught me how to be better at it.

I am currently spending my placement on a rural circuit in the Irish Midlands, which requires a lot of pastoral visiting.

The Pastoral Practice unit has also helped me work through some difficult situations which I've encountered while visiting, such as ill children, and the support and extra advice available from Cliff College staff in addition to the training has been wonderful.

**Ruth Mathews**  
Cliff College student on a Mission and Ministry Development programme designed for those preparing for ordained ministry in the Methodist Church in Ireland



# FINDING COMMUNITY IN ONLINE STUDY

My studies at Cliff College through the Foundations for Mission and Ministry programme have given me a fresh perspective on my ministry as well as encouraged me to persevere in participating in God's mission in the world and embodying God's good news of reconciliation and peace.

I am part of a local Methodist church in Rome, Italy, and am involved in the church's multicultural ministry through preaching, music and other aspects of church life.

At Cliff College I have found a family of believers who stand ready to face everyday challenges.

They show fellowship, compassion, empathy and reliance on others, driven by the love for God and thus love for other human beings.

I am grateful for the opportunity to participate in an online programme, for having excellent learning resources and instruments, and for marvellous and supportive professors and staff.

**Stefanie Gabuyo**  
Foundations for Mission and Ministry student, studying online from her home in Italy



# GLOBAL RELATIONSHIPS

Cliff College continues to invest in relationships with churches and institutions across the world, with the aim of supporting those who equip and train people for evangelism, mission and ministry in their own contexts.

Within Europe, one of our key relationships is with the Methodist Church in Ireland, where those training to be ministers and local preachers engage with our online learning as part of their preparation for ministry. Cliff is also helping to provide training for European Methodist students through the E-Academy, via TheologyX, the online learning platform developed by Cliff College and the Methodist Church.

In summer 2023, a group of European Methodists participated in a Wesleyan Study Tour of the UK which was coordinated by Cliff College. It was a joy to be able to spend some time with them at Cliff College at the beginning and end of their trip and to hear about their experiences of visiting key Wesley sites including Engelsea Brook, Aldersgate and Wesley's Chapel.

Further afield, some Cliff College staff travelled to Nigeria in late 2022 to attend the new Methodist Prelate's investiture service. They also met with representatives from Wesley Ondo University, with which the College has an ongoing support relationship, and with some prospective students from Nigeria.

Cliff College continues to support training work in the Methodist Church in Sierra Leone, with in-country mission partners playing a key role in adjusting some of Cliff College's online programme content for a west African context.

Since expanding our offering of online courses and learning, we've seen students across

the world joining our cohorts. One of these students, based in Uganda, has been so inspired by what he learned about the history of class meetings in Methodism that he shared it with his whole church. This has sparked a growing network of Methodist class meetings in Uganda. This story is one of many, as Cliff College's global work continues to impact individuals and communities around the world.



# RESEARCH CENTRES



Cliff College continues to be a centre for research into evangelism and missiology, with students on our research programmes flourishing in their studies and ministries.

Current areas of study for our PhD candidates include children and the environment, beauty and mission, and preaching and formation.

Cliff College's research centres are also offering research and learning opportunities to those who engage with their events. **The Samuel Chadwick Research Centre's** annual lecture in 2022 was delivered online by Dr James Pedlar from Tyndale University in Toronto, on the subject of 'The Holy Spirit, Christian Unity and Church Union'.

The lecture was well attended and prompted a considered and engaging discussion. The 2023 lecture

takes place on 17 October and will be titled, 'The Gospel in a Material World'.

**The Bible, Gender and Church Research Centre** focuses on biblical and practical gender studies, and how these intersect and inform the lives of women and men in the contemporary church.

The Centre hosts an annual lecture on a related topic, as well as running both online and on-campus 'Women in the Bible' courses. Currently the leaders of the Centre, Holly Morse (the University of Manchester) and Kirsi Cobb (Cliff College) are working on a funded project by the Arts and Humanities Research Council entitled 'Abusing God: Reading the Bible in the #MeToo Age'.



The project has so far included two colloquia with papers from academics and practitioners. The first colloquium was on the theme of coercive control and the other on hypermasculinity.

From September 2023, the project will involve organising workshops for the presenters to turn the papers into resources that can be used by churches and charities, as well as a book proposal on the presented papers and associated reflections.

**The Generation Research Centre**, focusing on mission and ministry to children, youth and families, continues to host three forums per year on a variety of topics. In the last calendar year, subjects have included how social and demographic factors, such as race and class, might impact the ways in which we engage in mission and ministry to children, young people and families. Generation also held a special forum entitled 'Emerging Voices', which gave the opportunity to three presenters who are fairly new to the world of research to present papers on a topic of their choosing. These forums are consistently well attended and the Q&A sessions after the presentations are always thought-provoking and full of practical ideas and advice. Details of upcoming forums can be found on the Cliff College website.

Cliff College is pleased to welcome Dr Heather Major to its staff from Highland Theological College. In addition to teaching and research, Heather will be helping to excavate learning about evangelism and growth from New Places for New People-related pioneer projects.

This exciting research will be a vital piece of work to develop understanding about how God is at work in and through the New Places for New People initiative and will further develop Cliff College's profile as an important research centre for the Methodist Church and the UK church as a whole.

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# CCAN YOU JOIN US?

# GRADUATION

**2022** Each year graduation is an opportunity to celebrate the hard work and dedication our students and graduates put into their studies, and it was a privilege to celebrate their accomplishments at our ceremony in November 2022.

Graduates from Cliff College's BA, MA and PhD programmes were joined by students who had completed short courses and the Cliff Year, as well as family and friends who came to share in the joy of this special occasion.

The ceremony was filled with prayer and worship, with an address from Dr Holly Morse from the University of Manchester and a sermon from Rev Dr Janet Unsworth, Director of the Ministries Team in the Methodist Church in Ireland. Congratulations to the class of 2022!



The Cliff College Alumni Network (CCAN) launched in 2023, with the aim of connecting our alumni to one another and to the College.

CCAN provides opportunities for alumni to hear from Cliff College and stay informed of new developments and work; opportunities to connect with and support other alumni; and opportunities to engage with God's ongoing mission through and beyond Cliff College, and to pray for and support those doing God's work in the world today.

CCAN hosts three events per year and sends out regular communications to our members to keep them up to date with news, events and initiatives at Cliff College. Members also receive discounts on further study and will have access to a dedicated online portal which will enable them to connect with other alumni and share stories and memories of their time at Cliff College, as well as committing to

pray for those engaged in mission and ministry across the world.

If you've studied at Cliff College for one year or more, CCAN is open to you! We are happy to count among our numbers those who studied on the Cliff Year, undergraduate, postgraduate or other training and equipping programmes.

Some of our members studied full-time and lived onsite, others studied part-time and only visited the College site for teaching days or weeks. But all of our members have shared in the discipleship and formation that Cliff College offers and have been shaped and prepared for mission and ministry by the education they have received.

For more information and to request membership, visit [www.cliffcollege.ac.uk/ccan](http://www.cliffcollege.ac.uk/ccan) or email [alumni@cliffcollege.ac.uk](mailto:alumni@cliffcollege.ac.uk)

# PRAYING FOR CLIFF COLLEGE

## Sunday

- Pray that the College will continue to proclaim 'Christ for all and all for Christ' through every aspect of its expanding work and witness.
- Pray that the College will use its resources of people and finance well, so that we will continue to develop and grow active disciples and ministers of the gospel.

## Monday

- Pray for all those who share in the oversight of the work of the College and especially for the Cliff College Committee with their important decision making, the Principal and the senior leadership of the College.
- Pray for all our members of staff; the teaching faculty and programme leads, the pastoral, administration and support teams, mission and evangelism team, operations team and all who offer their skills in many areas to support and develop the work of the College.

## Tuesday

- Pray for our students who live onsite at the College – a mixture of BA, Cliff Year and postgraduate students. Pray that they would know Christ more fully and follow him more closely as they live, study and worship together as part of our residential community.

## Wednesday

- Pray for our students who study remotely on our BA courses and our postgraduate programmes. These are full- and part-time students across the country and around the world; pray that as they engage with us online, their learning would translate to practice in the mission fields in which they live and work.

## Thursday

- Pray for all participants and students on our training and development courses delivered onsite, online and around the UK, and for their lives, ministries, communities and churches to be developed and enriched by their studies.
- Pray for our conference centre, for our B&B, retreat and conference guests, and for those staff who look to offer hospitality and welcome to guests onsite.

## Friday

- Pray for all the preparation involved in the planning for Festival 2024 and for our team as they work to make the event safe, accessible and engaging for everyone.
- Pray for our international work across the world and for our partners and students. Pray that God would bless and expand their ministries because of the training they receive.

## Saturday

- Pray for our community outreach, that we would find open doors and hearts in our local area and that our neighbours would come to know Jesus and would be transformed by the Spirit through our outreach.
- Pray for those who engage with our online community through tuning in to morning prayers and celebration or participating in other online events, that God would be at work in their lives even though we may rarely or never see them face to face.

# A GIFT CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

At Cliff College we continually give thanks to God for the prayerful and generous support of our many friends and former students. This support comes in a number of different ways:

- *Volunteers, as evidenced by the work done at Festival and in Archives*
- *Regular commitment to prayer*
- *Financial gifts and legacies*

In terms of financial support there are various ways to donate to the work of the College. Single gifts can be made by responding to this article in Cliff Today or by visiting [www.cliffcollege.ac.uk/donate](http://www.cliffcollege.ac.uk/donate). Regular monthly giving can be arranged via the website or by setting up a standing order with your bank. If you pay income tax don't forget to complete a Gift Aid Declaration to enable the College to claim an additional 25% of your donation from the government.

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be accurate in specifying your wishes. An existing will can be amended by adding a codicil, which is an official alteration to your will.

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Thank you for your continuing support of the work of the College.

**Rev Ashley Cooper**  
Principal

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I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

### Donor's details

Full name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home address: \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return signed declarations to: The Finance Office, Cliff College, Calver, Hope Valley, Derbyshire, S32 3XG.

Cliff College will retain this information for as long as you are a donor to the College.

Please notify us if you:

- want us to destroy your data
- want to cancel this declaration
- change your name or home address
- no longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains

If you pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self Assessment tax return and ask HMRC to adjust your tax code.

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