The University Chaplaincy is a dynamic hub supporting religious, spiritual, ethical, and cultural life for all members of the Tufts community. We host events such as All Saints Day, Reformation Day, and Samhain, which are significant worldwide. The week of October 31st is dedicated to several important events:

- **Mon., Oct. 31, 2022**: **Samhain** - Traditions of this ancient Celtic harvest festival mark the end of summer and the beginning of winter. It is a time for honoring the spirits of the dead.
- **Mon., Oct. 31, 2022**: **Reformation Day** - Commemorates the beginning of the Protestant Reformation with Martin Luther's challenge to the Catholic Church.
- **Thu., Oct. 27, 2022**: **Birth of Baha’u’llah** - This event marks the birth of the founder of the Baha’i faith, a global religious movement.
- **Sat., Oct. 29, 2022**: **Birth of the Bab** - The Bab taught spiritual rejuvenation and the oneness of God, and is recognized as the Forerunner of the Baha’i faith.

These events are drawn from the multifaith calendar maintained by the Office of Religious and Spiritual Life at Harvard Divinity School. If you're interested in volunteering, you can find more information here: [Harvard Divinity School calendar](https://example.com/calendar).

For questions about volunteering, please contact Reverend Elyse Nelson Winger at [chaplaincy@tufts.edu](mailto:chaplaincy@tufts.edu) or 617.627.3427.

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**Upcoming Signature Programs**

- **Wednesday, October 26, 7:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Tufts Hillel**: Cummings/Hillel Program for Holocaust & Genocide Education Speaker Series: Lwam Gidey
- **Thursday, October 27, 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., TASA Dinner Dance**: Join Hindu Student Association (HSA) for a Diwali Puja after mehendi and followed by Tufts Association of Students (TASA) dinner dance.
- **Saturday, November 5, Interfaith Center**: Fill your homes with tranquility on this interfaith evening. Enjoy a community candlelight dinner, delectable pizza, and meaningful storytelling. All faiths are welcome and everyone will receive a raffle ticket. The event will be followed by sweets and warm drinks outside. Please join us for a night of candlelight, stories and songs.
- **Wednesday, November 2, 2022, 11:00 a.m., Breed Memorial Hall**: The Student Ministry Commission presents the Family Celebrates: All Saints Day, Solemnity of All Saints Catholic Mass. Join us to remember those who have passed on and for a day of gratitude and remembrance.

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**Research Grant Initiative**

We are excited to announce the development of a research grant initiative supported by the Vining Davis Foundations grant, now in its second year. This grant includes a focus on the development of a new curricular track for Religious Diversity and Civic Life at Tufts, which brings together members of the University Chaplaincy, Religious Studies, and the Office of Religious and Spiritual Life. The track includes students from across class years and disciplines, and features a series of guest speakers and workshops.

The “questions that live at the heart of civic and religious life: Who am I? What is my place in the world? How do I make meaning, build community, and do justice in the world, informed and challenged by our diverse religious texts, case studies, and secondary material?” is explored through religious texts, case studies, and secondary material to explore these questions. Led by Dr. Peter Vickers, the track includes students from across class years and disciplines, and features a series of guest speakers and workshops. The track includes students from across class years and disciplines, and features a series of guest speakers and workshops. The track includes students from across class years and disciplines, and features a series of guest speakers and workshops.

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**Support the University Chaplaincy**

To support the University Chaplaincy and the University Community, we invite you to join us in a Thursday Dinner Shift (leave campus 6 PM and return 9:30 PM) at Harvard Square Homeless Shelter, located in University Lutheran Church 66 Winthrop St Cambridge, MA (in the middle of Harvard Square). The University Chaplaincy will provide a T Pass for transportation on the 96 bus.

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