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## Gatwick Airport Chaplaincy

Located just south of Central London in the United Kingdom, Gatwick Airport has been in use since the late 1920s. With the world's busiest runway – more than 34 million passengers pass through its North and South terminals each year on their way to over 190 destinations with more than 70 different airlines.



*With a chaplaincy team in place since 1974 and a chapel opened two years later, Gatwick Chaplaincy has been serving holiday-makers, business travellers and Gatwick Airport's own staff for well over 35 years. Now very much a multi-faith chaplaincy, the move to provide inclusive facilities for worship and practising one's faith was spearheaded by Anglican chaplain Canon Jonathan Baldwin.*

Through his many conversations with Muslim colleagues and visitors to the chaplaincy facilities over the years, Canon Baldwin realised that the requirement for suitable wudu facilities at Gatwick was overwhelming.

When it came time to address the development of a new multi-faith facility that functioned for the many, diverse faith groups that passed through the airport on a daily basis, AA Lovegrove were appointed as project contractor. With direction from the chaplaincy team, Charlie Cooper from AA Lovegrove installed the WuduMate Classic for the multi-faith facilities. ***"It was the most appropriate, out-of-the-box solution on the market,"*** recalls Cooper. ***"It meant no slow-down on site as we didn't have to dig into the floor slab to accommodate a tile and cement trough. Not only that, but it was very easy to install"***



Due to the unprecedented increase in Muslim visitors to the multi-faith facility in the South Terminal, the team are now actively pushing for a similar prayer room and wudu area in the North Terminal.

The interest in the new multi-faith facility has been remarkable on two levels: firstly Gatwick Airport is clearly capable of welcoming and accommodating ever-increasing diversity in its visitors, but secondly,

from a community point of view, they are seeing that almost fifty percent of the visitors to the facility are staff members.

***"The general feeling was that the wudu facilities would be popular, but until Hajj, we didn't really appreciate how much they were needed"***, says Canon Baldwin. ***"I would say that the footfall into the chapel has doubled since we opened our multi-faith facility in February."***

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