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## FROM THE CHAPLAIN

There is an election coming and how I wish that the politicians would be open and honest about who they are and what they have to offer so we can choose our leaders well.

I don't think people want fancy speeches, we just want people who care and will serve us well – people we can put our trust in.

The apostle Paul speaks about this very issue in the bible.

3 We don't want anyone to find fault with our work, and so we try hard not to cause problems. 4 But in everything and in every way we show we truly are God's servants. We have always been patient, though we have had a lot of trouble, suffering, and hard times...

11 O Corinthians! We have spoken openly to you, our heart is wide open. 12 We are not holding back on our love for you, but you are holding back on your love for us. - 2 Corinthians 6

Transparency and honesty are important values in a Christian community. Being open is something Christian leaders should aim for in good times and bad.

We aim to be open-handed – generous and transparent so that people see we are truly serving Jesus through serving them.

We aim to speak openly – we want to speak the truth in love so that people can hear Jesus in our interactions and in our motives.

We aim to keep our hearts open – we want to keep loving people, even when they are not lovely. Jesus did this for us and so we do it for others.

Next week we have our College Open Week. Come and see what we do. Come and ask questions. We are open for you so that you can be open with us. Our college is not perfect, but we want to be that College that makes Jesus clear to our students, staff, and community.

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