# WHO YOU GONNA CALL?

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> ***Derby's new super-hospital is making a chaplain available following reports of a ghostly figure in the building.***
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> *Staff at Derby City General hospital, where a Â£334m building project is ongoing, have reportedly seen a mysterious apparition in the building.*
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> *Managers said they took information from staff seriously and were working with the chaplaincy to ease fears.*
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> *But they denied any suggestion that an exorcism or similar ceremony was being planned for the hospital.*
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> *The Reverend Canon Elaine Jones, an advisor to the bishop of Derby on the paranormal, said she had been asked to visit and investigate the claims.Â  (read more)*

When I first heard this story on the radio, I was mildly amused. Ghosts, who believes in 'em? But it just took a couple of minutes reflection to make me realise that I have no more right to dismiss a sincerely held belief in ghosts as anyone has to dismiss my belief in the risen Christ. Not only that, but this story has hit the British media in a big way and does open up all sorts of opportunities to talk about broader spiritual issues, which can but be a good thing (just like the agnostibus issue).Â  The problem is that I haven't a clue what I think about ghosts other than 'There are more things in heaven and earth, Horatio, than are dreamt of in your philosophy' (that's Hamlet, not the Bible).