



CHRIST'S COLLEGE

Chapel Services



Lent Term 2025

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Choral Services

Our main service of the week is at 6pm on Sunday evening. This is a service of Choral Evensong with an address, and is followed by drinks in the ante-chapel. Choral Evensong is also sung by the choir on Thursdays at 6.30pm.

Contemplative Services

Tuesday nights are when we hold contemplative services. Depending on the term, this may be traditional Compline, a contemporary Soulscape, or a reflective Holy Communion. These services are followed by port and hot chocolate in AI.

Said Services

From Monday to Friday, morning prayer is said in the chapel at 8.30am. On Monday and Friday evening prayer is said at 5.30pm.

Special Services this Term

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| Sunday 2 Feb | Candlemas Communion (10am)
A Eucharist to celebrate the feast of Candlemas when Jesus was presented in the temple. Everyone is welcome and the service is followed by breakfast. |
| Tuesdays 4 Feb,
11 Mar | Compline (9.15pm)
A peaceful candlelit service sung by the choir, followed by port and hot chocolate. |
| Tuesday 25 Feb | Soulscape Prayers for Peace (9.15pm)
A time of candlelit contemplation, music and poetry as we pray for peace in our world. Followed by refreshments. |
| Wednesday 5 Mar | Choral Eucharist for Ash Wednesday (6.15pm)
We begin our journey through Lent to Easter with traditional 'ashing' within a service of Holy Communion. |
| Sun 9 March | Festal Christonian Evensong (6.00pm)
We celebrate Prof David Rowland's 40 th anniversary as Director of Music with an Evensong of pieces composed by college members, and the world premiere of a commission by Annabel McLauchlan Rooney (m.1991) |
| Thursday 20 Mar | Alumni Choral Evensong (6.30pm)
We welcome back alumni for our final Evensong of term. |

Sunday Evensong Sermon Series

A funny thing happened on the way to the chapel....

Lent Term is renowned for being cold and wet, drab and depressing. What we need is something engaging and upbeat to lift our spirits. How about a series of addresses on comedy in its various genres and guises to cheer us on as we trudge through these dismal winter months to spring? After all, laughter is the best medicine.

26 Jan

Epiphany 3

The Chaplain

2 Feb

Candlemas

Laughter in the Darkness

Amy Lamé

Writer, Performer, DJ. First Night Czar of London and Founding Director of '24h Cities'

9 Feb

4 before Lent

Send in the Clowns

Dr Fran Eastwood

Teaching Bye-Fellow in English, Christ's College, Cambridge

16 Feb

Septuagesima

Speaking of Satire

Dr Dan Sperrin

Research Fellow in English, Politics and History, Trinity College, Cambridge

23 Feb

Sexagesima

From Footlights to the Spotlight

Matt Green (m.1997)

Comedian, Actor and Writer

2 Mar

Quingagesima

Jewish Humour

Rabbi Dr Tali Artman-Partock

Rabbi of Sukkat Shalom Reform Synagogue, London and Lecturer, Divinity Faculty, University of Cambridge

9 Mar

Lent 1

Celebrating a Musical Legacy:

Forty years of Musical Direction by David Rowland

Fr Christopher Woods (Chaplain 2007-11)

Vicar, St Barnabas Jericho, Oxford

16 Mar

Lent 2

Service of Music and Readings for Lent and Passiontide

Praying the Creed

lex orandi • lex credendi • lex vivendi

2025 marks the 1700 anniversary of the Council of Nicaea, a key moment in the history of the Christian faith. This term we will be looking at the content of the Nicene Creed and discussing and praying through its sections on Wednesdays 5 Feb, 19 Feb and 12 March. Runs 8-9pm in Room A1, with refreshments provided.

Chapel Contacts

The **Chaplain** is The Reverend Dr Helen Orchard. Helen is readily available to speak in confidence with any member of the college (irrespective of religious belief) concerning any matter. She can be contacted in her rooms (Second Court, A1) or by email (hco23).

All members of the college community – students, fellows or staff – are welcome to read the lesson or assist with clerking at a chapel service. Please contact the Chaplain for more details.

Chapel Music is organised by the Director of Music, Professor David Rowland (der26). If you would like to sing in the choir, please contact him, or the Choir Administrator, Tom Baarda (thb37).

Christian Groups

For information about the Roman Catholic Chaplaincy, please see the Fisher House website: www.fisherhouse.org.uk, or John Thompson (jat93). For information about the Christian Union, see www.christscu.soc.srcf.net/. For details of the Student Christian Movement, see cambridgescm.wordpress.com

Faith Contacts

The Chaplain has contacts with representatives from a range of religions and denominations. If you would like to be put in touch with members of a particular faith, please get in touch with her.

The Sacraments

All who customarily receive the Eucharist (Holy Communion) are welcome to receive it in the College Chapel, regardless of denomination. Also available for college members and staff are preparation for Baptism and Confirmation, the Sacrament of Reconciliation (sometimes called Confession), and prayer with Anointing for Healing. Please contact the Chaplain for further details.