



CHRIST'S COLLEGE

Chapel Services



Backflips on Brighton Beach, Simon Dack

Easter 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

Sunday 4 May	Eucharist and Lighting of the Easter Candle (10am) We celebrate Easter by lighting the Paschal Candle with a flame brought from a local church. Afterwards, all are welcome to breakfast.
Thursday 29 May	Ascension Anthems (8.15am) The choir sings anthems from a high place in college to celebrate the Feast of the Ascension.
Tuesdays 13 May and 17 June	Compline (9.15pm) A peaceful candlelit service, sung by the choir, followed refreshments in AI.
Thursday 19 June	Choral Eucharist for Corpus Christi (6.15pm) A festal service to celebrate the gift of Holy Communion, followed by refreshments. We also welcome back alumni to this service.
Tuesday 1 July	Leavers' Service (6pm) A service to celebrate and give thanks for our graduands before the graduation dinner.

Sunday Evensong Sermon Series

Let's Play!

Play is not a trivial matter. It is a fundamental means of human exploration and expression: a medium through which we engage with creativity, aspirations and limits. We play alone or in community, thought sport and art, dance and drama, and all manner of games and gaming. What better theme for the exam term? There's no denying that all work and no play makes for a rather dull existence, and embracing the freedom offered by our favourite form of play can provide a welcome release and de-stressor.

4 May
Easter 3

Christianity: just clever Cosplay?

The Chaplain

11 May
Easter 4

Developmental Play and Neurodiversity

Prof Jenny Gibson, Professor of Neurodiversity and Developmental Psychology, University of Cambridge

18 May
Easter 5

God and Gaming

The Revd Simon Archer, 'The Gaming Vicar'
Priest-in-Charge, Arbory and Castletown, Isle of Man

25 May
Easter 6

No more missing pieces: God, board games, and the completion of all things

The Revd Russell Dewhurst
Acting Archdeacon of Chichester

1 June
Easter 7

Faith and Football

The Revd Matt Baker
Pastoral Support Director for English Football
and Chaplain to Charlton Athletic Football Club

8 June
Pentecost

Godly Play

Canon Dr Samuel Wells, Vicar, St Martin-in-the-Fields,
Visiting Professor of Christian Ethics, King's College, London,
and Canon Theologian of Guildford Cathedral

15 June
Trinity Sunday

Playing with the Trinity: a 4-person game

The Chaplain

Soul Songs

recite • reflect • relate

This term we meet to read and discuss poetry from a spiritual perspective. We'll look at poems connected with biblical narratives, and others which are more broadly mystical. All are welcome as we recite and reflect on how they resonate with us. The sessions will run on Wednesday 7 May, 21 May and 11 June from 8-9pm. Held in A1, with refreshments.

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 service. Please contact the Chaplain for more details.

Chapel Music is organised by the Director of Music, Prof 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 contact John Thompson (jat93). For information about the college 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.