

Michaelmas Term 2025 Theme: 'Evensong Unpacked'

Choral Evensong takes place on Sundays at 6:15pm in the Chapel; Compline is on Thursdays at 9:30pm in the Crypt beneath St Peter-in-the-East

WEEK 0

Saturday 11 October, Come and Sing!

All are warmly invited, regardless of musical experience, to join the College Choir in singing Fauré's *Requiem* in the Old Dining Hall.

Rehearsals from 2pm, with plenty of breaks, and an informal performance at 7.30pm.

WEEK 1

Sunday 12 October, Choral Evensong

17th Sunday after Trinity "Who sings, prays twice"

Preacher: The Revd Martha Weatherill

(St Mary and St John, Cowley) Introit: Bruckner *Locus iste* Responses: Ayleward Psalm: 95 (Champneys)

Readings: 1 Chronicles 25.1-8; Luke

24.44-end.

Canticles: Dyson in F

Anthem: Bairstow Save us, O Lord

Hymn: 336

Thursday 16 October, Compline (Crypt) (College Choir)

Nunc dimittis: Victoria *Tertii toni* Motet: Tallis *If ye love me*

WEEK 2

Sunday 19 October, Choral Evensong

18th Sunday after Trinity
Confession, Preces and Responses:

"A Gentle Beginning"

Preacher: The Chaplain

Responses: Ayleward Psalm: 149 (Stanford)

Readings: Isaiah 12; Luke 15.1-10.

Canticles: Stanford in C

Anthem: Stainer God so loved the world

Hymn: 436

Thursday 23 October, Compline (Crypt)

Nunc dimittis: Byrd Fauxbourdon Motet: Sheppard In manus tuas (I)

WEEK 3

Sunday 26 October, Choral Evensong

Last Sunday after Trinity Psalms: "Songs of Scripture" Preacher: The Chaplain Responses: Ayleward Psalm: 119.1-16 (Attwood) Readings: Exodus 15.1-18,

Matthew 4.1-11

Canticles: D. Purcell in E minor Anthem: Tomkins My Shepherd is the

Living Lord Hymn: 457

Thursday 30 October, Compline (Crypt)

Nunc dimittis: Tallis Short Service

Motet: Bruckner Locus iste

WEEK 4

Sunday 2 November, Choral Evensong

All Saints' Day

Preacher: The Revd Elaine Bardwell (St Michael and All Angels, New Marston)

Introit: Harris Holy is the true light

Responses: Byrd Psalm: 150 (Talbot) Readings: Sirach 44.1-15, Hebrews

12.18-24

Canticles: Walmisley in D minor

Anthem: Stanford O for a closer walk with God

Hymn: 381

Monday 3 November, Sung Requiem Mass at St John the Evangelist (6pm)

All Souls' Day

Celebrant: The Chaplain Mass setting: Fauré Requiem

Sung by the joint choirs of St Edmund Hall

and St Stephen's House

Thursday 6 November, Compline (Crypt)

Sung by the St Edmund Consort

WEEK 5

Sunday, 9 November, Choral Evensong

Remembrance Sunday
Introit: Guest For the Fallen

Preacher: The Chaplain

Responses: Byrd Psalm: 121 (Walford Davies)

Readings: Baruch 3.1-14, John 15.9-17

Canticles: K. Briggs, *The Gloucester Service*

Anthem: Fauré In paradisum

Hymn: 331

Thursday 13 November, Compline (Crypt)

Nunc dimittis: Beach

Motet: Iste confessor (Anon. 16th century,

Lugo cathedral)

Saturday 15 November, Choral Vespers with Historical Brass (5.30pm)

Eve of St Edmund of Abingdon, Patron of the Hall.

There will be an open workshop with historical brass instruments earlier in the afternoon, as part of the Music at Teddy Hall series. All are warmly invited. Please visit the College website for details and to sign up.

WEEK 6

Sunday 16 November, Festal Evensong with Commemoration of Benefactors

St Edmund of Abingdon, Patron of the Hall.

Preacher: The Chaplain

Introit: Vaughan Williams, O taste and see

Responses: Byrd

Psalm: 119.1-16 (Attwood)

Readings: Acts 20: 28-35; Matthew 5: 1-12

Canticles: Stanford in C

Anthem: Wesley Blessed be the God and

Father

Hymn: 208

Thursday 20 November, Compline (Crypt)

Sung by the St Edmund Consort

WEEK 7

Sunday 23 November, Choral Evensong

Christ the King

Anthem: "A Moment of Meditation"

Preacher: Dr Kathryn King

Responses: Ayleward

Psalm: 24 (Barnby)

Readings: 1 Samuel 16.14-end, Acts

16.25-34.

Canticles: Forbes-L'Estrange Kings College

Service

Anthem: Bairstow Let all mortal flesh keep

silence Hymn: 345

Thursday 27 November, Compline (College Choir)

Nunc dimittis: Byrd Fauxbourdon Motet: Harris Holy is the true light

WEEK 8

Sunday 30 November, Choral Evensong

Advent Sunday

Magnificat: "Mary's Song of Exaltation"

Preacher: The Chaplain

Introit: Ledger Adam lay ybounden

Entrance hymn: 11 Responses: Ayleward

Psalm: 121 (Walford Davies)

Readings: Isaiah 2.1-5, Luke 1.39-56

Canticles: Murrill in E

Anthem: Howells A spotless rose

Final hymn: 9

Friday 5 December, Carols in the Quad

A service of carols, music and readings in the Front Quad, sung by the College Choir and the College Brass Band, with a reflection by the Chaplain. Arrival from 4.30pm, starting at 5pm, and followed by mince pies and mulled wine.

The Chapel

Prayer has been offered on the site of St Edmund Hall for over 1,000 years, and the Chapel has stood for nearly four centuries as a place for reflection and contemplation. It is open to all members of the Hall.

The Chaplain is available as a pastoral adviser to those of any faith or none, and can also offer information about faith groups at the Hall or around the city.

Contact the Chaplain if you would like to read lessons, lead intercessions, or help in other ways with services in Chapel, or if you would like to volunteer somewhere in Oxford.

The Choir



The College Choir is made up of about twenty-four singers, including eight choral scholars and two organ scholars. They sing Evensong on Sundays and Compline on Thursdays during term, as well as other special occasions and concerts.

Anyone interested in joining is warmly encouraged to contact the Director of Music.

Keep in Touch

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