CHRIST’S COLLEGE

Chapel Services

Michaelmas Term 2023

Mindar, the android priest at Kodaiji temple, Kyoto
Regular Services

Sunday

10.00am  **College Eucharist**
A simple communion service, with hymns and a short address. Followed by breakfast in the Chaplain’s Rooms, (A1, Second Court).

6.00pm  **Choral Evensong**
A sung service with the choir and a guest speaker, which lasts about an hour. Afterwards, drinks are served in the ante-chapel.

Weekdays

Morning Prayer is said at 8.30am, Monday to Friday. Evening services as follows:
Monday-Wednesday, Friday  5.00pm  Evening Prayer
Thursday  6.45pm  Choral Evensong

Special Services this Term

Sunday 1 Oct  **Freshers’ Service** (6pm)
A service to welcome new students and celebrate the beginning of the academic year.

Tuesdays 10 Oct and 7 Nov  **Compline** (9.00pm)
A peaceful candlelit service, sung by the choir, followed by port and hot chocolate in A1.

Thursday 2 Nov  **Choral Requiem for All Souls’ Day** (6.15pm)
We remember our departed loved ones at a communion service accompanied by the music of Fauré’s Requiem.

Sunday 12 Nov  **Remembrance Sunday Service** (10.55am)
A service of remembrance with the laying of a wreath.

Tuesdays 24 Oct and 21 Nov  **Soulscape** (9.00pm)
Space to reflect and be yourself. Meditative music, silence, and contemplative words, all by candlelight.

Thursday 30 Nov  **Christmas Carol Service** (6.00pm)
Classic carols and readings, followed by refreshments.

Friday 1 Dec  **Commemoration of Benefactors** (6.30pm)
A service of thanksgiving for the college’s benefactors.
Sunday Evensong Sermon Series

AI Future: will we flourish, or are we finished?

This term we reflect on the impact of Artificial Intelligence on our lives. Our speakers will discuss developments in AI from different perspectives, asking what it means to be human in an age where ‘bots’ are being developed both to help us – meeting our most intimate needs – and replace us. Exploring matters of justice, sustainability, sexuality, spirituality, creativity and mortality, we’ll consider how AI contributes towards, or impairs, human flourishing.

8 October
Trinity 18
The Chaplain

15 October
Trinity 19
Professor Richard Mortier
Professor in Computing and Human-Data Interaction
President, Christ’s College, University of Cambridge

22 October
Trinity 20
Dr Nathan Mladin
Senior Researcher
THEOS Think-Tank

29 October
Last Sun after Trinity
Dr Eve Poole OBE
Interim CEO, Carnegie Trust for the Universities of Scotland
Writer and speaker: author of Robot Souls

5 November
All Saints’ Day
The Right Reverend Dr Jane Steen
Bishop of Lynn
Diocese of Norwich

12 November
Remembrance Sunday
Professor Kathleen Richardson
Professor of Ethics and Culture of Robots and AI
De Montfort University, Leicester

19 November
3 before Advent
The Reverend Alastair Newman
Assistant Curate, St Matthew’s Church
Wimbledon Team Ministry

26 November
Christ the King
Advent Carol Service
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 services. 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, contact Jeremy Lee (jhjl2). For information about the College Christian Union, contact Lois Turner (lt542). 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.

Picturing Faith
story • image • sound

Read a story, look at pictures, listen to songs. A reflective discussion group using biblical narratives in which we'll discuss the background and context to some foundational texts, exploring the art and music they have inspired. Four stand-alone sessions on Wednesdays 18 Oct, 1, 15 and 29 Nov. Begins at 8pm in Room A1, with refreshments provided.