



CHRIST'S COLLEGE

Chapel Services



No Provenance, Issam Kourbaj (2026)

Michaelmas Term 2026

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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 Thursday, morning prayer is said in the chapel at 8.30am. On Fridays, the Chaplain celebrates the Eucharist at St Bene't's Church at 8am. All are welcome. On Monday and Friday evening prayer is said in the chapel at 5.30pm.

Special Services this Term

Sunday 4 Oct	Freshers' Welcome Service (6pm) A service to welcome new students to the college.
Sunday 11 Oct	All-comer Communion (10am) A Eucharist to mark the beginning of the academic year to which everyone is welcome. Followed by breakfast in AI.
Tuesdays 20 Oct, 10 Nov	Compline (9.15pm) A peaceful candlelit service sung by the choir, followed by port and hot chocolate in AI.
Monday 2 Nov	Choral Requiem for All Souls' Day (6.15pm) We remember our departed loved ones at a communion service set to the music of Fauré's Requiem.
Thursday 3 Dec	Christmas Carol Service (6.00pm) Classic carols and readings, followed by refreshments.
Friday 4 Dec	Commemoration of Benefactors (6.30pm) A service of thanksgiving for the college's benefactors.

Sunday Evensong Sermon Series

Provenance: stories of origin, identity and belonging

What gives a life, an object, or a story its value, and who decides? This series explores how origins are traced, lost, contested, and reimagined. From DNA testing to disinformation, art to artifice, displacement to the theology of recognition, our speakers explore issues related to known provenance, and the meaning of 'no provenance'.

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| 11 Oct
<i>Trinity 19</i> | Whence we came
The Chaplain |
| 18 Oct
<i>Trinity 20</i> | God's image?
Professor Carrie Vout
Professor of Classics, University of Cambridge, and Fellow of Christ's
Formerly, Director of Cambridge Museum of Classical Archaeology |
| 25 Oct
<i>Trinity Last</i> | The many forms of family
Dr Sophie Kay FHEA
Professional Genealogist and Geneticist, Khronicle |
| 1 Nov
<i>All Saints' Day</i> | Who taught us our first prayer?
Professor Mona Siddiqui OBE FRSE FAAAS
Professor of Religion and Society, King's College, London |
| 8 Nov
<i>Remembrance
Sunday</i> | Origins: theological and scientific reflections
Professor Robert White FRS
Emeritus Director, Faraday Institute for Science and Religion
Former Professor of Geophysics, University of Cambridge |
| 15 Nov
<i>2 bef Advent</i> | Content provenance and the challenges of
disinformation and AI
Shayan Sardarizadeh
Senior Journalist, BBC Verify |
| 22 Nov
<i>Christ the King</i> | Provenance: where from, where to? A brief
reflection on refugees' journeys and belonging
Professor Giorgia Doná
Professor of Forced Migration and Refugee Studies, University
of East London |
| 29 Nov
<i>Advent Sunday</i> | Whence He came
Advent Carol Service |

No Provenance

Our theme connects with the exhibition *No Provenance* by artist Issam Kourbaj. Bringing into relation objects from Cambridge museums and beyond, archives, collections, and newly commissioned contemporary artworks, the project explores the uncertain status of unprovenanced objects and the lived reality of undocumented people. We will visit the exhibition and meet the artist to discuss issues it raises. In addition, three evening sessions will provide the opportunity to explore provenance from a spiritual angle. These will run on Weds 21 Oct, 4 Nov and 18 Nov from 8-9pm in Room A1.

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, Viesturs Spulis (vs517).

Christian Groups

For information about the Roman Catholic Chaplaincy, please see the Fisher House website: www.fisherhouse.org.uk. For information about the Christian Union, see www.christscu.soc.srccf.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.