Epiphany & Lent

The season of Epiphany celebrates the gradual revealing of the baby of Bethlehem to the world.

First, the Magi travel from the East and Christ is revealed as a light to the nations. At his baptism a voice from heaven declares Jesus to be God’s beloved Son.

At Cana in Galilee, Jesus demonstrates God’s glorious and excessive grace by way of his first ‘sign’ when he turns water to wine.

This season of joyful celebration ends with Candlemas, the College’s second Name Day. Mary takes her child to the Temple where he is recognised as both a ‘light to lighten the
Gentiles' and 'the glory of God's people Israel'. But the redemption he will bring will be won through suffering, and our attention moves now to the events leading to the mysteries of Easter.

Lent is the season of preparation for our immersion in the story of Christ's death at Passiontide and his resurrection at Easter. After the pancakes of Shrove Tuesday we begin to develop a different spiritual disposition. The characteristic notes of Lent are repentance, self-examination, fasting or self-denial, study and acts of charity.

The 40 days begin with penitence when, on Ash Wednesday, we are marked in ash with the sign of the cross. Fittingly, we gather at the Corpus Chronophage Clock, along with the congregation of St Bene't's, as we remember our transience, our mortality, and the promise of new life with Christ.

As Holy Week approaches, the atmosphere of the season darkens; and the term ends with a service of music and readings that explore Christ's Passion.
Calendar

17 Jan: Choral Evensong 18.45

21 Jan: Third Sunday of Epiphany
Choral Eucharist 10.00
Choral Evensong 18.00

24 Jan: Choral Evensong 18.45
26 Jan: Commemoration of Benefactors
Holy Communion BCP 08.30
Commemoration Service 18.00

28 Jan: Candlemas
Choral Eucharist 10.00
with St Bene’t’s
Choral Evensong 18.00
31 Jan: Choral Evensong 18.45

4 Feb: Second Sunday before Lent & Second Name Day
Choral Eucharist 10.00
Choral Evensong with the choir of St Botolph 18.00
7 Feb: Choral Compline 21.00

11 Feb: Sunday next before Lent
Choral Eucharist 10.00
Choral Evensong 18.00
13 Feb: Shrove Tuesday
Pancakes (D4)
14 Feb: Ash Wednesday Eucharist with Ashing, starting at the Chronophoge 18.45

18 Feb: First Sunday of Lent
Choral Eucharist 10.00
Choral Evensong 18.00
21 Feb: Choral Evensong 18.45

25 Feb: Second Sunday of Lent
Choral Eucharist 10.00
Choral Evensong 18.00
28 Feb: Alternative Worship 21.00

3 Mar: Third Sunday of Lent
Choral Eucharist 10.00
Choral Evensong 18.00
6 Mar: Choral Evensong 18.45

10 Mar: Fourth Sunday of Lent
Sung Eucharist 10.00
Women of the Passion:
A Sequence of Music & Readings for Lent & Passiontide 18.00
15 Mar: Choral Evensong with the Royal Hospital School Choir 18.45
Evensong & Guest Preachers

21 January: Third Sunday of Epiphany
The Chaplain

28 January: Candlemas
The Chaplain

4 February: Second Sunday before Lent & Second Name Day
The Revd Dr Elizabeth Powell
Adjunct Assistant Professor, University of Notre Dame in England

11 February: Sunday next before Lent
The Venerable Kate Peacock
Archdeacon of Stansted

18 February: First Sunday of Lent
The Revd Rosie Hewitt
Assistant Curate
St James, Wulfstan Way

25 February: Second Sunday of Lent
The Revd Canon Angela Tilby
Portsmouth Diocese

3 March: Third Sunday of Lent
The Revd Dr Sharon Prentis
Deputy Director of the Church of England’s Racial Justice Unit &
Canon Theologian, Lichfield Cathedral

10 March: Fourth Sunday of Lent
Women of the Passion:
A Sequence of Music & Readings for Lent & Passiontide
Sundays & Wednesdays

At 10.00 the choir will lead our sung worship as we gather for Holy Communion. The service lasts for an hour and afterwards we share breakfast in D4.

The 18.00 service of music and readings is taken from the 1662 Book of Common Prayer and includes a sermon. Its structure and ambience appeals to long-standing Christians, those who are exploring faith and spirituality, and those who want to enjoy the music and a moment of reflection (60 minutes).

The 18.45 Wednesday Evensong is a shorter form without a sermon (35 minutes).

Daily Offices

These short said services begin and end the day, offering the needs of the world to God. They last about 15 minutes and are held at the East of the Chapel near the icon. The usual times are below but please check the website weekly for occasional changes.

Morning Prayer 08.30
Monday to Thursday
Evening Prayer 17.30
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday

Compline

Compline is a short meditative service of chant and prayer that marks the ‘completion’ of the day and offers it to God (20 minutes).

It is one of the treasures of Chapel worship and a good introduction to the beauty and stillness that the chapel offers.

Alternative Worship

This term there is our second evening service of alternative worship.

This is a meditative half hour with contemporary live music, readings and reflection.

Follow the Chapel social media accounts for details or look for the weekly posters in the College entrance and C passage.
Corpus Chapel

Corpus Christi was founded in 1352, as an act of Christian piety and charity, for the pursuit of ‘education, research, learning and religion’. To this day, the College maintains a pattern of prayer, worship, and reflection. This is centred on the College Chapel, which exists for the glory of God and stands in the centre of New Court.

The Chapel is open daily. Everyone at Corpus, their families, friends and visitors are very welcome to visit and to attend services, no matter their faith or denomination.
The Chaplain, The Revd Dr Matt Bullimore (chaplain@corpus.cam.ac.uk), is readily available to all members and staff of the College at any time, with or without appointment. Everyone is welcome to call on him in his room (D4) or to talk to him about anything in confidence, including discussion of confirmation or closer involvement with the Chapel or the Church of England.

The Dean of Chapel, The Revd Prof Andrew Davison (apd31@cam.ac.uk) is a Professor in the Faculty of Divinity and is responsible for oversight of the Chapel and College’s wider church responsibilities. Andrew is on study leave at the Center of Theological Inquiry, Princeton, this year.

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