

# Corpus Christi College Chapel

Lent Term 2025



## 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

22 Jan: Choral Evensong 18.45

**26 Jan: Third Sunday of  
Epiphany**

Said Eucharist 10.00

Choral Evensong 18.00

29 Jan: Choral Evensong 18.45

**2 Feb: Candlemas**

(Second Name Day)

Choral Eucharist 10.00

with St Bene't's

Choral Evensong of the

Blessed Virgin Mary 18.00

5 Feb: Choral Evensong 18.45

**9 Feb: Fourth Sunday before Lent**

Sung Eucharist 10.00

Choral Evensong 18.00

12 Feb: Choral Compline 21.00

**16 Feb: Third Sunday before Lent**

Sung Eucharist 10.00

Choral Evensong 18.00

19 Feb: Choral Evensong 18.45

**23 Feb: Second Sunday of Lent**

Sung Eucharist 10.00

Choral Evensong 18.00

26 Feb: Choral Evensong 18.45

**2 Mar: Sunday next before Lent**

Sung Eucharist 10.00

Choral Evensong 18.00

**4 Mar: Shrove Tuesday**

Pancakes (D4) 18.30

**5 Mar: Ash Wednesday Eucharist**

with Ashing, starting at the

Chronophage 18.30

**9 Mar: First Sunday of Lent**

Sung Eucharist 10.00

Choral Evensong 18.00

12 Mar: Alternative Worship 21.00

**16 Mar: Second Sunday of Lent**

Sung Eucharist 10.00

*So God Loved the World:*

A Sequence of Music & Readings  
for Lent & Passiontide 18.00

19 Mar: Choral Evensong 18.45





## **Evensong & Guest Preachers**

**26 January: Third Sunday of Epiphany**

**The Chaplain**

**2 February: Candlemas & Second Name Day**

**The Revd Devin McLachlan**  
Vicar, St Bene't, Cambridge

**9 February: Fourth Sunday before Lent**

**The Revd Ally Barrett**  
Assistant Vicar,  
St Mary the Great, Cambridge

**16 February: Third Sunday before Lent**

**The Revd Jonathan Collis**  
Rector, St Botolph, Cambridge

**23 February: Second Sunday before Lent**

**The Revd Dr Gregory Platten**  
Canon Chancellor,  
Lichfield Cathedral

**2 March: Sunday next before Lent**

**The Revd Canon Robert Mackley**  
Vicar, St Mary the Less, Cambridge

**9 March: First Sunday of Lent**

**The Chaplain**

**16 March: Second Sunday of Lent**  
***So God Loved the World:***

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## Sundays & Wednesdays

At 10.00 we gather for Holy Communion. The sung 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 one of the treasures of Chapel worship; a short meditative service of chant and prayer that marks the 'completion' of the day and offers it to God (20 minutes).

## Alternative Worship

A meditative half hour with live music, readings and reflection.

## Psalm 27 Fest (7-15 March)

Organised by students, local churches and College chapels, Psalm 27 Fest is a week of celebration and fellowship through creative workshops and activities for young adult Christians in Cambridge. How does it feel to be a Christian today? What issues are we currently facing? What Christian resources do we have for seeing and sharing joy, hope, and love in our lives? For Christians and those exploring faith alike.





## 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.

Chapel Secretary: Francesca Pocock (fjp25@corpus.cam.ac.uk)

Director of Music: Mr Nick Danks (ned1000@cam.ac.uk)

Senior Organ Scholar: Yejoon Park

Junior Organ Scholar: Oliver Clements

Chapel Clerks: Joshua Gleave, Sebastian Myhre, Alexander Ramsay

Ordinands: Bhanuka Warnasooriya (Ridley Hall)

Jacob Quick (Westcott House)

Student Christian Movement Rep: Katie Meldrum

Christian Union Reps: Sam Mossop

Esme Hobbs

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