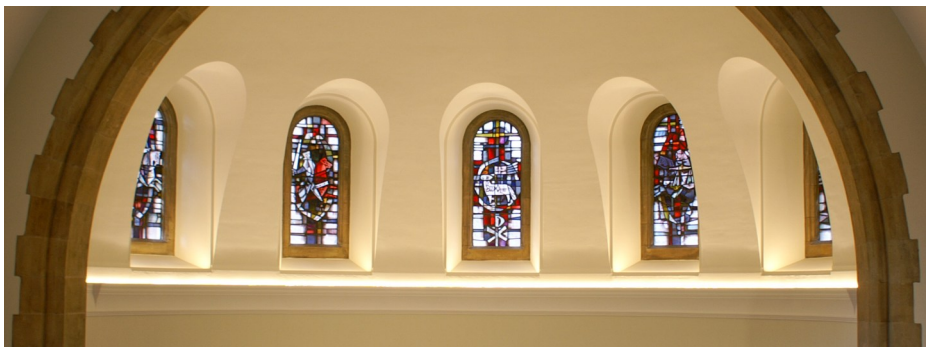




DOWNING COLLEGE CHAPEL



Lent Term 2026

Continuing the traditions shared by all the older Cambridge colleges, Downing has a Chapel which celebrates the historic liturgies of the Church of England. Most services use the *Book of Common Prayer*, which has changed little since 1552. All are very welcome to attend, including members of College and their guests, regardless of their backgrounds or beliefs.

SUNDAYS DURING FULL TERM

10.30 am Holy Communion

A quiet, reflective service lasting about 30 minutes, including a short sermon.

6.00 pm Choral Evensong

This is one of the most beautiful Cambridge traditions, with inspiring words and music from many centuries sung by our talented Choir in the candlelit Chapel. Most weeks, the Chaplain will give a short talk to explain one part of the service. Evensong lasts about 45 minutes and is followed by free sherry and orange juice in the antechapel. Those who have gowns are encouraged to wear them. The following Sunday evenings have a different kind of service:

- 1 March Choral Eucharist
- 15 March Concert at 8 pm: Mozart's Requiem

TALKS AND DISCUSSIONS ON MONDAY EVENINGS

The Chaplain will present a series of talks about the Church of England on Monday evenings at 6.30 pm in the antechapel. These will explore its history, faith, spirituality, music and its national and global significance. Refreshments will be served and all are welcome. Further details are in a separate leaflet.

WEEKDAY PRAYERS

Morning Prayer (9 am on Zoom) and Evening Prayer (usually 6 pm in the Chapel) take place every weekday during Full Term. Please check the schedule on the Chapel calendar: www.dow.cam.ac.uk/chapelcalendar. These short services last 25 – 30 minutes, each with two readings, covering the whole of the Bible over the course of nine Cambridge terms.

SPECIAL SERVICES AT OTHER TIMES

- Thursday 29 January 9.00 pm Compline (sung by the Chapel Choir)
- Thursday 12 February 9.00 pm Compline (sung by all who wish to take part)
- Wednesday 18 February 7.30 pm Ash Wednesday Holy Communion with imposition of ashes
- Monday 2 March 6.00 pm Fisher House Catholic Mass
- Thursday 5 March 9.00 pm Compline (sung by the Chapel Choir)

KEITH'S CAFÉ

The Café is open on Wednesdays from 3.30 pm. Free coffee, doughnuts and other refreshments are served at the entrance to the Chapel.

CHAPLAIN

The Revd Dr Keith Eyeons (kje11) is the College Chaplain and Dean of Chapel. He is very happy to receive visitors in room O8 and is available to provide pastoral care and support for members of Downing College, whether they are religious or not, or to talk about faith and theology at any level. To arrange a time to see him, book here: calendly.com/eyeons

MUSICIANS

- Louisa Denby** *Director of Music* (lrd23)
- Matthew Chanwai** *Organ Scholar*
- Martin Baker** *Honorary Fellow and Music Ambassador*

ORDINAND

Jack Carrington, a Downing alumnus, is helping us this year as part of his training for ordination in the Church of England.

VOLUNTEERS WELCOME

The Chaplain (kje11) will always be delighted to hear from anyone who is interested in reading from the Bible in services or helping at the Café.

EMAIL LIST

For full details of Chapel services and events each week, join our email list here: lists.cam.ac.uk/sympa/subscribe/dow-chapel

What is the Church of England?

*A series of talks in Downing Chapel,
exploring what it means to be Anglican today*



Mondays 6:30 - 7:30pm in the Chapel
Snacks, drinks and lively discussion provided



2nd February
**A Catholic &
Reformed Church**



How England's unusual
Reformation produced a
theological middle way

9th February
**An English-speaking
Church**



How the Book of Common
Prayer and the King James Bible
shaped the language we speak
today

16th February
A Spiritual Church



The distinctive ways Anglicans
worship and pray

23rd February
**A Musical
Church**



The treasures of English
hymnody and the Anglican
choral tradition

9th March
A National Church



Church, state and
national identity

16th March
A Global Church



The Anglican Communion and
the legacy of Empire

