



DOWNING COLLEGE CHAPEL



Michaelmas Term 2020

HOW TO FIND US

The Chapel, shown above, is at the heart of Downing College. Due to current restrictions, we are only using the building for Sunday morning services this term. All other services and events are on Zoom here:

<https://zoom.us/j/9560199474?pwd=SFlhMcXpQT1dIWlJYlRkx6ek9lazN3Zz09>

THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

All of our services use the beautiful and traditional language of the *Book of Common Prayer*, a great spiritual and literary treasure which has shaped the prayers of the Church of England over five centuries, deeply rooted in the historic Latin liturgies which preceded it and in the Bible. The words have inspired some of the world's finest music, sung here by our excellent Choir.

Very few students are familiar with this great tradition before they arrive at Downing, but people of all beliefs and backgrounds are very welcome to experience and explore it.

SUNDAY SERVICES DURING FULL TERM

10 AM: HOLY COMMUNION

This is a quiet and dignified service without music, an opportunity to enjoy the prayerful atmosphere of the Chapel in person for about half an hour. Maximum attendance is 16 and face coverings must be worn.

6 PM: CHORAL EVENSONG

This is our main service of the week, held on Zoom so that we have the space to include the Choir and congregation. Evensong is one of the greatest Cambridge traditions, and you can enjoy it this term from the comfort of your own room. You can watch or listen in any way you like, but to join in the most authentic experience please wear your gown and turn on your camera! The service lasts up to an hour, including choral music, prayers, a sermon of about ten minutes given by a member of Downing, and an organ voluntary. Details of the music and the preacher will be announced week by week.

WEEKDAYS DURING FULL TERM

DAILY PRAYER IN ENGLISH AND LATIN

Morning Prayer (9 am) and Evening Prayer (6 pm) take place every weekday on Zoom. On Wednesdays we use the 1560 version of the Book of Common Prayer in Latin (a translation is supplied so that all can follow it). On other days we use the 1662 English edition. Weekday prayers last up to 30 minutes.

WEDNESDAYS AT 6.30 PM: BIBLE STUDY

The Chaplain leads a Bible study and discussion on a passage from Matthew's Gospel on Zoom each week. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the Christian faith, to ask questions and to get to know each other. No previous knowledge is necessary.

THURSDAYS AT 10 PM: COMPLINE

Compline was invented in the first millennium as the final service of each day for monks and nuns, a very peaceful experience of plainchant sung by the Choir which helps us to hand over our worries to God and to relax before a good night's sleep. Zoom Compline is every Thursday this term at 10 pm.

PEOPLE

The Revd Dr Keith Eyeons, Chaplain (kje11)
Louisa Denby, Assisting Organist (lrd23)
Chris Hamilton, Organ Scholar (ch792)
David Lowe, Director of College and Chapel Music

A team of about 12 student Chapel Wardens assists the Chaplain. New volunteers are very welcome.

EMAIL LIST

Social events and other plans will be announced during the term. For the latest information, join our email list here:

<https://lists.cam.ac.uk/mailman/listinfo/dow-chapel>