



DOWNING COLLEGE CHAPEL



Easter Term 2020

HOW TO FIND US

While the Chapel building is closed, the Chapel community will be meeting online.

Services will be held here on Zoom here: <https://zoom.us/j/9560199474?pwd=SFhMcXpQT1dlWlJYTkx6ek9lazN3Zz09>

Keith's Café and socialising after services will take place on our Discord server here: <https://discord.gg/gEEa9ZR>

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. We are using words that our predecessors used when Cambridge University was closed for the Great Plague of 1665, and praying the Psalms in a way which has sustained people through the challenges of many centuries.

Today's videoconferencing technologies work best with one voice at a time, so the Chaplain and Chapel Wardens will be taking it in turns to give voice to prayers, responses, Bible readings, canticles and Psalms, from our homes around the world. On Sunday evenings, members of the Choir will enrich our worship by singing solo plainchant.

SUNDAY SERVICES

11 AM: MORNING PRAYER AND LITANY

This is a quiet and dignified service without music. The Litany is the traditional set of prayers asking for God's help in challenging times.

6 PM: EVENING PRAYER AND SERMON

This is our main service of the week, using words familiar from Choral Evensong. Members of the Choir will sing plainchant settings of parts of the service as solos, and there will be a sermon from a different preacher each week.

WEEKDAYS

DAILY PRAYER IN ENGLISH AND LATIN

Morning Prayer (10 am) and Evening Prayer (6 pm) take place every weekday during full term. 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 about 30 minutes.

BIBLE STUDY AND DISCUSSION ON MONDAYS

After the 6 pm Monday Evening Prayer, we'll have a closer look at the readings together and talk about what they have to say to us. This is a good opportunity to ask questions about the Christian faith and its significance for our lives. We'll finish about 7 pm.

KEITH'S CAFÉ ON THURSDAYS FROM 3.30 PM

We will meet on our Discord server (address above), where the doughnuts and coffees will be virtual only, but the social experience will continue to be a highlight of the Downing week.

CHAPLAIN

The Revd Dr Keith Eyeons is available to provide pastoral care and support for all members of Downing College, whether they are religious or not. He can be contacted by email at kje11, and is available to talk on Skype, Zoom or telephone.

EMAIL LIST AND NOTICEBOARD

Further plans may develop for this term as we adapt to the possibilities of the current situation. Please contact the Chaplain (kje11) to receive emails giving news of Chapel events. Information will also be available on the #noticeboard channel in the Discord server.