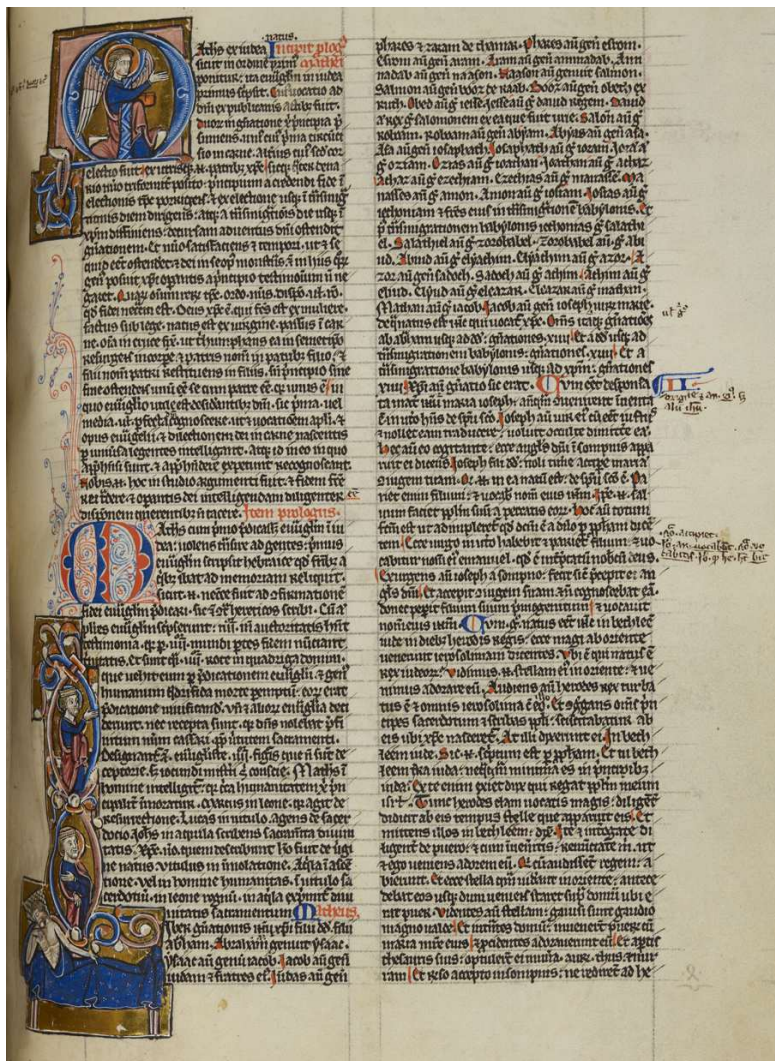


# HILARY TERM 2026

## CHAPEL SERVICES AND MUSIC



MAGDALEN COLLEGE OXFORD

We welcome you to our worshipping community at Magdalen. Prayer and praise have been offered to God in this place since the fifteenth century, when the College was founded by William of Waynflete, Bishop of Winchester. The statutes of 1480 make provision for a Choir comprising sixteen boy Choristers and a number of adult Clerks, ‘that the worship of God, from whom all good things come, might be increased more widely and better sustained’. That tradition continues unchanged today. The Choirmaster at Magdalen retains the ancient Latin title *Informator Choristarum*, and among those who have held the post over the centuries are John Sheppard, Daniel Purcell, Sir John Stainer, Sir William McKie, and, in more recent years, Dr Bernard Rose. Former choristers include the composer Ivor Novello; the comedian and actor, Dudley Moore, was Organ Scholar here; and a number of former Academical Clerks hold prominent positions in the musical, legal and media worlds.

We strive to dedicate all our services here to the glory of God. Our music is not an end in itself but part of a larger whole. In selecting music, we seek not only to inspire and to console, but also to challenge. There are many considerations, some of them practical – the volume of music to be learnt by the Choir in any one week, allowances for the periods of term in which illness inevitably strikes – and some seasonal – as we mark the feasts of the Church’s year through appropriate liturgical music; some draw on the readings for the day, and others offer theological reflections. At the same time, we hope that the music sung in this Chapel represents not only something of the extraordinary heritage of which we are the current custodians through pieces written by former Clerks, Choristers, Informatores and Organ Scholars (indicated by the symbol <sup>M</sup> next to the name of a composer), but also the richness and diversity of sacred music from across the Christian world in that period, and particularly in the last half-century, when more music by women composers and lesser-known works from the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries have entered the repertoire. Living composers are indicated by the presence of their first name in addition to their surname.

We hope that you will return to this place regularly, but, even if you happen upon just one day in the life of a Chapel and Choir that has sung daily services for over five centuries, we hope that, in the singing and in the silence, in the spoken word and in the beauty of this house of God, you will feel that greater presence, and be blessed by the peace that passes all understanding.

MARK WILLIAMS  
*Informator Choristarum*

ANDREW BOWYER  
*Dean of Divinity*

# HILARY TERM

## Choral Services

Services are normally sung by the College Choir made up of boy Choristers, educated at Magdalen College School, and male and female Academical Clerks, who are ordinarily students at the College. Evensong on Saturdays is normally sung by the Consort of Voices, in which sopranos join the Academical Clerks. Tuesdays are usually sung by the Choristers alone, and Fridays by the Academical Clerks alone. Compline on Tuesdays is usually sung by two cantors drawn from the Academical Clerks and Consort of Voices. Details are given in the Music List when services depart from this pattern, such as during the school half-term holiday (13<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> February). At Festal Evensongs marking saints' days and major feasts of the Church's year, a seasonal antiphon is sung. On Sundays, at the Eucharist, there is a short homily of approximately five minutes, and at Evensong (in some weeks) a sermon of approximately ten minutes. On Sundays, the Eucharist is followed by a simple lunch in the College Hall, and Evensong by drinks in the Ante-chapel. Compline on Tuesdays is followed by drinks in the Ante-chapel.

## Organ Music

Organ music plays an integral part in our liturgy. The Assistant Organist, Drew Sellis, and Organ Scholars, Henry Morris and Sea-am Thompson, play for the majority of the services in Chapel, assisted occasionally by the Informator Choristarum & Organist, Mark Williams, who ordinarily directs the Choir. Details of the organ, by Hermann Eule Orgelbau, can be found on the College website, and details of recitals are given on the penultimate page of this booklet.

## Membership of the Choir

The Informator Choristarum, Mark Williams, is always pleased to hear from prospective applicants for Choristerships, Academical Clerkships and Organ Scholarships. To arrange an informal meeting, please contact [choir@magd.ox.ac.uk](mailto:choir@magd.ox.ac.uk)

## Retiring Collections

Our retiring collections will go to support the work of the Chapel's chosen charity for the term, the **British Red Cross Disaster Fund**. The Red Cross is a humanitarian charity that stands for neutrality and impartiality, and is appealing for donations to support emergency food and healthcare provision, with a current focus on Gaza and Jamaica. [www.redcross.org.uk](http://www.redcross.org.uk)

# JANUARY 2026

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## 18 SUNDAY

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

### 11.00 am Sung Eucharist

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

MASS *Haydn* Missa Sancti Nicolai

HYMNS 49 (ii), 27, 47

READINGS Isaiah 49: 1-7; John 1: 29-42

ALLELUIA *Plainsong* Laudate Dominum, omnes angeli

PREACHER The Reverend Dr Andrew Bowyer, *Dean of Divinity*

MOTET *Tavener* The Lamb

VOLUNTARY *J.S. Bach* Prelude in C major BWV 547

### 6.00 pm Choral Evensong

INTROIT *Cornelius* The Three Kings

HYMNS 52, 56

RESPONSES *Matthew Martin*<sup>M</sup>

PSALM 96

READINGS Ezekiel 2: 1-3; 4; Galatians 1: 11-end

CANTICLES *Leighton* Collegium Magdalenae Oxoniense

ANTHEM *Tavener* God is with us

FINAL RESPONSES *Matthew Martin*<sup>M</sup>

VOLUNTARY *J.S. Bach* In dir ist Freude BWV 615

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## 19 MONDAY

WULFSTAN, 1095

8.30 am Morning Prayer

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## 20 TUESDAY

RICHARD ROLLE, 1349

8.30 am Morning Prayer

### 6.00 pm Choral Evening Prayer (Choristers)

RESPONSES *Sarah MacDonald*

PSALM 104: 1-23

READINGS 1 Kings 19: 1-9a; Mark 1: 9-15

CANTICLE *Plainsong* O Trinity of blessed light

MAGNIFICAT *Rose*<sup>M</sup> in E

ANTHEM *Errollyn Wallen* Peace on earth

ANTIPHON *Plainsong* Alma redemptoris mater

### 9.00 pm Compline (Cantors)

HYMN *Plainsong* Hostis Herodes impie

PSALM 31: 1-6

ANTIPHON *Plainsong* Alma redemptoris mater

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For by gold the power of a king is signified, by frankincense the honour of God,  
by myrrh the burial of the body; and accordingly they offer Him gold as King,  
frankincense as God, myrrh as Man.

*St John Chrysostom*

## FIRST WEEK

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### 21 WEDNESDAY

AGNES, 304

8.30 am Morning Prayer

#### 6.00 pm Choral Evensong

RESPONSES *Sasha Johnson Manning*

PSALM 106: 1-27

READINGS 1 Kings 19: 9b-18; Mark 2: 9-13

CANTICLES *Wood* in E-flat (no. 2)

ANTHEM *Becky McGlade* In the bleak midwinter

FINAL RESPONSES *Naylor*

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### 22 THURSDAY

VINCENT OF SARAGOSSA, 304

8.30 am Morning Prayer

#### 6.00 pm Choral Evensong

RESPONSES *Smith*

PSALM 108

READINGS Isaiah 49: 1-7; Corinthians 1: 1-9

CANTICLES *Weelkes* Third Service

ANTHEM *Sheppard<sup>M</sup>* Salvator mundi

FINAL RESPONSES *Smith*

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### 23 FRIDAY

8.30 am Morning Prayer

#### 6.00 pm Choral Evening Prayer (Clerks)

RESPONSES *Plainsong*

PSALMS 110, 111

READINGS Isaiah 49: 8-13; Acts 10: 34-43

CANTICLE *Plainsong* A heavenly splendour from on high

MAGNIFICAT *Palestrina* Quarti toni

ANTHEM *Mouton* Nesciens mater

ANTIPHON *Plainsong* Alma redemptoris mater

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### 24 SATURDAY

FRANCIS DE SALES, 1622

#### 6.00 pm Choral Evensong *in memory of Professor Martin McLaughlin* (Consort of Voices)

INTROIT *Eric Whitacre* Lux aurumque

PSALM 119: 1-16

RESPONSES *Humphrey Lucas*

HYMN 252

READINGS Isaiah 49: 1-13; Acts 22: 3-16

CANTICLES *A. Gabrieli* Magnificat à 12 *Byrd* Nunc dimittis (1610)

ANTHEM *J.S. Bach* Singet dem Herrn ein neues lied BWV 225/i

FINAL RESPONSES *Humphrey Lucas*

VOLUNTARY *J.S. Bach* Pièce d'Orgue, BWV 572

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## JANUARY 2026

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### 25 SUNDAY

### CONVERSION OF PAUL

**11.00 am Sung Eucharist** THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY  
MASS *Judith Bingham* Missa brevis 'The Road to Emmaus' HYMNS 55,  
READINGS Acts 9: 1-22; Matthew 19: 27-end 51, 271  
ALLELUIA *Plainsong* Dominus regnavit, exsultet terra  
PREACHER The Reverend Professor Robert Gilbert, *Fellows' Chaplain*  
MOTET *Nico Muhly* One Star  
VOLUNTARY *Judith Bingham* Voluntary *from* Missa brevis  
'The Road to Emmaus'

### 6.00 pm Festal Choral Evensong

INTROIT *Poulenc* Exultate Deo HYMNS 155, 420  
RESPONSES *Leighton* PSALM 119: 41-56  
READINGS Isaiah 56: 1-8; Colossians 1: 24-2: 7  
ANTIPHON *Plainsong* In omnem terram  
CANTICLES *Guerrero* Magnificat octavi toni  
*Victoria* Nunc dimittis tertii toni  
ANTHEM *Whitbourn*<sup>M</sup> Give us the wings of faith  
FINAL RESPONSES *Marlow*  
VOLUNTARY *Whitlock* Paeon *from* Five Short Pieces

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### 26 MONDAY

### TIMOTHY AND TITUS

8.30 am Morning Prayer

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### 27 TUESDAY

### HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY

8.30 am Morning Prayer

### 6.00 pm Choral Evening Prayer (Choristers)

RESPONSES *Plainsong* PSALMS 128, 129  
READINGS Ezekiel 20: 39-44; John 17: 20-end  
CANTICLE *Grayston Ives*<sup>M</sup> The eyes of the Lord  
MAGNIFICAT *Philip Moore* Plainsong with faburdens  
ANTHEM *Handel* How beautiful are the feet  
ANTIPHON *Plainsong* Alma redemptoris mater

### 9.00 pm Compline to mark Holocaust Memorial Day (Consort of Voices)

REFLECTIONS *Rossi* Adon Olam *Rossi* Barechu PSALM 91  
*Rossi* Yitgadal veyitkadesh

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Faith does not need to push the river  
because faith is able to trust that there is a river.

The river is flowing. We are in it.

*Richard Rohr*

## SECOND WEEK

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### 28 WEDNESDAY

THOMAS OF AQUINAS, 1274

8.30 am Morning Prayer

#### 6.00 pm Choral Evensong

RESPONSES *Sasha Johnson Manning*

PSALMS 137, 138

READINGS Nehemiah 2: 1-10; Romans 12: 1-8

CANTICLES *Purcell* in B-flat

ANTHEM *David Truslove* O salutaris hostia

FINAL RESPONSES *Naylor*

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### 29 THURSDAY

8.30 am Morning Prayer

#### 6.00 pm Choral Evensong

RESPONSES *Rose<sup>M</sup>*

PSALMS 142, 143

READINGS Deuteronomy 26: 16-end; Romans 14: 1-9

CANTICLES *Howells* Westminster Service

ANTHEM *Varley Roberts<sup>M</sup>* Lord, we pray thee

FINAL RESPONSES *Rose<sup>M</sup>*

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### 30 FRIDAY

CHARLES, KING & MARTYR, 1649

8.30 am Morning Prayer

#### 6.00 pm Choral Evening Prayer (Clerks)

RESPONSES *Plainsong*

PSALM 148

READINGS Leviticus 19: 9-28; Romans 15: 1-7

CANTICLE *Plainsong* Of the Father's heart begotten

MAGNIFICAT *Lobo* Septimi toni

ANTHEM *Byrd* Ecce advenit

ANTIPHON *Plainsong* Alma redemptoris mater

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### 31 SATURDAY

JOHN BOSCO, 1888

#### 6.00 pm Choral Evensong *sung jointly with Pimlico Musical Foundation* (Consort of Voices)

INTROIT *Lloyd* View me, Lord, a work of thine

PSALM 147

RESPONSES *Ayleward*

HYMN 245

READINGS Jeremiah 33: 1-11; 1 Peter 5: 5b-end

CANTICLES *Brewer* in D

ANTHEM *Fauré* Cantique de Jean Racine

FINAL RESPONSES *Ayleward*

VOLUNTARY *Diemer* Fiesta

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## FEBRUARY 2026

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### FEBRUARY

#### 1 SUNDAY

#### EVE OF THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE (CANDLEMAS)

- 11.00 am Sung Eucharist** FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY  
MASS *Victoria* Missa Simile est regnum caelorum HYMNS 188 (ii),  
READINGS 1 Corinthians 1: 18-end; John 2: 1-11 44 (TN. 282), 185  
ALLELUIA *Plainsong* Senex puerum  
PREACHER The Reverend Dr Laura Biron-Scott, *Assistant Chaplain*  
MOTET *Richard Allain* Cana's Guest  
VOLUNTARY *J.S. Bach* Mit Fried' und Freud' ich fahr' dahin BWV 616
- 6.00 pm Festal Choral Evensong** *with procession of candles*  
INTROIT *Byrd* Senex puerum HYMNS 181 (ii), 33  
RESPONSES *Smith* PSALM 118: 19-end  
READINGS 1 Samuel 1: 19b- end; Hebrews 4: 11-end  
ANTIPHON *Plainsong* Hodie beata virgo Maria  
CANTICLES *Marenzio* Magnificat octavi toni  
*Beach* Nunc dimittis  
ANTHEM *Sheppard*<sup>M</sup> Gaude, gaude, gaude Maria  
FINAL RESPONSES *Smith*  
VOLUNTARY *J.S. Bach* Allegro *from* Concerto in A minor BWV 593
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#### 2 MONDAY

#### PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE (CANDLEMAS)

- 8.30 am Morning Prayer
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#### 3 TUESDAY

ANSKAR, 865

- 8.30 am Morning Prayer

- 6.00 pm Choral Evening Prayer** (Choristers)  
RESPONSES *Plainsong* PSALM 18: 16-36  
READINGS Proverbs 4: 10-end; Matthew 5: 13-20  
CANTICLE *Plainsong* Sing how the age-long promise of a Saviour  
MAGNIFICAT *Stuart Beer*<sup>M</sup> First Service  
ANTHEM *Lindley* Ave Maria  
ANTIPHON *Plainsong* Ave regina caelorum
- 9.00 pm Compline & Benediction** (Cantors)  
HYMN *Plainsong* Adorna Sion thalamum PSALM 134  
ANTIPHON *Plainsong* Ave regina caelorum
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Help now thy servants, gracious Lord, That we may ever be  
As once the faithful Simeon was, Rejoicing by in Thee;  
and when we must from earth departure take,  
May gently fall asleep and with Thee wake.

*John Troutbeck*



## THIRD WEEK

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### 4 WEDNESDAY

GILBERT, 1189

8.30 am Morning Prayer

#### 6.00 pm Choral Evensong

RESPONSES *Smith*

PSALM 23

READINGS Isaiah 61: 1-9; Luke 7: 18-30

CANTICLES *Goudimel* Magnificat tertii toni

*Esquivel* Nunc dimittis

ANTHEM *Tallis* O nata lux

FINAL RESPONSES *Smith*

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### 5 THURSDAY

8.30 am Morning Prayer

#### 6.00 pm Choral Evensong

RESPONSES *Leighton*

PSALM 27

READINGS Isaiah 52: 1-12; Matthew 10: 1-15

CANTICLES *Grayston Ives*<sup>M</sup> Edington Service

ANTHEM *I. Holst* A Hymne to Christ

FINAL RESPONSES *Marlow*

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### 6 FRIDAY

MARTYRS OF JAPAN, 1597

8.30 am Morning Prayer

#### 6.00 pm Choral Evening Prayer (Clerks)

RESPONSES *Rose*<sup>M</sup>

PSALM 34

READINGS Isaiah 56: 1-8; Matthew 28: 16-end

CANTICLE *Plainsong* How wondrous is God in his doings

MAGNIFICAT *Bevan* Quinti toni

ANTHEM *Piers Connor Kennedy* O nata lux

HYMN *Biebl* Ave Maria

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### 7 SATURDAY

#### 6.00 pm Choral Evensong (Consort of Voices)

INTROIT *Aidan MacLean*<sup>M</sup> Hail, Gladdening Light

PSALM 37: 1-21

RESPONSES *Shephard*

HYMN 377

READINGS Habbakkuk 2: 1-4; Revelation 14: 1-7

CANTICLES *Gray* in F minor

ANTHEM *Górecki* Totus tuus

FINAL RESPONSES *Michael Walsh*

VOLUNTARY *J.S. Bach* Prelude in C minor BWV 546

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## FEBRUARY 2026

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### 8 SUNDAY

SEXAGESIMA

#### 11.00 am Sung Eucharist

MASS *Jonathan Dove* Missa brevis HYMNS 234 (ii), 239, 265  
READINGS Genesis 1: 1-2: 3; Matthew 6: 25-end  
TRACT *Plainsong* Commovisti  
PREACHER The Reverend Dr Andrew Bowyer, *Dean of Divinity*  
MOTET *Grieg* Ave maris stella  
VOLUNTARY *Saint-Saëns* Fantasie in E-flat

#### 6.00 pm Choral Evensong *with sermon*

RESPONSES *Sasha Johnson Manning* HYMNS 148 (OMIT \*), 267  
READINGS Proverbs 8: 1, 22-31; Revelation 4 PSALM 148  
CANTICLES *Laura Sheils* St John's Service  
ANTHEM *Byrd* Prevent us, O Lord  
PREACHER The Reverend Emma Dinwiddy Smith, *Vicar, St Mary Abbots*,  
FINAL RESPONSES *Naylor* *Kensington*  
VOLUNTARY *Gibbons* Fantazia of Four Parts

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### 9 MONDAY

8.30 am Morning Prayer

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### 10 TUESDAY

SCHOLASTICA, c. 543

8.30 am Morning Prayer

#### 6.00 pm Choral Evening Prayer (Choristers)

RESPONSES *Sarah MacDonald* PSALMS 53, 54  
READINGS Isaiah 52: 1-10; Romans 10: 5-21  
CANTICLE *Stainer*<sup>M</sup> Holy Father, cheer our way  
MAGNIFICAT *John Harper*<sup>M</sup> Quarti toni  
ANTHEM *Boyce* O turn away mine eyes  
ANTIPHON *Plainsong* Ave regina caelorum

#### 9.00 pm Compline (Cantors)

HYMN *Plainsong* Sanctorum meritis PSALM 150  
ANTIPHON *Plainsong* Ave regina caelorum

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Pray with great confidence, with confidence based upon the goodness  
and infinite generosity of God and upon the promises of Jesus Christ.

God is a spring of living water which flows unceasingly  
into the hearts of those who pray.

*St Louis de Montfort*

## FOURTH WEEK

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### 11 WEDNESDAY

8.30 am Morning Prayer

#### 6.00 pm Choral Evensong

RESPONSES *Rose<sup>M</sup>*

PSALM 59

READINGS Isaiah 52: 13-53: 6; Romans 15: 14-21

CANTICLES *Cheryl Frances-Hoad* Peterborough Canticles

ANTHEM *Brahms* How lovely are thy dwellings fair

FINAL RESPONSES *Rose<sup>M</sup>*

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### 12 THURSDAY

8.30 am Morning Prayer

#### 6.00 pm Choral Evensong with distribution of Claymond's Dole

INTROIT *David Caldarella<sup>M</sup>* Domine Deus

PSALM 65

RESPONSES *Matthew Martin<sup>M</sup>*

HYMN 461

READINGS Proverbs 22: 1-9; James 1: 5-18

CANTICLES *Nico Muhly* Magdalen Service

ANTHEM *Judith Weir* Like to the falling of a star

FINAL RESPONSES *Matthew Martin<sup>M</sup>*

VOLUNTARY *Elgar* Imperial March

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### 13 FRIDAY

8.30 am Morning Prayer

#### 6.00 pm Choral Evening Prayer (Clerks)

RESPONSES *Plainsong*

PSALMS 69: 30-end, 70

READINGS Zechariah 8: 16-end; Matthew 10: 1-15

CANTICLE *Plainsong* Fast sinks the sun to rest

MAGNIFICAT *Monteverdi* Magnificat secondo

ANTHEM *Rogier* Da pacem, Domine

ANTIPHON *Plainsong* Ave regina caelorum

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### 14 SATURDAY

CYRIL AND METHODIUS, 869 AND 885

#### 6.00 pm Choral Evensong with Instruments of Time & Truth (Consort of Voices)

RESPONSES *Ayleward*

PSALM 74

READINGS Jeremiah 1: 4-10; Matthew 10: 16-22

HYMN 408 (i)

CANTICLES *Buxtehude* Magnificat; *Schütz* Nunc dimittis

ANTHEM *Purcell* My Beloved Spake

FINAL RESPONSES *Ayleward*

VOLUNTARY *Purcell* Chacony in G minor

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## FEBRUARY 2026

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### 15 SUNDAY

QUINQUAGESIMA

**11.00 am Sung Eucharist** (Clerks)

MASS *Guerrero* Missa Inter vestibulum et altare HYMNS 178, 295, 57

READINGS Exodus 24: 12-end; Matthew 17: 1-9

TRACT *Plainsong* Jubilate Deo, omnis terra

PREACHER The Reverend Dr Oliver Wright, *Honorary Chaplain*

MOTET *Philip Moore* Ubi caritas

VOLUNTARY *Couperin* Dialogue sur les grands jeux

*from Messe pour les Couvents*

**6.00 pm Choral Evensong** with sermon (Clerks)

RESPONSES *Rose*<sup>M</sup> PSALM 84

READINGS Ecclesiasticus 48: 1-10; Matthew 17: 9-23 HYMNS 385, 355

CANTICLES *Howells* in E

ANTHEM *Anna Lapwood*<sup>M</sup> O nata lux

PREACHER The Reverend Canon Esther Lay, *Rector of Wootton, Glympton*

FINAL RESPONSES *Rose*<sup>M</sup> & *Kiddington*

VOLUNTARY *Howells* Paean

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### 16 MONDAY

8.30 am Morning Prayer

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### 17 TUESDAY

SHROVE TUESDAY

8.30 am Morning Prayer

**9.00 pm Compline & Benediction** (Cantors)

HYMN *Plainsong* Attende Domine PSALM 4

ANTIPHON *Plainsong* Ave regina caelorum

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### 18 WEDNESDAY

ASH WEDNESDAY

8.30 am Morning Prayer

**6.00 pm Sung Eucharist** with imposition of ashes (Consort of Voices)

MASS *Palestrina* Missa Emendemus in melius HYMNS 67, 70

READINGS Joel 2: 1-2, 12-17; Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-21

PSALM *James MacMillan* Miserere (51)

MOTETS *Lusitano* Emendemus in melius

*Byrd* Memento homo

VOLUNTARY *J.S. Bach* Aus Tiefer Not schrei ich zu dir BWV 686

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I didn't go to religion to make me happy. I always knew a bottle of Port would do that. If you want a religion to make you feel really comfortable, I certainly don't recommend Christianity.

*C.S. Lewis*

## FIFTH WEEK

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### 19 THURSDAY

8.30 am Morning Prayer

**6.00 pm Choral Evensong** (Clerks) PSALMS 100, 101  
RESPONSES *Plainsong*  
READINGS Genesis 2: 7-end; Hebrews 2: 5-end  
CANTICLES *Morley* Fauxbourdons  
ANTHEM *Caldara* Laboravi in gemitu  
FINAL RESPONSES *Plainsong*

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### 20 FRIDAY

8.30 am Morning Prayer

**6.00 pm Choral Evening Prayer** (Clerks)  
RESPONSES *Tallis* PSALM 104: 24-end  
READINGS Genesis 4: 1-12; Hebrews 4: 12-end  
CANTICLE *Plainsong* Hear us O Lord, have mercy upon us  
NUNC DIMITTIS *Grayston Ives<sup>M</sup>* Magdalen Service  
ANTHEM *Vivanco* Cum ieiunatis  
ANTIPHON *Plainsong* Alma redemptoris mater

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### 21 SATURDAY

**6.00 pm Choral Evensong**  
INTROIT *Paulus* Pilgrims' Hymn PSALM 106: 1-12  
RESPONSES *Sasha Johnson Manning* HYMN 73 (i)  
READINGS 2 Kings 22: 11-end; Hebrews 5: 1-10  
CANTICLES *Stewart<sup>M</sup>* in C-sharp minor  
ANTHEM *Parry* My soul, there is a country  
FINAL RESPONSES *Naylor*  
VOLUNTARY *Durufle* Prélude *from* Suite pour orgue, Op. 5

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O Lord and Master of my life!  
Take from me the spirit of sloth, faint-heartedness,  
lust of power, and idle talk.  
But give rather the spirit of chastity, humility, patience,  
and love to Thy servant.  
Yea, Lord and King!  
Grant me to see my own errors and not to judge my brother,  
for Thou art blessed unto ages of ages.  
*St Ephrem the Syrian*

## FEBRUARY 2026

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### 22 SUNDAY

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

**11.00 am Sung Eucharist**

MASS *Byrd* Mass for five voices

HYMNS 425, 404, 74

READINGS Genesis 2: 15-17, 3: 1-7; Matthew 4: 1-11

TRACT *Plainsong* Qui habitat

PREACHER The Reverend Professor Jane Shaw, *Honorary Chaplain*

MOTET *Rusca* Adoramus te Christe

VOLUNTARY *J.S. Bach* arr. *Widor* Mattheus-Final from Bach's Memento

**6.00 pm Choral Evensong** with *Founder's Prayers & sermon*

RESPONSES *Leighton*

HYMNS 393, 457 (ii)

READINGS Deuteronomy 6: 4-9, 16-end; Luke 15: 1-10 PSALM 50: 1-15

CANTICLES *Gabriel Jackson* Truro Service

ANTHEM *Carissimi* Plorate, filii Israel

PREACHER The Right Reverend Dr Martin Warner, *Bishop of Chichester*

FINAL RESPONSES *Thomas Blunt*

VOLUNTARY *Reger* Benedictus

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### 23 MONDAY

POLYCARP, c. 155

8.30 am Morning Prayer

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### 24 TUESDAY

8.30 am Morning Prayer

**6.00 pm Choral Evening Prayer** (Choristers)

RESPONSES *Sarah MacDonald*

PSALM 119: 1-16

READINGS Deuteronomy 31: 7-13; 1 John 3: 1-10

CANTICLE *Plainsong* Now is the healing time decreed

MAGNIFICAT *Malcolm Archer* Berkshire Service

ANTHEM *Kristina Arakelyan* You Know Me

ANTIPHON *Plainsong* Ave Regina caelorum

**9.00 pm Compline** (Cantors)

HYMN *Plainsong* Christe qui lux es et dies

PSALM 31: 1-6

ANTIPHON *Plainsong* Ave Regina caelorum

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When once your foot enters the church, be bare.

God is more there, than thou: for thou art there

Only by his permission. Then beware,

And make thyself all reverence and fear.

Kneeling ne'er spoil'd silk stocking: quit thy state

All equal are within the church's gate.

*George Herbert*

## SIXTH WEEK

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### 25 WEDNESDAY

8.30 am Morning Prayer

**6.00 pm Choral Evensong** *sung jointly with the Choir of Eltham College*  
RESPONSES *Rose<sup>M</sup>* PSALM 119: 89-104  
READINGS Genesis 11: 1-9; Matthew 24: 15-28  
CANTICLES *Murrill* in E  
ANTHEM *Elgar* The Spirit of the Lord  
FINAL RESPONSES *Naylor*

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### 26 THURSDAY

8.30 am Morning Prayer

**6.00 pm Choral Evening Prayer** (Clerks)  
RESPONSES *Plainsong* PSALM 119: 145-160  
READINGS Genesis 13: 1-13; Romans 5: 1-11  
CANTICLE *Grayston Ives<sup>M</sup>* A Song of Penitence  
NUNC DIMITTIS *Victoria* Tertii toni  
ANTHEM *Gombert* Lugebat David Absalom  
ANTIPHON *Plainsong* Ave Regina caelorum

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### 27 FRIDAY

GEORGE HERBERT, 1633

8.30 am Morning Prayer

**6.00 pm Choral Evensong**  
RESPONSES *Smith* PSALMS 130, 131  
READINGS Genesis 21: 1-8; Luke 9: 18-27  
CANTICLES *Greene* in C  
ANTHEM *Padilla* Circumdederunt me  
FINAL RESPONSES *Smith*

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### 28 SATURDAY

**6.00 pm Choral Evensong** *sung jointly with the Chamber Choir of Hereford Sixth Form College* (Consort of Voices)  
INTROIT *Eleanor Daley* Upon Your Heart PSALM 108  
RESPONSES *Humphrey Clucas* HYMN 383 (ii)  
READINGS Genesis 32: 22-32; 2 Peter 1: 10-end  
CANTICLES *Howells* Gloucester Service  
ANTHEM *Brahms* Geistliches Lied  
FINAL RESPONSES *Humphrey Clucas*  
VOLUNTARY *Brahms* Herzlich tut mich verlangen, Op. 122, No. 10

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## MARCH 2026

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### MARCH

#### 1 SUNDAY

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

**11.00 am Sung Eucharist**

MASS *Grayston Ives*<sup>M</sup> Missa brevis

HYMNS 387, 407, 280

READINGS Genesis 12: 1-4a; John 3: 1-17

TRACT *Plainsong* Confitemini

PREACHER The Reverend Dr Andrew Bowyer, *Dean of Divinity*

MOTET *Rheinberger* Meditabor

VOLUNTARY *Böhm* Vater unser im Himmelreich

**6.00 pm Choral Evensong with Sermon**

RESPONSES *Matthew Martin*<sup>M</sup>

HYMNS 245, 445

READINGS Numbers 21: 4-9; Luke 14: 27-33

PSALM 135

CANTICLES *Arvo Pärt* Magnificat

*G. Holst* Nunc dimittis

ANTHEM *Tomkins*<sup>M</sup> When David heard

PREACHER The Reverend & Worshipful Canon Justin Gau, *Chancellor and Vicar General of the dioceses of Bristol and St Edmundsbury & Ipswich*

FINAL RESPONSES *Matthew Martin*<sup>M</sup>

VOLUNTARY *J.S. Bach* Fugue in A minor BWV 543

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#### 2 MONDAY

CHAD, 672

8.30 am Morning Prayer

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#### 3 TUESDAY

8.30 am Morning Prayer

**6.00 pm Choral Evening Prayer (Choristers)**

RESPONSES *Plainsong*

PSALM 18: 16-36

READINGS Zechariah 3; 2 Peter 2: 1-10a

CANTICLE *Plainsong* O Kind Creator, bow thine ear

MAGNIFICAT *Byrd* Fauxbourdons

ANTHEM *Humfrey* A Hymn to God the Father

ANTIPHON *Plainsong* Ave Regina caelorum

**9.00 pm Compline (Cantors)**

HYMN *Plainsong* Audi benigne Conditor

PSALM 91

ANTIPHON *Plainsong* Ave Regina caelorum

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I realized that the deepest spiritual lessons are not learned by His letting us have our way in the end, but by His making us wait, bearing with us in love and patience until we are able to honestly pray what He taught His disciples to pray: Thy will be done.

*Elisabeth Elliot*



## SEVENTH WEEK

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### 4 WEDNESDAY

8.30 am Morning Prayer

#### 6.00 pm Choral Evensong

RESPONSES *Sasha Johnson Manning*

PSALM 23

READINGS Job 1: 1-22; Luke 21: 34-22: 6

CANTICLES *Sumsion in A*

ANTHEM *Randall Svane* Bleib bei uns

FINAL RESPONSES *Naylor*

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### 5 THURSDAY

8.30 am Morning Prayer

#### 6.00 pm Choral Evensong

RESPONSES *Smith*

PSALM 27

READINGS 2 Chronicles 29: 1-11; Mark 11: 15-19

CANTICLES *Blow in the Dorian mode*

ANTHEM *Whyte* Ad te levavi oculos meos

FINAL RESPONSES *Smith*

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### 6 FRIDAY

8.30 am Morning Prayer

#### 6.00 pm Choral Evensong (Consort of Voices)

RESPONSES *Ayleward*

PSALM 34

READINGS Exodus 19: 1-9a; 1 Peter 1: 1-9

CANTICLES *Parsons* First Service

ANTHEM *Purcell* Let mine eyes run down with tears

FINAL RESPONSES *Ayleward*

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### 7 SATURDAY

PERPETUA, FELICITY & COMPANIONS, 203

#### 6.05 pm Choral Evensong *sung jointly with the choirs of Christ Church Cathedral and New College, Oxford*

THIS SERVICE WILL INTROIT *Judith Weir* Vertue

PSALM 37: 1-22

TAKE PLACE IN RESPONSES *Matthew Martin<sup>M</sup>*

CHRIST CHURCH READINGS Exodus 19: 9b-19; Acts 7: 44-50

CATHEDRAL CANTICLES *Cheryl Frances-Hoad* Peterborough Canticles

ANTHEM *Nico Muhly* With Eys Lift Up

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I do not feel obliged to believe that the same God who has endowed us with sense, reason,  
and intellect has intended us to forgo their use.

*Galileo Galilei*

## MARCH 2026

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### 8 SUNDAY

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

**11.00 am Sung Eucharist**

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

MASS *Langlais* Messe solennelle

HYMNS 264 (ii), 76, CP609

READINGS Exodus 17: 1-7; John 4: 5-42

TRACT *Plainsong* Ad te levavi

PREACHER The Reverend Professor Sabina Alkire, *Honorary Chaplain*

MOTET *Cecilia McDowall* Ave Regina

VOLUNTARY *Mary Beth Bennett* Hommage à Langlais – Song of Peace  
in a Time of War

**6.00 pm Choral Evensong** with Admission of Choristers and Founder's Prayers

INTROIT *Roxanna Panufnik* O Hearken

HYMNS CP375, 376

RESPONSES *Rose<sup>M</sup>*

PSALM 40

READINGS Joshua 1: 1-9; Ephesians 6: 10-20

CANTICLES *Joanna Forbes* L'Estrange King's Service

ANTHEM *Stanford* For lo, I raise up

FINAL RESPONSES *Naylor*

VOLUNTARY *Smyth* Fugue on O Traurigkeit, O Herzeleid

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### 9 MONDAY

8.30 am Morning Prayer

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### 10 TUESDAY

8.30 am Morning Prayer

**6.00 pm Choral Evening Prayer** (Choristers)

RESPONSES *Malcolm Archer*

PSALMS 53, 54

READINGS Exodus 15: 22-27; Hebrews 10: 32-end

CANTICLE *Grayston Ives<sup>M</sup>* Return to the Lord

NUNC DIMITTIS *Matthew Martin<sup>M</sup>* Westminster Service

ANTHEM *Rheinberger* Inclina Domine

ANTIPHON *Plainsong* Ave Regina caelorum

**9.00 pm Compline & Benediction** (Cantors)

HYMN *Plainsong* Ad preces nostras

PSALM 134

ANTIPHON *Plainsong* Ave Regina caelorum

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She was created in the image of God! How can anyone dare slander the vessel that bears such noble imprint? ... And if anyone says that it was a woman, Lady Eve, who caused man's fall from Paradise, I would say that man gained more through Mary than he lost through Eve.

*Christine de Pizan*

## EIGHTH WEEK

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### 11 WEDNESDAY

8.30 am Morning Prayer

**6.00 pm Choral Evensong**

RESPONSES *Leighton*

PSALM 59

READINGS Genesis 9: 8-17; 1 Peter 3: 18-end

CANTICLES *Howells* Westminster Service

ANTHEM *G. Holst* Turn back, O man

FINAL RESPONSES *Thomas Blunt*

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### 12 THURSDAY

8.30 am Morning Prayer

**6.00 pm Choral Evensong**

RESPONSES *Sasha Johnson Manning*

PSALM 65

READINGS Daniel 12: 5-end; Mark 13: 21-end

CANTICLES *Greene* in C

ANTHEM *Kuhnau, arr. J.S. Bach* Der Gerechte kommt um

FINAL RESPONSES *Naylor*

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### 13 FRIDAY

8.30 am Morning Prayer

**6.00 pm Choral Evening Prayer (Clerks)**

RESPONSES *Plainsong*

PSALMS 69: 30-end, 70

READINGS Numbers 20: 1-13; 1 Corinthians 10: 23-end

CANTICLE *Plainsong* O Jesus Christ, from Thee began

MAGNIFICAT *John Harper<sup>M</sup>* Tertii toni

ANTHEM *Palestrina* Improperium expectavit cor meum

ANTIPHON *Plainsong* Ave Regina caelorum

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### 14 SATURDAY

**6.00 pm Choral Evensong (Consort of Voices)**

INTROIT *Lassus* Tristis est anima mea

PSALM 74

RESPONSES *Shephard*

HYMN 381

READINGS Exodus 3: 1-12; Hebrews 3: 1-15

CANTICLES *Leighton* Second Service

ANTHEM *Caroline Shaw* and the swallow

FINAL RESPONSES *Michael Walsh*

VOLUNTARY *Dupré* Cortège et litanie, Op. 19, No. 2

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A happy life is the perfect life to which we are led by a firm faith, cheerful hope, and fervent love.

*Monica of Tagaste*

## SERVICES FOLLOWING THE END OF TERM

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### 17 TUESDAY

PATRICK, C. 460

#### 6.00 pm **Festal Choral Evensong**

INTROIT *Tavener* The Lord's Prayer

PSALM 89: 1-19

RESPONSES *Leighton*

HYMN 159 (OMIT \*)

READINGS Jeremiah 13: 12-19; Acts 13: 26-35

ANTIPHON *Plainsong* Confessor Domini

CANTICLES *Harwood* in A-flat

ANTHEM *Arvo Pärt* The Deer's Cry

FINAL RESPONSES *Marlow*

VOLUNTARY *Stanford* Allegro maestoso 'St Patrick's Breastplate'  
*from Sonata No. 4 'Celtica'*

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### 28 SATURDAY

#### 6.00 pm **Choral Evensong** *before the Gaudy (1985-87)*

INTROIT *Rachmaninoff* To Thee, O Lord

PSALMS 137, 138

RESPONSES *Rose<sup>M</sup>*

HYMN 333

READINGS Wisdom 7: 7-10, 15-16; John 12: 27-36

CANTICLES *Leighton* Collegium Magdalenae Oxoniense

ANTHEM *Stainer<sup>M</sup>* Lead, kindly light

FINAL RESPONSES *Naylor*

VOLUNTARY *Vierne* Final *from* Symphony No. 1, Op. 14

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## APRIL

### 2 THURSDAY

### MAUNDY THURSDAY

#### 6.00 pm **Sung Eucharist** *with washing of feet* (Consort of Voices)

MASS *Vaughan Williams* Mass in G minor

HYMNS 79, 90, 86

READINGS Exodus 12: 1-4, 11-14; John 13: 1-17, 31b-35

TRACT *Plainsong* Ab ortu solis

PREACHER The Reverend Dr Oliver Wright, *Honorary Chaplain*

MOTETS *M. Haydn* Eram quasi innocens *Durufilé* Ubi caritas

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### 3 FRIDAY

### GOOD FRIDAY

#### 11.00 am **Liturgy of Good Friday** (Clerks)

INTROIT *Ferrabosco* Vocem meam audisti

HYMN 95

READINGS Isaiah 52: 13-53: 9; Hebrews 10: 16-25

PSALM 130

CANTICLES *Tallis* Lamentations of Jeremiah

GOSPEL *Victoria* John 18: 1-19: 37

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The cross is not the terrible end to an otherwise god fearing and happy life,  
but it meets us at the beginning of our communion with Christ.

*Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

## MARCH & APRIL 2026

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### 5 SUNDAY

### EASTER DAY

#### 11.00 am Festal Sung Eucharist

MASS *Martin* Messe

HYMNS 110, 103, 120

READINGS Acts 10: 34-43; John 20: 1-18

ALLELUIA *Plainsong* Pascha nostrum

PREACHER The Reverend Dr Laura Biron-Scott, *Assistant Chaplain*

MOTETS *Handel* Hallelujah! *Vaughan Williams* Easter

VOLUNTARY *John Rutter* Variations on an Easter Theme

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REGULAR CHORAL SERVICES IN THE TRINITY TERM  
WILL RESUME ON SATURDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2026

### Choir tour to the USA

Between 6<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> April, the Choir will be performing a series of concerts on the west coast of the United States of America.

For more information, please visit the Choir website.

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The Chapel and Choir are grateful for the generous support of the College for their core activities, but look to benefactors to support additional activities, including recordings, concerts and tours. If you are interested in joining the Friends of Magdalen College Choir or wish to discuss ways of supporting music at the College, please contact the Informator Choristarum, through the Choir Administrator at [choir@magd.ox.ac.uk](mailto:choir@magd.ox.ac.uk), or collect a leaflet from the Chapel.



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# ORGAN RECITALS

## Saturday Lunchtime Recitals

Admission is free to this series of recitals on Saturdays at noon, featuring organists from Magdalen College, from other colleges in Oxford, and from further afield.

Recitals last 30-40 minutes.

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January 12.00 pm

EDWARD BENCE

*Oriel College, Oxford*

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February 12.00 pm

DREW SELLIS

*Magdalen College, Oxford*

Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January 12.00 pm

SEA-AM THOMPSON

*Magdalen College, Oxford*

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February 12.00 pm

ARTHUR BARTON

*The Queen's College, Oxford*

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February 12.00 pm

HENRY MORRIS

*Magdalen College, Oxford*

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March 12.00 pm

GEORGE BALFOUR

*Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford*

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February 12.00 pm

JEREMY WAN

*Worcester College, Oxford*

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March 12.00 pm

MICHAEL CHESTERS

*Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford*

## Guest Organ Recitals

Performed by leading professional organists from the UK and elsewhere, these take place on Monday evenings, lasting approximately one hour, and are followed by drinks in the Ante-chapel. Tickets £10 (£5 students), will be available on the door or in advance online (see the Choir website for more information).

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January 5.30 pm

VINCENT DUBOIS

*Organiste Titulaire, Notre-Dame de Paris*

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 5.30 pm

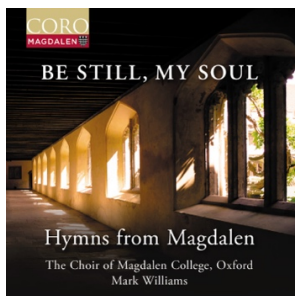
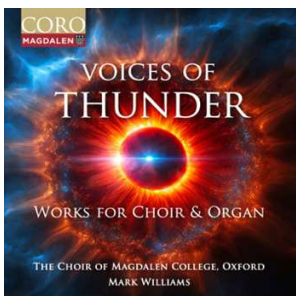
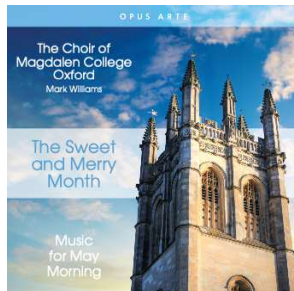
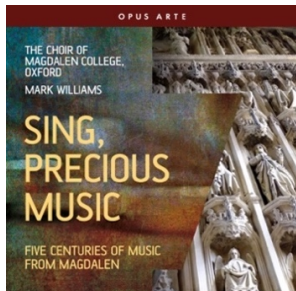
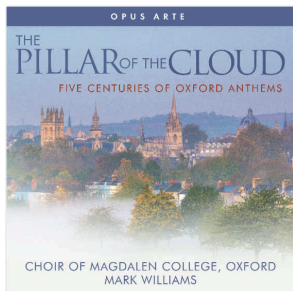
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*Artist-in-Residence,*

*St John the Divine, New York*

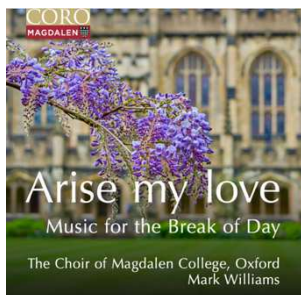
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The opening of St Matthew's Gospel decorated with a 'Jesus tree' from a 13<sup>th</sup>-century Vulgate bible, Magdalen College Library, MS Lat 108, fol. 271r



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