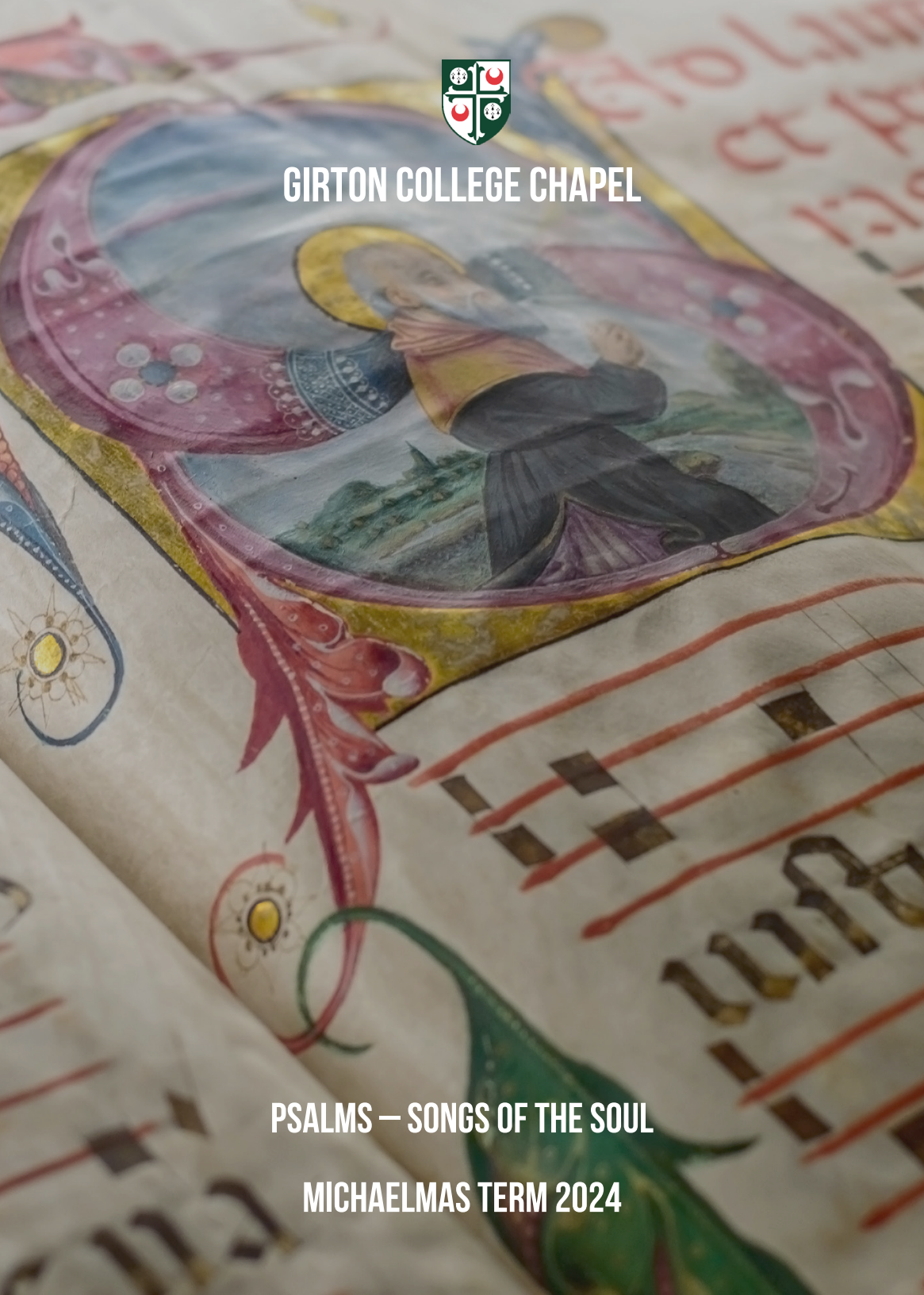




# GIRTON COLLEGE CHAPEL



PSALMS — SONGS OF THE SOUL

MICHAELMAS TERM 2024

# THE CHAPEL

All are welcome in the College Chapel. As well as a place where services take place, it is a space for everyone in the College community – of all faiths or none – for quiet reflection, prayer or meditation. There are sometimes musical rehearsals in Chapel, but it is mostly free and peaceful. Please do make us of this beautiful space at any time.

Services in the Chapel, mostly in the Anglican Christian tradition, are also for anybody who wants to come – from whatever faith, background or tradition. The Chapel community fosters a welcoming and inclusive culture, including in matters of sexuality and gender, and the services can provide a welcome stability and rhythm amongst the busyness of College life.

## Use of the Chapel

Any groups wishing to use the Chapel for rehearsals or meeting must obtain direct permission from the Chaplain. Many things are possible, and the Chaplain very much welcomes appropriate use of the space, but this must be arranged beforehand in order to prevent clashes. Whilst every effort is made to accommodate requests, please be aware that the Chapel is not simply a practice or meeting room and permission is not guaranteed.

## Quiet Hour

A 'Quiet Hour' is kept in Chapel between 1:30pm – 2:30pm on weekdays in term time. The Chapel is very often free for much of the day, but no rehearsals or meetings will be arranged during this particular time – you can be confident the Chapel will be quiet for prayer, meditation, reflection or simply to enjoy the quiet.

# WHO'S WHO?

## **The Chaplain: Rev'd Dr Tim Boniface**



Rev'd Dr Boniface is the College Chaplain. As well as overseeing the life of the Chapel and leading the worship, Tim is available to all members of College, and is happy to see people in confidence for any reason, religious or not. He can spend time listening to you and offer guidance, and can also help point you to other support that you might benefit from. He is part-time, but is around College regularly in full term.

Do feel free to drop in to Tim's office (D4a). He is available to see you in person, talk on the phone, on Zoom, or to contact by email if that is best for you ([chaplain@girton.cam.ac.uk](mailto:chaplain@girton.cam.ac.uk)). The Porters' Lodge can also contact Tim in an emergency.

## **Director of Chapel Music: Dr Gareth Wilson**

Dr Wilson (gw377) oversees the musical life of the Chapel and directs the College Chapel Choir.

He is assisted by the Organ Scholars, **Gabriel Kennedy** and **Ben Nolan**.

## **Chapel Wardens: Alexandra Bates, Ellie Richardson, Rosie Rice.**

Girton's Chapel Wardens assist the Chaplain in all practical matters relating to Chapel and are a crucial part of the community. We would always welcome more in this friendly team. Please contact the Chaplain or speak to the Chapel Wardens if you're interested serving as a Chapel Warden yourself, or to explore any other ways in which you might contribute to chapel life, such as assisting with live streaming, reading or leading prayers.

## **Priest with permission to officiate: Rev'd Dr Charlie Bell**

Rev'd Dr Bell, Official Fellow, Praelector and Chair of the Chapel Committee, can be contacted by email ([cb561](mailto:cb561)).

## **Lay Minister: Dr Roland Randall**

Dr Randall, Life Fellow and Diocesan Reader, can be contacted by email ([rer10](mailto:rer10)).

## **Student Christian organisations:**

**Student Christian Movement:** [www.movement.org.uk](http://www.movement.org.uk)

**Cambridge University Catholic Chaplaincy:** [www.fisherhouse.org.uk](http://www.fisherhouse.org.uk)

**Girton Christian Union Rep:** Fin Di Castiglione (fpd23)

**Fisher House (Roman Catholic) Rep:** Sofia Miccolis (slm202)

The Chaplain has contact details for Chaplaincy support for students of other faiths, and will be happy to put you in contact.

## **PRAYER AND MEDITATION ROOM**

Girton has a prayer and meditation room, available for use by any member of the College at any time. The room is simple, neutral and comfortable, intended for use by people of all faiths or of none. Basic guidelines for its use are posted outside. The room is overseen by the Junior Bursar and the Chaplain. Please request the key from the Porters if you wish to use it. If you need to make regular bookings, please email [prayerroom@girton.cam.ac.uk](mailto:prayerroom@girton.cam.ac.uk).

## **MIDWEEK SERVICES**

### **Choral Candlelit Compline**

**Tuesdays at 9 pm**

**15 and 29 October, 5, 19, and 26 November**

A service traditionally sung or said before sleep, Compline at Girton includes plainchant and reflective music sung by the Choir, most Tuesdays during Full Term. An ancient service of great beauty – take some time to unwind and be still for 20 minutes in the candlelight, music and silence. No demands.

### **Tuesday Morning Prayer**

**8:15 am**

A short said service of Morning Prayer in the contemporary Anglican tradition, led by the College Bursar, who is also an ordinand (training to be ordained) in the Church of England.

From time to time there are other services in term. These are included in the College Newsletter that comes out every week in term time. If you would like to be on a more regular 'services reminder' email from the Chapel, please email [chaplain@girton.cam.ac.uk](mailto:chaplain@girton.cam.ac.uk) with your request and you can be added to the list.

## **CHORAL EVENSONG: ALL SUNDAYS IN FULL TERM**

**at 5:30 pm (unless otherwise stated)**

Evensong in English dates back to the time of the Reformation, but many elements draw on the ancient monastic 'offices' or 'hours' (regular prayers at certain times of day), especially to the office of vespers (evening prayer). The 1662 Book of Common Prayer provides the form of words and ceremonies that the Church of England uses to this day, although the service first appeared in this form in 1549. Congregations are drawn to the rhythms of prayer that have sustained worshippers down the centuries. The Evensong at Girton is 'choral', meaning that key elements of the service are sung to beautiful choral settings by our College Choir.

Choral evensong also includes a sermon of around 10 - 15 minutes. Sermons often follow a theme for the term, allowing for in depth exploration of certain issues and topics from many different angles. In addition to the Chaplain, sermons are often given by notable guests preachers who bring valuable perspectives from their own life and context.

Our sermon theme for evensong this term explores the book of Psalms in the Hebrew Bible, that has also played a central role in Christian prayer and thought for centuries. Our speakers will be exploring particular Psalms and how they speak to us today. See the list of services for themes.

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OCT

## Introductory Evensong

Speaker: Rev'd Dr Tim Boniface, *College Chaplain*

Music: Introit - Dostoino Yest (Dmitri Bortniansky)  
Responses - Trevor Weston  
Canticles - Evening Service in B Minor (Thomas Tertius Noble)  
Anthem - O Jesu Christ, meus lebens licht (Johann Sebastian Bach)

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OCT

## Psalm 43, Songs of Justice

Speaker: Rev'd Helen Harknett, *Vicar, St Philips Avondale Square, London*

Music: Introit - Hymne to Christ (Imogen Holst)  
Responses - Trevor Weston  
Canticles - Evening Service in F (Charles Wood)  
Anthem - Geistliches Lied (Johannes Brahms)

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OCT

## A said service of Holy Communion

Speaker: Rev'd Dr Tim Boniface, *College Chaplain*

All are welcome to this gentle and fairly short service – an introduction to one of the central practices of Christianity. There is no pressure to receive communion (bread and wine); you can simply come and enjoy the rhythm and peace of the service. As with every service in Chapel, anyone from any tradition or faith is welcome.

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NOV

## All Souls' Commemorative Evensong

Speaker: Rev'd Professor Ben Quash, *Professor of Theology and the Arts, Kings College London*

Music: Introit - Psalm 23 (David Bevan)  
Responses - Trevor Weston  
Canticles - Truro Service (Dobrinka Tabakova)  
Anthem - Pater Noster (Gareth Wilson)

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NOV

## Remembrance Sunday

### Psalm 22, Songs for Forsakenness

Speaker: Rev'd Dr Tim Boniface, *College Chaplain*

Music: Intro - Life is Short (Chris Brain)  
Responses - Trevor Weston  
Canticles - Evening Service in D Minor (Thomas Walmisley)  
Anthem - Now the Powers of Heaven (Alexander Gretchaninov)

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## Psalm 139, Songs of Humanity

Speaker: Rev'd Canon Dr Philip Hobday, *Canon Missioner, Wakefield Cathedral*

Music: Introit - Lead me, Lord (Gabriel Kennedy)  
Responses - Trevor Weston  
Canticles - Evening Service in D (George Dyson)  
Anthem - Guttur Tuum (Robin Burlton)

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NOV

## Psalm 103, Songs of Worship

Speaker: Rev'd Prebendary Dr Isabelle Hamley, *Principal, Ridley Hall, Cambridge*

Music: Introit - O Weisheit (Arvo Pärt)  
Responses - Trevor Weston  
Canticles - Evening Service in B flat (Charles Villiers Stanford)  
Anthem - O Immanuel (Arvo Pärt)

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## Advent Carol Service

A service of Advent and Christmas Carols and music by the Choir, preceded by tea in the Stanley Library from 4.30 PM

This service is extremely popular and will be full. We recommend arriving in plenty of time.

# STILL TO COME... MORE VISITING PREACHERS IN 2024-2025

Professor Anna Rowlands (OG), *Professor of Political Theology, University of Durham.*

Rt Rev'd Dr Rosemary Mallet, *Bishop of Croydon.*

Rt Rev'd and Rt Hon Dr Rowan Williams, *Former Archbishop of Canterbury.*

Chine MacDonald, *Author, 'God is Not A White Man'.*

Prof Robert Beckford, *Professor of Climate and Social Justice, University of Winchester; Professor of Black Theology, Queens College Birmingham.*

Rev'd Peter Godden, *Vicar, St Dunstan's Monks Risborough.*

Joy Clarkson, *Author, 'Aggressively Happy' and 'You Are A Tree'.*

...and more... keep an eye on the term cards!

## FURTHER INFORMATION

- **Chapel webpage**  
[www.girton.cam.ac.uk/life-girton/chapel-faith](http://www.girton.cam.ac.uk/life-girton/chapel-faith)
- **Facebook (Girton College Chapel Choir)**  
[www.facebook.com/GirtonChoir](http://www.facebook.com/GirtonChoir)
- **Twitter (Girton College Chapel Choir)**  
[@GirtonChoir](https://twitter.com/GirtonChoir)



# CHARITY FOR MICHAELMAS TERM BLUE SMILE



This term we are supporting Blue Smile, a leading children's mental health charity dedicated to transforming the life chances of young people across Cambridgeshire through expert, arts based therapeutic support.

Blue Smile provide a 'whole school' approach for mental wellbeing, with one to one arts based therapy for children aged 3 to 13 and a Menu of Services program, including workshops for groups of children and staff, teacher and parent support.

They work using proven arts based therapies which engage the child in a non-threatening way, helping them to organise their feelings and process traumatic experiences.

So far their highly skilled therapists and mentors have helped hundreds of children to be happier and feel better.

For more information visit:

- [www.bluesmile.org.uk](http://www.bluesmile.org.uk)
- Twitter: [@BlueSmileCam](https://twitter.com/BlueSmileCam)
- Facebook: [www.facebook.com/BlueSmileCam/](https://www.facebook.com/BlueSmileCam/)
- Instagram: [@bluesmilecam](https://www.instagram.com/bluesmilecam)

You can give to the Chapel charity either by cash or card following services or by emailing the Chaplain.

# THIS TERM'S COVER ART



The cover art is a medieval ancient illuminated manuscript with Gregorian chant.

