

# Keble College Chapel

## Choral Services



## Hilary Term 2023

*Please feel free to take this booklet away with you*

Keble Chapel is for everyone. Whatever you do or don't believe you are very welcome to attend one of our services or just drop into Chapel for a moment of quiet in the middle of a busy day.

At the heart of our worship is the beautiful music of the Keble College Choir, one of Oxford's best-known vocal ensembles. They sing at the three main Chapel services each week:

**The College Eucharist (Sundays 5.30pm)** is the main service of the week, with hymns, choral music, and a thought-provoking talk. It lasts about one hour. The Eucharist (also called Mass or Communion) is the service in which the Scriptures are read, and the bread and wine is consecrated with the words 'the body of Christ...the blood of Christ'. The service is followed by pre-dinner drinks in the SCR.

**Choral Evensong (Wednesdays 6.00pm)** is an English musical service that has become famous throughout the world. At around 40 minutes with a sequence of readings and prayers and lots of music, it's a perfect place for recollection and finding connection with ourselves and God at the end of the day.

**Candlelit Compline (Thursdays 9.00pm)** is a very special atmospheric service, lasting about half an hour. Lit by candle flames, the choir sings texts and anthems from this ancient monastic office, providing an opportunity for peace, meditation, and stillness at the heart of a busy week. It is followed by port and hot chocolate.

Part of the vision of those who founded Keble College was to make it a unique institution in Oxford. The brick architecture and the inclusive social ethos which enabled those of more modest incomes to attend the University are part of what makes Keble special, but also of crucial importance to Keble's founders was also the fact that the College's style of worship should make it stand out in Oxford. Their commitment to beauty in worship continues to this day as music, vestments, incense, and the decoration of the Chapel engage all of our senses in the distinctive services held at Keble.

I hope very much that whatever you believe, you will find a place of peace and inspiration in Keble Chapel, where you are always welcome.

Fr Max Kramer  
Chaplain

For more information about music in the chapel, applying for choral and organ scholarships, or the Keble Early Music Festival, please email [music@keble.ox.ac.uk](mailto:music@keble.ox.ac.uk) and see [www.keble.ox.ac.uk/about/music](http://www.keble.ox.ac.uk/about/music)

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Junior Organ Scholar: EDWARD GAUT

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15 January

5.30      **Epiphany Carol Service**

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18 Wednesday

6.00pm      **Choral Evensong**      NEH 436; Amazing Grace  
**with welcome of M-CMRS and UGA Students**

Karg-Elert, *Sollt ich meinem Gott nicht singen*

(Op. 65, no.22)

Responses: Rose

Psalm 97

Watson in E

Howells, *Here is the little door*

Karg-Elert, *Marche Triomphale: Nun danket alle Gott*

(Op. 65, no.59)

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19 Thursday

8.30pm      **Organ Recital**  
Edward Gaut (Keble College)

9.00pm      **Sung Compline**  
Tye, *Nunc dimittis*  
Plainsong, *Alma redemptoris mater*

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22 Sunday      Epiphany III

5.30 pm      **Choral Eucharist**      NEH 48; 47; 417

                  Langlais, *Plainte (Suite Brève)*

                  Langlais Messe Solennelle

                  Psalm 27. 1-8

                  Poulenc, *Videntes stellam*

                  Langlais, *Hymne d'Action de grâces (Te Deum)*

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25 Wednesday      CONVERSION OF ST PAUL

6.00pm      **Choral Evensong**      NEH155

                  Bach, *Largo from Trio Sonata No.5 in C major (BWV 529ii)*

                  Responses: Ayleward

                  Psalm 119. 41-56

                  Gibbons, Short Service

                  Schütz, *Saul, Saul, was verfolgst du mich*

                  Preston, *Alleluyas*

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26 Thursday

7.30pm      **Organ Recital**

                  Benjamin Mills (St Michael's, Highgate)

9.00pm      **Sung Compline**

                  Gibbons, *Nunc dimittis*

                  Palestrina, *Alma redemptoris mater*

29 Sunday

5.30 pm **Holocaust Memorial Day** NEH 433 om. 4, 5 ; 417  
 Rutter, *The Lord bless you and keep you*  
 Stanford, *Justorum animae*  
 Purcell, *Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts*

30 Monday MITRE CLUB DINNER

6.30pm **Choral Evensong** AM 663 (CP 466)  
 Vierne, *Andantino (24 Pièces de Fantaisie)*  
 Responses: Ayleward  
 Psalm 118. 1-18  
 Stanford in C  
 Balfour Gardiner, *Te lucis ante terminum*  
 Stanford, *Postlude in D minor (Op. 105 No. 6)*

1 Wednesday EVE OF CANDLEMAS

6.00pm **Choral Evensong** NEH 401  
 Bach, *Mit Fried und Freud ich fahr dahin (BWV 616)*  
 Responses: Rose  
 Psalm 118. 1-18  
 Ives, *Edington Service*  
 Grieg, *Ave Maris Stella*  
 Leighton, *Paeon*

2 Thursday CANDLEMAS

8.30pm **Organ Recital**  
 Owen Chan (Merton College)

9.00pm **Sung Compline**  
 Bairstow, *Save us O Lord*  
 Stanford *Nunc Dimittis* in G

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5 Sunday      CANDLEMAS (transferred)

5.30 pm      **Choral Eucharist**      NEH 33 om. 6; 338; AM 677

Hollins, *Melody*

Vittoria Missa *Simile est Regnum*

Psalm 24

Eccard *Maria wallt zum heiligtum*

Vincent, *Temple March*

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8 Wednesday

6.00pm      **Choral Evensong**      NEH 381

Whitlock, *Allegretto (5 Short Pieces)*

Responses: Rose

Psalm 119. 33-48

Moore Third Service

Bairstow, *Save us O Lord*

(F.H.) Wood, *'Aylesford Bridge, on the Medway'*  
*from Scenes in Kent*

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9 Thursday

8.30pm      **Organ Recital**

Hilary Norris (Leominster Priory)

9.00pm      **Sung Compline by Lower Voices**

Sheppard, *In manus tuas*

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12 Sunday      Second Sunday before Lent  
5.30 pm      **Choral Eucharist**      NEH 265; 263 om. 5, 6; AM 546  
Elgar, *Allegretto (Organ Sonata)*  
Stanford in C and F  
Psalm 136. 1-9  
Tallis, *O sacrum convivium*  
Saint-Saëns, *Improvisation No. 7*

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15 Wednesday  
6.00pm      **Words and Music for St Valentine's Day**

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16 Thursday  
8.30pm      **Organ Recital**  
Daniel Greenway (Keble College)  
9.00pm      **Sung Compline by Upper Voices**  
Charpentier, *Ave regina coelorum*



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19 Sunday      First Sunday before Lent  
5.30 pm      **Choral Eucharist**      NEH 351; 439i; 178  
Whitlock, *Carol*  
Howells, *Collegium Regale Communion Service*  
Psalm 2  
Elgar, *Ave verum corpus*  
Howells, *Psalm Prelude Set 2 No. 2 (Ps. 139 v. 11)*

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22 Wednesday      KEBLE EARLY MUSIC FESTIVAL  
ASH WEDNESDAY  
6.00pm      **Choral Eucharist**      NEH 59i (Choir); 353; 376  
Frescobaldi, *Recercar dopo il Credo (Messa della*  
*Madonna)*  
Byrd, *Mass for four voices*  
Byrd, *Miserere mei*  
Bach, *Fantasia in G minor (BWV 542i)*  
7.30pm      **Ensemble Pro Victoria**  
'Made whiter than snow - a Lenten journey'  
Tickets available from [ticketsoxford.com](http://ticketsoxford.com)

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- 23 Thursday      KEBLE EARLY MUSIC FESTIVAL
- 1.00pm      **The Keble Consort**  
Admission free – retiring collection
- 8.00pm      **Across the Divide**  
Oxford Consort of Voices/Edward Higginbottom  
Tickets available from [ticketsoxford.com](http://ticketsoxford.com)
- 9.00pm      **Sung Compline**  
Tallis, Te lucis ante terminum  
Tye, Nunc dimittis
- 9.30pm      **Playford Entertains (Keble College Bar)**  
Admission free
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- 24 Friday      KEBLE EARLY MUSIC FESTIVAL
- 11.00pm      **The Bate Collective**  
Admission free
- 1.00pm      **Mahan Esfahani** (*O'Reilly Theatre*)  
JS Bach's Wohltemperierte Klavier Bk 1  
Tickets available from [ticketsoxford.com](http://ticketsoxford.com)
- 7.30pm      **Rachel Podger (baroque violin)**  
solo recital – works by Bach, Matteis and Tartini  
Tickets available from [ticketsoxford.com](http://ticketsoxford.com)
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- 25 Saturday      KEBLE EARLY MUSIC FESTIVAL
- 7.30pm      **Baroque Birthdays**  
Birthday odes by Handel and Bach  
Tickets available from [ticketsoxford.com](http://ticketsoxford.com)

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26 Sunday      Lent I

5.30 pm      **Choral Eucharist**      NEH 507; 67; 445

Bach, *Kyrie, Gott Vater in Ewigkeit* (BWV 669)

Palestrina *Missa brevis*

Psalm 32. 1-8

Byrd, *Ave verum corpus*

Bach, *Prelude in E minor* (BWV 548i)

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1 Wednesday      ST DAVID'S DAY

6.00pm      **Choral Evensong**      NEH 368

Mathias, *Canzonetta*

Responses: Ayleward

Psalm 28

Murrill in E

Welsh trad. *Suo Gân*

Vaughan Williams, *Prelude on Rhosymedre*

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2 Thursday

8.30pm      **Organ Recital**

Peter King (Bath Abbey)

9.00pm      **Sung Compline**

Holst, *Nunc dimittis*

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5 Sunday      Lent II  
5.30 pm      **Choral Eucharist**      NEH 507; 383ii; 333  
Pärt, *Spiegel im Spiegel*  
Wood Communion Service in the Phrygian Mode  
Psalm 121  
Stainer, *God so loved the world*  
Mendelssohn, *Fugue from Sonata VI*

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8 Wednesday  
6.00pm      **Lent Meditation**

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9 Thursday  
8.30pm      Organ Recital  
                Jamie Rogers (Canterbury Cathedral)  
9.00pm      *Sung Compline*  
                Byrd, *Christe qui lux es et dies*  
                Gibbons, *Nunc dimittis*

*Choral services resume on 23 April*