

Keble College Chapel

Choral Services



Hilary Term 2026

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.

Choral Evensong (Tuesdays 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 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 and see www.keble.ox.ac.uk/about/music

Director of Music: CHRISTIAN WILSON
Organ Scholars: LOUIS JONES
LOUIS HORSMAN CARPENTER

18 Sunday

5.30pm

Epiphany Carol Service

20 Tuesday

6.00pm

Choral Evensong with welcome of Affiliated Members

AM 587, NEH 427

Bach, *In dir ist Freude* BWV 615

Responses, Rose

Psalm 89 (1-12)

Stanford in A

Praetorius, *Joseph lieber, Joseph mein*Karg-Elert, *Nun danket alle Gott*

22 Thursday

8.30pm

Organ Recital

Alexander Ffinch (Cheltenham College)

9.00pm

Sung Compline (plainsong)Victoria, *Nunc dimittis* (tertii toni)Pygott, *Quid petis, O fili?*

25 Sunday

5.30pm

Holocaust Memorial Day

NEH 42, 417

Mendelssohn, *Andante con moto*Purcell, *Hear my prayer*Trad. arr. Wollenberg, *Psalm 23*Bach, *Dona nobis pacem*, from B minor MassGideon Klein (arr. Wilson), *Wiegenlied*Mendelssohn, *Prelude in C minor*

27 Tuesday	CHARLES I, KING & MARTYR	
6.00pm	Choral Evensong	NEH 57
	Bach, <i>Trio Sonata No.4 in E minor</i>	
	Responses, Ayleward	
	Psalm 145	
	Tomkins Fifth Service	
	Weelkes, <i>Alleluia, I heard a voice</i>	
	Sweelinck, <i>Est-ce Mars?</i>	

29 Thursday		
8.30pm	Organ Recital	
	Joe Hyam (New College)	
9.00pm	Sung Compline (plainsong)	
	Esquivel, <i>Nunc Dimittis</i>	
	Guerrero, <i>Alma redemptoris mater</i>	

31 Saturday	MITRE CLUB DINNER	
6.00pm	Choral Evensong	NEH 413, 427
	Parry, <i>Chorale Prelude on "Croft's 136th"</i>	
	Responses, Rose	
	Psalm 24	
	Stanford in A	
	Elgar, <i>Give unto the Lord</i>	
	Dubois, <i>Toccata from 12 pièces pour orgue</i>	

1 Sunday	CANDLEMAS	
5.30pm	Choral Eucharist	NEH 33, 338, AM 677
	Bach, <i>Herr Gott, nun schleuß</i> , BWV 617	
	Psalm 24 (7-10)	
	Haydn, <i>Missa Sancti Joannis de Deo</i>	
	Eccard, <i>Maria wallt zum heiligtum</i>	
	Alain, <i>Litanies</i>	

3 Tuesday		
6.00pm	Choral Evensong	NEH 404
	Bach, <i>Mit Fried und Freud ich fahr dahin</i> BWV 616	
	Responses, Ayleward	
	Psalm 9	
	Watson in E	
	Howells, <i>O pray for the peace of Jerusalem</i>	
	Bach, <i>Allegro</i> from <i>Concerto in d minor</i> BWV 596	

5 Thursday		
8.30pm	Organ Recital	
	Edward Picton-Turbervill (Kennington, London)	
9.00pm	Sung Compline (plainsong)	
	Tallis, <i>Nunc dimittis</i> a 5	
	Tallis, <i>Videte miraculum</i>	

8 Sunday

5.30pm **Choral Eucharist** NEH 393, 333, 286
Bach, *Prelude in A minor* BWV 543
Hassler, *Missa Octo Vocum*
Psalm 136 (1-9)
Tallis, *Salvator mundi*
Bach, *Prelude in E flat* BWV 552

10 Tuesday

6.00pm **Choral Evensong** NEH 414
Schmidt, *O Ewigkeit, du Donnerwort*
Responses, Tomkins
Psalm 33
Jackson in G
Purcell, *Jehovah, quam multi sunt hostes mei*
Bach, *Fugue in B minor* BWV 579

12 Thursday

8.30pm **Organ Recital**
Louis Horsman Carpenter (Keble College)

9.00pm **Sung Compline** (plainsong)
Reiner, *Nunc Dimittis*
Philips, *Ave regina caelorum*

13 Friday

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

15 Sunday

5.30pm **Choral Eucharist** NEH 336 (om. 2), 271, 663
 Widor, *Adagio* from *Symphonie No. 5*
 Berkeley, *Missa Brevis*
 Psalm 2 (1-6)
 Laloux, *Tantum ergo*
 Elgar (arr. Lemare), *Salut d'Amour*

18 Wednesday ASH WEDNESDAY

6.00pm **Choral Eucharist** NEH 507, 459, 353
 Brahms, *O Welt ich muß ich lassen* (Nos. 3 & 11)
 Williamson, *Missa Tertia*
 Lobo, *Versa est in luctum*
 Farrant, *Lord for thy tender mercy's sake*
 Hollins, *Concert Overture No. 2 in C minor*

19 Thursday

8.30pm **Organ Recital**
 Louis Jones (Keble College)

9.00pm **Sung Compline** (plainsong)
 Amy Beach, *Nunc dimittis*
 Lobo, *Ave regina caelorum*

22 Sunday

5.30pm **Choral Eucharist** NEH 507, 67, 445
 Schmidt, *O, wie selig seid ihr doch, ihr Frommen*
 Byrd, *Mass for Four Voices*
 Psalm 32 (1-6)
 Ouseley, *O Saviour of the world*
 Van Oortmerssen, *Nun ruhen alle Wälder*

24 Tuesday KEBLE EARLY MUSIC FESTIVAL

6.00pm **Choral Evensong** NEH 382

Gibbons, A Fancy in Gamut flat

Responses, Tomkins

Psalm 49

Weelkes Short Service

Gombert, *Media vita*

Byrd, *Fantasia*

7.30pm CONCERT

Spem in Alium and other Tudor treasures

The Brabant Ensemble

Tickets available from ticketsoxford.com

25 Wednesday KEBLE EARLY MUSIC FESTIVAL

1.00pm CONCERT **Vocal Showcase**

Keble's graduate musicians

Free admission - Retiring Collection

7.30pm CONCERT **La Serenissima**

Orchestral Crossing Borders programme

Tickets available from ticketsoxford.com

26 Thursday KEBLE EARLY MUSIC FESTIVAL

1.00pm CONCERT **The Bate Collective**
Free admission - Retiring Collection

7.30pm CONCERT **Viennese Treasures**
The Illyria Consort
Tickets available from ticketsoxford.com

9.00pm **Sung Compline** (plainsong)
Esquivel, *Nunc Dimittis*
Lassus, *Ave regina caelorum* a 6

27 Friday KEBLE EARLY MUSIC FESTIVAL

1.00pm CONCERT
Lunchtime Lute Song from Renaissance Italy
Free admission - Retiring Collection

4.00pm FESTIVAL LECTURE (*O'Reilly Theatre*)
The Lute and the Luthier with Michael Lowe
Tickets available from ticketsoxford.com

5.00pm CONCERT (*O'Reilly Theatre*) **John Dowland 400**
Jakob Lindberg (lute)
Tickets available from ticketsoxford.com

7.30pm CONCERT **Bach's Art of Fugue**
Mahan Esfahani (harpsichord)
Tickets available from ticketsoxford.com

28 Saturday KEBLE EARLY MUSIC FESTIVAL

12.00pm LECTURE-RECITAL (*O'Reilly Theatre*)
The Afterlife of Ancient Greek Music
 Ancient Music at Oxford
 Free admission - Retiring Collection

7.30pm CONCERT **Bach's St John Passion**
 Keble College Chapel, Instruments of Time & Truth
 Tickets available from ticketsoxford.com

1 Sunday

5.30pm **Choral Eucharist** NEH 507, 383, 72
Ireland, Elegy from A Downland Suite
 Darke in F
 Psalm 121
 Severac, *Tantum ergo*
 Franck, *Chorale No. 3*

3 Tuesday

6.00pm **Choral Evensong** NEH 70
Alain, Choral Dorian
 Responses, Radcliffe
 Psalm 52
 Moore Third Service
 Greene, *Lord let me know mine end*
 Alain, *Postlude pour l'office de complies*

5 Thursday

8.30pm

Organ Recital

Henry Morris (Magdalen College)

9.00pm

Sung Compline (plainsong)Victoria, *Nunc Dimittis tertii toni*Philips, *Ave regina caelorum*

8 Sunday

5.30pm

Lent Sequence

Music and Readings for Passiontide

10 Tuesday

6.00pm

Choral Evensong

NEH 86

Maria Theresia von Paradis, *Sicilienne*

Responses, Radcliffe

Psalm 64

Weir St John's Service

Imogen Holst, *A Hymne to Christ*Mozart, *Adagio* from *Serenade* KV361/370a

12 Thursday

8.30pm

Organ Recital

Peter Stevens (Westminster Cathedral)

9.00pm

Sung Compline (plainsong)Wood, *Nunc Dimittis*Bairstow, *Save us, O Lord*Rheinberger, *Ave regina caelorum*

Choral services resume on 26 April