

Keble College Chapel

Choral Services



Trinity 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

2 Saturday

6.00pm **Choral & Organ Open Day Evensong** NEH 394

Bach, *Heut triumphieret Gottes Sohn*, BWV 630

Responses, Leighton

Psalm 84

Blair in B minor

Bainton, *And I saw a new heaven*

Lefébure-Wély, *Sortie in B-flat*

3 Sunday

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

5.30pm **Choral Eucharist** NEH 113, 119 (t.107), 117

Mendelssohn, *Andante tranquillo from Sonata No 3*

Mendelssohn, Mass for double choir

Psalm 31 (1-5)

Bonis, *Ave verum corpus*

Mendelssohn, *Con moto maestoso from Sonata No 3*

5 Tuesday

6.00pm **Sports Service** NEH 488, Swing Low, 368

Sweelinck, *Malle Sijmen*

Psalm 107 (23-32)

Walton, Chichester Service (Magnificat)

Sumsion, *They that go down to the sea in ships*

Cabanilles, *Pasacalles de quarto tono*

7 Thursday

8.30pm

Organ Recital

Louis Horsman Carpenter (Keble College)

9.00pm

Sung Compline (plainsong)Praetorius, *Nunc dimittis* (a 8)Lassus, *Regina caeli* (a 5)

10 Sunday

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

(Rogation Sunday)

5.30pm

Choral Eucharist - CORPORATE COMMUNION

NEH 124, 117, 285

Widor, *Adagio from Symphonie No 5*Langlais, *Messe Solennelle*

Psalm 66 (7-11)

Durufié, *Tantum ergo*Handl, *Domine rex Deus Abraham*Widor, *Allegro vivace from Symphonie No 5*

12 Tuesday

6.00pm

Choral Evensong

NEH 114

Buxtehude, *Kommt her du mir*, BuxWV 201

Responses, Ayleward

Psalm 128

Bingham, *Oriel Service*Warner, *Dum Transisset*Ireland, *Meditation on John Keble's Rogationtide hymn*

21 Thursday

8.30pm

Organ Recital

George Gillow (Blackfriars)

9.00pm

Sung Compline (plainsong)

Hassler, *Nunc dimittis*

Philips, *Regina caeli*

24 Sunday

PENTECOST

5.30pm

Multi-lingual Choral Eucharist NEH 137, 139, 305

Buxtehude, *Komm heiliger Geist*, BuxWV 199

Victoria, *Missa Dum complerentur*

Psalm 104 (26-31)

Eccard, *Der heilig Geist vom Himmel kam*

Praetorius, *Te mane laudum carmine*

26 Tuesday

6.00pm

Choral Evensong

NEH 355

(joint service with Oriel College Choir)

Sweelinck, *Unter der Linden grüne*

Responses, Clucas

Psalm 135

Blair in B minor

Stainer, *I saw the Lord*

Bach, *Fugue in B minor, BWV 544*

28 Thursday

8.00pm

Organ Recital

Martin Baker (Concert Organist)

9.00pm

Sung Compline (plainsong)Praetorius, *Nunc dimittis* (a 8)Victoria, *Salve regina* (a 5)

31 Sunday

5.30pm

TRINITY SUNDAY

Choral Eucharist NEH 146, 148 (om. 3&4), 466Scheidemann, *Wir glauben all' an einen Gott*Guerrero, *Missa Surge Propera*

Psalm 8

Byrd, *O lux beata Trinitas*Bach, *Fugue in E flat 'St Anne', BWV 552*

2 Tuesday

6.00pm

Choral Evensong

NEH 410

MacDonald, *Trio on Attende, Domine*

Responses, Clucas

Psalm 9

Archer, *The Wells Service*Reger, *Trost*Batiste, *Offertoire*

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- 11 Thursday ST BARNABAS
 8.00pm **Saxophone & Organ Recital**
 Gerard McChrystal and Christian Wilson
- 9.00pm **Sung Compline** (plainsong)
 Tye, *Nunc dimittis*
 Kerensa Briggs, *Spiritus sanctus vivificans*
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- 14 Sunday Final Sunday of the Academic Year
- 5.30pm **Choral Eucharist** AM 806, NEH 271, 368
 Bach, *Jesus Christus, unser Heiland, BWV 688*
 Martin, Mass for double choir
 Psalm 100
 Brough, *Tantum ergo*
 Vierne, *Final from Symphonie No 1*
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- 16 Tuesday
 6.00pm **Choral Evensong** NEH 409
 Parry, *Chorale Prelude on Eventide*
 Responses, Matthew Martin
 Psalm 50
 Howells, Gloucester service
 Bairstow, *Blessed city, heavenly Salem*
 Brewer, *Marche Héroïque*

JUNE

18 Thursday

8.00pm

Organ Recital

Jeremy Filsell (Concert Organist)

9.00pm

Sung Compline (plainsong)

Holst, *Nunc dimittis*

Poulenc, *Salve regina*

19 Friday

6.00pm

Leavers Service

Choral services resume on 8 October