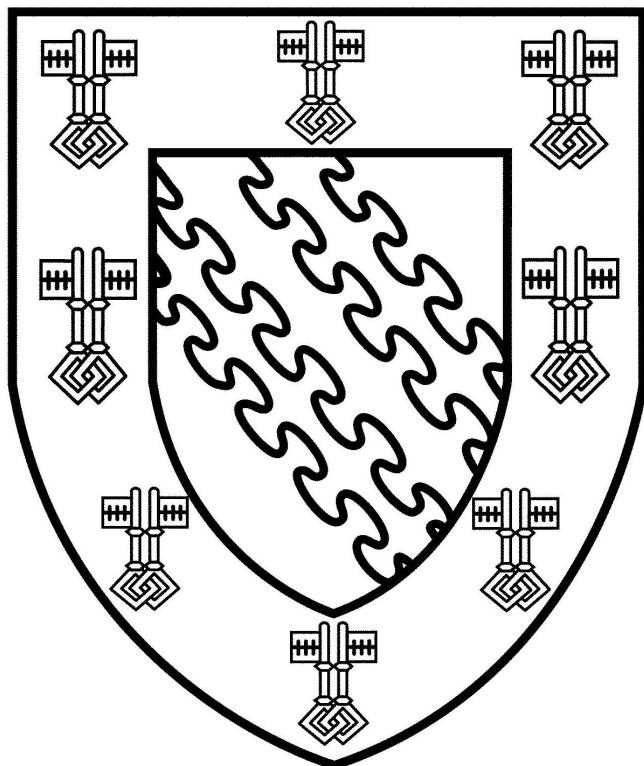


# EXETER COLLEGE CHAPEL



## SERVICES & MUSIC LIST

HILARY TERM 2026



# Welcome to Exeter College Chapel.

Daily prayer has been offered in the College Chapel since its foundation by Walter de Stapledon in 1314. The prayers of today join with those of our predecessors, as we continue to pray for the life of the College, University, and World.

Prayer and music form the core of worship in Exeter Chapel and the College's Choir sings three Services each week, as we seek to explore God and find understanding for our lives.

This booklet provides information for services and activities in Exeter Chapel. Please also do look at the term card and the Chapel's pages on the College website: [www.exeter.ox.ac.uk/college/chapel](http://www.exeter.ox.ac.uk/college/chapel)

Whatever your reason for visiting Exeter Chapel you are most welcome.

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# An Introduction to Services in Exeter College Chapel

## CHORAL EVENSONG

The principal service in Exeter College Chapel is choral evensong. This service was created by Thomas Cranmer (1489 – 1556), combining the ancient, pre reformation monastic offices of vespers and compline. The service is shaped around the liturgy of the word – that is, readings and psalms from the Bible – and punctuated by the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis; canticles taken from Luke’s gospel and sung by the choir. This is a service of prayer and reflection. The sung prayers (the preces and responses) are short petitions reflecting different aspects of life, asking for God’s guidance to those in authority, peace, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

At Exeter this service is sung by the choir. The congregation actively participates through singing the hymn, praying the Lord’s prayer, and joining in some of the responses. But the majority of the service is sung by the choir, providing a space to be free to think, or feel, or respond to that which you hear. The psalms – the ancient hymns of praise, lament, and prayer of the Jewish people – are sung either to Anglican chant or plainsong, whilst the canticles are sung to settings by composers covering at least six centuries of musical history. Their different forms reflect changing tastes and customs in the development of music, as well as expressing different approaches to expressing a relationship and knowledge of God. The service also includes an anthem; a more elaborate setting of words from scripture, poetry, or prose, which capture a glimpse of the transcendence of God.

On Sundays the service is expanded to include the confession and absolution, as well as a sermon which explores the readings and music in the context of today’s society, challenging and encouraging, and

helping to elucidate how religion still has a role to play in today's society.

## MORNING PRAYER

This is a simple act of prayer and praise: it includes two readings, a psalm, and some prayers at the beginning of the day, asking for God's blessing and guidance on that which we have to do each day. This service is without music and lasts for approximately 20 minutes. This service is also known as Mattins.

## HOLY EUCHARIST

According to St Paul, on the night before Christ was crucified he had dinner with his friends. He took some bread, broke it, and gave it to his disciples as a symbol by which to remember him. Jesus did the same with the wine, to act not only as a memorial of Christ but also to show the sacrifice he was about to make for the salvation of the world. From this simple act the ritual of the Eucharist emerged.

This Service consists of four sections. The Gathering, whereby we bring ourselves before God; we bring our sins and our fears, our hopes, and our dreams and at the beginning of the service laying them before our loving God. The Liturgy of the Word indicates the Jewish roots of Christian worship. In the early church Christians would listen to the reading of the Hebrew Scriptures and then, following a sermon would break bread as a memorial of Christ. The Liturgy of the Sacrament includes the Eucharistic Prayer. There has been much debate as to what actually happens at the Eucharist, whether the bread becomes the flesh of Christ, or symbolises it, or simply acts as a way of uniting a community. It is important to remember that through Word, Sacrament, and, each other we can begin to feel God's presence with us. The Service concludes with The Dismissal; having been sustained by Christ's Body and Blood, by our prayers, and fellowship, Christians are called to live out their faith in the world.

The Eucharist is the great gift Christ gave to his Church. It therefore is the policy of this Chapel that all who seek to follow Christ are welcome to receive the Bread and Wine. Communion is received standing; please take the bread and eat it, and then drink from the next free chalice. For theological and practical reasons it is preferable not to dip the wafer into the wine. If you feel you can't receive communion, but want a blessing, please feel free to come forward too.

## COMPLINE

Compline is the last of the daily offices sung in monasteries. It is a hauntingly beautiful, and sparse service. It is sung in near darkness; the chapel is illumined only by candlelight, and the severe beauty and simplicity of the ancient plainsong is made all the more acute when the choir breaks into harmony in the anthem at the end of the service. It is a perfect end to the day.

# FIRST WEEK

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## 18 SUNDAY

6pm **Epiphany Carol Service**  
Anthems: Lo! Star-led chieftains *Crotch* Coventry  
Carol *Leighton*; Sing unto the Lord a new song  
*Macmillan*; There is no rose *Walker*; Bethlehem Down  
*Warlock*  
Hymns: 36; 48; 56; 28  
Readings: Isaiah 60; Matthew 2; John 2; Poetry  
Voluntary: Nun danket alle Gott op.65 .59 *Karg-Elert*

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## 19 Monday

7.30am OICCU Prayers

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## 20 Tuesday

8.30am Mattins

1.10pm **Organ Recital**  
Molly Hord *Pembroke College, Cambridge*

6.15pm **Choral Evensong**

Responses: *Smith*  
Canticles: Evening Service in D *Moeran*  
Anthem: Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern *Distler*  
Psalm 72  
Hymns: 21; 40  
Readings: Isaiah 42. 1 – 9; Ephesians 3. 1 – 12  
Voluntary: Fantasia & Fugue in g P.128/154 *Pachelbel*

21 **Wednesday**

8.30am Mattins

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22 **Thursday**

8.30am Mattins

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23 **Friday**

8.30am Mattins

6.15pm **Choral Eucharist**

Setting: Messa a 4 *Cozzolani*

Anthem: Angelus ad pastores ait *Lassus*

Hymns: 49; 41; 55

Readings: Exodus 2. 1 – 10; Luke 2. 41 - end

Voluntary: Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern

op. 65 no. 64 *Karg-Elert*

## SECOND WEEK

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### 25 SUNDAY

*The Conversion of St Paul*

6pm **Choral Evensong**

Responses: *Smith*

Canticles: St Paul's Service *Howells*

Anthem: Thou wilt keep him *Wesley*

Psalm 67

Hymns: 52; Amazing grace; 155

Readings: Jeremiah 1. 4 – 10; Acts 9.1 – 22

Preacher: The Catechist

Voluntary: Rhapsody No.3 in c# *Howells*

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### 26 Monday

7.30am OICCU Prayers

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### 27 Tuesday

8.30am Mattins

1.10pm **Organ Recital**

David Thomas *Exeter College, Oxford*

6.15pm **Holocaust Memorial Service**

Anthems: Eli Eli *Szenes*; Like as the Hart *Howells*;

Lacrimosa *Mozart*

Hymn: 353; 364 [t. 408]

Readings: Ezekiel 34; Matthew 5

Voluntary: A Sad Pavan for these Distracted Tymes,  
MB 53 *Tomkins*

28 **Wednesday**

8.30am Mattins

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29 **Thursday**

8.30am Mattins

9.00pm **Choral Compline by Candlelight**

Psalm 91

Anthem: The Infant King *trad. arr. Willcocks*

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30 **Friday**

8.30am Mattins

6.15pm **German Vespers by Candlelight**

Magnificat: Magnificat Primi Toni *Lassus*

Anthem: Cantate Domino *Monteverdi*

Hymns: 351; Jesus dein Licht

Readings: Proverbs 8; John 1. 1 – 14

Voluntary: Introitus de Nativitate Christi

*Jan of Lublin* Tabulature

# THIRD WEEK

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## 1 SUNDAY

6.00pm **Choral Eucharist and Candlemas Liturgy**

Setting: *Messa a 4 Cozzolani*

Introit: *Machet die Tore weit Hammerschmidt*

Phos hilarion: *Wood*

Nunc dimittis: *Pärt*

Hymns: 19, *Angels from the realms of glory*; 33; 186

Readings: *Malachi 3. 1 – 5; Luke 2. 22 – 40*

Voluntary: *Offertoire 'Diffusa est gratia' Tournemire*

Preacher: Theo Hobson

Voluntary: *Prelude Boulanger*

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## 2 Monday

7.30am OICCU Prayers

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## 3 Tuesday

*Anskar*

8.30am Mattins

1.10pm **Organ Recital**

Arthur Barton *The Queen's College, Oxford*

6.15pm **Choral Evensong**

Responses: *Smith*

Canticles: *Evening Service in G Sumsion*

Anthem: *Ubi caritas Gjeilo*

Psalms 97, 98, 100

Hymns: 482; *Hills of the North*

Readings: *Isaiah 52. 7 – 10; Matthew 9. 35 – end*

Voluntary: *Prelude on an old folk tune Beach*

4 **Wednesday**

8.30am Mattins

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5 **Thursday**

8.30am Mattins

9.00pm **Choral Compline by candlelight**

Psalm 91

Anthem: Hear my prayer *Purcell*

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6 **Friday**

8.30am Mattins

6.15pm **Choral Evensong** with the Choir of Tiffin School

Responses: *Rose*

Canticles: Evening Service in A *Stanford*

Anthem: Greater love *Ireland*

Psalm 55

Hymns: 205 ;252

Readings: Ecclesiasticus 47. 2 – 11; 1 Peter 2

Voluntary: Sonata I in F

(Allegro, Adagio, Fuga) *Volckmar*

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7 Saturday

7pm **Beneath the Cross**

A concert with musicians from the Royal Academy of Music and Exeter College.

# FOURTH WEEK

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## 8 SUNDAY

6pm **Choral Evensong**  
Responses: Rose  
Canticles: Evening Service in A *Willian*  
Anthem: Ego flos campi *Clemens non papa*  
Psalm 148  
Hymns: 265; 285; 253  
Readings: Genesis 1; Matthew 6. 25 – end  
Preacher: Bishop Nicholas Hudson  
Voluntary: Wir glauben all an einem Gott *BWV 680*

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## 9 Monday

7.30am OICCU Prayers

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## 10 Tuesday

*Scholastica*

8.30am Mattins

### 1.10pm **Organ Recital**

Howard Lee *Concert Organist*

### 6.15pm **Choral Eucharist**

Setting: Missa Brevis

Anthem: Congratulamini mihi *R. Aleotti*

Hymns: 231; 275; 420

Readings: Ecclesiastes 12. 1 – 18; Matthew 6. 5 – 8

Voluntary: Processional in F *Hensel*

4 – 10 February

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11 **Wednesday**

8.30am Mattins

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12 **Thursday**

8.30am Mattins

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13 **Friday**

8.30am Mattins

6.15pm **no service**

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14 **Saturday**

**5.00pm Love Songs**

A recital by Felicity Hamilton, soprano,  
and Charlie Penn, piano.

# FIFTH WEEK

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## 15 SUNDAY

6pm **Choral Evensong**  
Responses: *Rose*  
Canticles: Evening Service in D *Dyson*  
Anthem: O nata lux *Tallis*  
Psalm 99  
Hymns: 408; 176 [t 128??]; 373 (t. Coe Fen)  
Readings: Exodus 24. 12 – end; Matthew 17.1 – 9  
Preacher: The Rev'd Canon Dr Judith Maltby  
Voluntary: Fugue in g BWV 542

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## 16 Monday

7.30am OICCU Prayers

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## 17 Tuesday

8.30am Mattins

1.10pm **Organ Recital**  
Catherine Olver *Concert Organist*

*No evening service; pancake party.*

11 – 17 February

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18 **Wednesday**

*ASH WEDNESDAY*

10.30am Said Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes

6.00pm **Solemn Eucharist  
with Imposition of Ashes**

Setting: Missa XVII

The Litany: *Plainsong*

Miserere meus: *Josquin*

Anthem: Civitas sancti tui *Byrd*

Readings: Joel 2; Matthew 6

Hymns: 70 [i]; 62; 67

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19 **Thursday**

8.30am Mattins

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20 **Friday**

8.30am Mattins

6.15pm **Choral Compline by Candlelight**

Psalm 51

Anthem: My soul there is a country *Parry*

## SIXTH WEEK

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### 22 SUNDAY

5.45 pm **Joint Service for Turl St Arts Festival**

*with the Choirs of Jesus and Lincoln Colleges*

at the Parish Church of St Michael at the North Gate

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### 23 Monday

7.30am OICCU Prayers

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### 24 Tuesday

8.30am Mattins

1.10pm **Organ Recital**

*Angela Ede Balliol College, Oxford*

6.15pm **Choral Compline by Candlelight**

Psalm 51

Anthem: I know my soul hath power *Parry*

18 – 24 February

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25 **Wednesday**

8.30am Mattins and Litany

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26 **Thursday**

8.30am Mattins and Litany

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27 **Friday**

8.30am Mattins and Litany

6.15pm **Choral Eucharist** with the Choir of Emmanuel College, Cambridge  
Setting: Messe Solennelle *Langlais*  
Anthem: Spaseniye Sodelal *Chesnokov*  
Readings: Ezekiel 18.21 – 28; Matthew 5. 20 – 26  
Hymns: 280; 59; 391  
Voluntary: Ciaccona in e BuxWV 160 *Buxtehude*

# SEVENTH WEEK

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## 1 SUNDAY

6pm **Choral Eucharist**  
Setting: Mass in a *I. Holst*  
Anthem: When David heard *Tomkins*  
Hymns: 439 [ii]; 64; 383 [ii]4  
Readings: Genesis 12. 1 – 4; John 3. 1 – 17  
Preacher: Dr Hakan Sandal -Wilson  
Voluntary: O lux beata Trinitas *Summers*

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## 2 Monday

8.30am OICCU Prayers

6.15pm **Choral Evensong**  
sung by the Choir of Summerfields School  
Introit: In manus tuas *Shepherd*  
Responses: *Smith*  
Canticles: Evening Service in b *Noble*  
Anthem: Ne irascaris domine *Byrd*  
Psalm 77  
Hymns: 337; 368  
Readings:  
Voluntary: Fantasia in g BWV542

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## 3 Tuesday

8.30am Mattins and Litany

1.10pm **Organ Recital**  
Gabs Damiani *Concert Organist*

6.15pm **Choral Compline by Candlelight**  
Psalm 51  
Anthem: At the round earth's imagined corners *Parry*

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4 **Wednesday**  
8.30am Mattins and Litany

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5 **Thursday**  
8.30am Mattins  
  
9.00pm **Choral Compline by Candlelight**  
Psalm 51  
Anthem: Never weather-beaten sail *Parry*

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6 **Friday**  
8.30am Mattins  
  
6.15pm **Choral Roman Catholic Mass**  
Setting: Missa XVII  
Anthem: There is an old belief *Parry*  
Readings: Genesis 37; Matthew 21. 33 – 34; 45 – 46  
Hymns: 447; 333  
Voluntary: Ave Maris Stella III *Dupré*

# EIGHTH WEEK

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## 8 SUNDAY

6pm **Passio: Dramatic Reading of the Passion**  
Anthems: *Pueri Habraeorum Regnart* In der  
Passionszeit *Mendelssohn*; *Ave verum corpus Byrd*;  
*Crucifixus Lotti*; *A Litany Walton*  
Poetry: *Love III Herbert*; *Sonnet 45 Manley Hopkins*  
Hymns: 509; 90; 86; 95  
Voluntary: *O Mensch, bewein dein Sünde BWV 622*

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## 9 Monday

7.30am OICCU Prayers

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## 10 Tuesday

8.30am Mattins with Litany

1.10pm **Organ Recital**  
Peter King *Concert Organist*

6.15pm **Choral Compline by Candlelight**  
Psalm 51  
Anthem: *Lord, let me know mine end Parry*

8 – 14 March

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11 **Wednesday**

8.30am Mattins with Litany

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12 **Thursday**

8.30am Mattins with Litany

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13 Friday

8.30am Mattins with Litany

6.15pm **Tenebrae**

The Lamentations of Jeremiah *Victoria*

Hymn 79 [t.128ii]

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Choral Services recommence on Sunday 26 April at 6pm

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