OUR FRAGILE PLANET

In line with this year’s Girton Conversation, our sermons this term will explore the environmental crisis and pursuit of climate justice.
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. 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 more than happy to see you in person, talk on the phone, on Zoom, or be in contact by email (chaplain@girton.cam.ac.uk) if that is best for you. The Porters’ Lodge can also contact Tim in an emergency.

LAY MINISTER: Dr Roland Randall, Life Fellow & Diocesan Reader

Dr Randall can be contacted by email (rer10).

DIRECTOR OF CHAPEL MUSIC: Gareth Wilson

Gareth (nota1cambiata@hotmail.com) oversees the musical life of the Chapel and runs the College Choir.

He is assisted by the Organ Scholars, Felix Elliott (fe273) and Emily Nott (en360) and also by the Choir Secretaries.

CHAPEL WARDENS:

Will Moore, Tiffany Orgill, George Quarton, Ellie Richardson, Tommy Roberts.

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! Please contact the Chaplain or speak to the Chapel Wardens if you’re interested in 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.

STUDENT ORGANISATIONS:

Girton Christian Union Reps:
Alice Rivers (aar51) and Thomas Wright (tgdw2)

Cambridge University Catholic Chaplaincy:
www.fisherhouse.org.uk
The Chapel remains open to everyone in the College community for quiet reflection, prayer or meditation. There are sometimes musical rehearsals in Chapel, but it is mostly free and peaceful. You are encouraged to make use of this beautiful calm space at any time.

Any groups wishing to use the Chapel for rehearsals or meetings *must* obtain direct permission from the Chaplain beforehand.

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**SERVICES**

**CHORAL CANDLELIT COMPLINE**
Tuesday 3, 10, 31 May and 7 & 14 June at 9.15 pm

Compline Service will include Plainchant and reflective music sung by the Girton College Chapel Choir. An ancient service of great beauty—take some time to unwind and be still for 20 minutes in the candlelight. No demands. No sermon.

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**VESPERS SERVICE**
Sunday 12 June at 5.30 pm

Vespers is a beautiful reflective sung service of evening prayer from the Catholic tradition and was one of ‘hours’ or ‘offices’ (regular times of prayer) in Benedictine monasteries. The Choir will sing Vespers in place of Evensong.

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**HOLY COMMUNION**
12 pm Thursdays - fortnightly

The Chaplain will lead a short said service of Holy Communion in the Chapel at midday on every other Thursday in Full Term (weeks 1, 3, 5, and 7). The services last about 20 minutes, and all are welcome.
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 the College Choir.

Choral evensong also includes a sermon of around 10 - 15 minutes, often by a guest preacher.

1 May: What has Faith to do with the Environment?
Speaker: Canon Dr Hilary Marlow, Vice-Mistress; Director of Studies in Theology; Hon. Canon Environmentalist, St Alban’s Cathedral
Psalm: 110 (chant - Rhian Westglo)
Hymn: 121
First Reading: Psalm 148
Second Reading: Romans 8:19-23
Music: Introit - Resurrection (Cevanne Horrocks-Hopayian), Responses - Roderick Williams, Canticles - Evening Service in B flat (Charles Stanford), Anthem - O thou, the central orb (Charles Wood)

8 May: Climate Justice and the Poor
Speaker: Canon Dr Ruth Valerio, Global Advocacy and Development Director, Tearfund
Psalm: 130 (chant - Alice Rivers)
Hymn: 296 (tune i)
First Reading: Psalm 113
Second Reading: Colossians 1:15-20
Music: Introit - My eyes for beauty pine (Thomas & Elizabeth Coxhead), Responses - Roderick Williams, Canticles - Evening Service in E (Herbert Murrill), Anthem - Beati Quorum via (Charles Stanford)
15 May: Climate, Creativity, and Hope
Speaker: Rev’d Dr Tim Boniface, College Chaplain
Psalm: 147 (chant - Edward Bairstow)
Hymn: 119 (tune 107)
First Reading: Isaiah 55:6-13
Music: Introit - I sat down under his shadow (Edward Bairstow), Responses - Roderick Williams, Canticles - Richmond Service (Felix Elliott), Anthem - We shall walk through the valley in peace (Undine Smith-Moore)

22 May: Our Fragile Oceans
Speaker: Rev’d Harriet Johnson, Chaplain, St Augustine’s College of Theology; Former Chief Executive and Director of Fisheries for South Georgia and the Sandwich Islands
Psalm: 113 (chant - Ali Engsworth)
Hymn: 440 (omit *)
First Reading: Genesis 1:20-30
Second Reading: Hebrews 1:1-4
Music: Introit - Hear My Prayer (Moses Hogan), Responses - Roderick Williams, Canticles - Second Service (Kenneth Leighton), Anthem - With Great Delight (Alice Rivers)

29 May: Environment, Sin, and Love
Speaker: Dr Jessica Scott, Tutor and Lecturer, Sarum College; Research Associate, Margaret Beaufort Institute of Theology
Psalm: 122 (chant - Hilger Watson)
Hymn: 130
First Reading: Genesis 6:9-7:5
Music: Introit - Ascension (Libby Croad), Responses - Roderick Williams, Canticles - Evening Service in E flat no.2 (Charles Wood), Anthem - Quia Johannes Baptizavit (Gareth Wilson)

5 June: Eucharist for Pentecost & Thanksgiving for Platinum Jubilee followed by a barbeque
Speaker: Rev’d Dr Tim Boniface, College Chaplain
First Reading: Acts 2:1-21
Second Reading: John 14:8-17
Music: Eucharist Setting: - Collegium Regale (Herbert Howells)
Anthem - Te Deum “Collegium Regale” (Herbert Howells)
12 June: Service of Vespers
Title: Masculinity, Fragility, and the Environment
Speaker: Will Moore, Ordinand on placement
Hymn: 185
First Reading: Ezekiel 34:1-10
Music: Psalm 127 (Herbert Howells), Psalm 119 (Charles Stanford), Psalm 42 (Felix Mendelssohn), Ave Maria (Anton Bruckner), Magnificat (Samuel Coleridge-Taylor), Salve Regina (Francis Poulenc)

19 June: End of term Thanksgiving service, with the presentation of the Tom Mansfield Memorial Prize, 11 am - 12 pm
Speaker: Rev’d Dr Tim Boniface, College Chaplain

SPECIAL GRADUATION SERVICE
Friday 1 July

This will be a thanksgiving service for all Graduands and their guests. The time of the service will depend upon the schedule at Senate House, which is not released until nearer the time. We will communicate with you clearly once we know what time the service may be.

THIS TERM’S COVER ART

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IMPORTANT LINKS

- Chapel website: www.girton.cam.ac.uk/life-girton/chapel-faith

- YouTube page (for streamed services): search ‘Girton College Chapel’ on YouTube, or visit https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6aEopm-Dt-moE2zqYbOI BA

- The Chapel Choir of Girton College, Cambridge Facebook page: www.facebook.com/GirtonChoir

- Follow the Choir on Twitter: @GirtonChoir

CHARITY FOR EASTER TERM

BROT FÜR DIE WELT (BREAD FOR THE WORLD)

Brot Für die Welt is the globally active development and relief agency of the Protestant churches in Germany. With a focus on food security, health and education, human rights and the integrity of the earth, the work of Brot für die Welt is particularly mindful of the pressure climate change is putting on already scarce resources - especially in the global south.

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