Virtue in Our Time

Sermons this term will explore what the traditional ‘7 virtues’ have to say to us today, and how they might be interpreted in our time.
WHO’S WHO?

The College 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 available to see you in person, talk on the phone, on Zoom, or to contact by email (chaplain@girton.cam.ac.uk) if that is best for you. The Porters’ Lodge can also contact Tim in an emergency.

Director of Chapel Music: Gareth Wilson
Gareth (gw377) oversees the musical life of the Chapel and directs the College Chapel Choir.

He is assisted by the Organ Scholars, Felix Elliott (fe273), Emily Nott (en360), and Gabriel Kennedy (gk473) also by the Choir Secretaries.

Chapel Wardens:
Will Moore (wam25), George Quarton (gq210), and Ellie Richardson. (eer35)

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 in this friendly team. 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.

Priest with permission to Officiate: Rev’d Dr Charlie Bell (cb561), Official Fellow in Medicine & (Joint) Praelector

Lay Minister: Dr Roland Randall (rer10), Life Fellow & Diocesan Reader
STUDENT CHRISTIAN ORGANISATIONS:

Girton Christian Union Rep:
Toba Adepoju (oa299)

Cambridge University Catholic Chaplaincy:
www.fisherhouse.org.uk

The Chaplain has contact details for Chaplaincy support for students of other faiths, and will be happy to put you in contact.
THE CHAPEL

All are welcome in the College Chapel. As well as a place where services take place it is open to everyone in the College community - of all faiths or of none - for quiet reflection, prayer or meditation. There are sometimes musical rehearsals in the Chapel, but it is mostly free and peaceful. Please do make use of this beautiful space at any time.

Services in the Chapel, mostly in the Anglican Christian tradition, are also for anybody who wants to come - from whatever background or tradition. The Chapel community fosters a welcoming and inclusive culture, and the services can offer a welcome stability in amongst the rhythms of College life.

Any groups wishing to use the Chapel for rehearsals or meetings must obtain direct permission. Most things are possible, and the Chaplain very much welcomes use of the space, but this must be arranged before hand in order to prevent clashes. Whilst every effort is made to accommodate requests, please do be aware that the Chapel is not simply a practice room.

PRAYER AND MEDITATION ROOM

Girton has a prayer and meditation room, available for use by any member of the College at any time. The room is simple, neutral and comfortable, intended for use by people of all faiths or of none. Basic guidelines for its use are posted outside. The room is overseen by the Junior Bursar and the Chaplain. Please request the key from the Porters’ Lodge if you wish to use it. If you need to make regular bookings, please email prayerroom@girton.cam.ac.uk
SERVICES

CHORAL CANDLELIT COMPLINE
Tuesdays 9.15pm
(11 and 25 October, 1, 15, and 22 November)

Compline Service will include Plainchant and reflective music sung by the 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
Fridays 6.45pm
(11, 18, and 25 November)

This short service (15-20 minutes) will be sung by the College Chapel Choir.

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HOLY COMMUNION
Thursdays 12.30pm - fortnightly
(13 and 27 October, 10 and 24 November)

The Chaplain will lead a short said service of Holy Communion in the Chapel at midday on every other Thursday in full term (weeks 2, 4, 6 and 8).

The services last about 20 minutes, and all are welcome. There is no pressure to receive Holy Communion - you are welcome to simply sit and enjoy this peaceful service.

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COMMENORATION OF BENEFACTORS CEREMONY
Saturday 15 October 6pm.

During this ceremony we recognise and reflect on the generosity of our supporters past and present.
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 our College Chapel Choir.

Choral evensong also includes a sermon of around 10 - 15 minutes. Sermons often follow a theme for the term, allowing for in depth exploration of certain issues and topics from many different angles. In addition to the Chaplain, sermons are often given by notable guest preachers who bring valuable perspectives from their own life and context.

Our sermon theme for evensong this term explores the 7 virtues - **Prudence, Justice, Temperance, Fortitude, Faith, Hope,** and **Love** – and asks what they can speak to us today, and how we might view them in our own context.
9 October: Introductory Evensong
Title: Faith
Speaker: Rev’d Dr Tim Boniface, College Chaplain
Hymn: 252
Psalm: 16 (Bobby McFerrin)
First Reading: Ephesians 4:11-16
Second Reading: Matthew 14:22-33
Music: Introit - Oculi Omnium (Charles Wood), Responses - Rhiannon Joe Wardhaugh, Canticles - Evening Service in B Minor (Thomas Noble), Anthem - The Call (Gail Randall)

16 October: Prudence
Speaker: Rev’d Canon Dr Jamie Hawkey, Canon Theologian, Westminster Abbey; OG
Hymn: 359 (tune 322)
Psalm: 114 (Trevor Weston)
First Reading: Proverbs 8:1-12
Second Reading: Matthew 7:24-47
Music: Introit - Dostoino Yest (Dmitri Bortniansky), Responses - Joe Wardhaugh, Canticles - Evening Service in D (Charles Wood), Anthem - The Spirit of the Lord (Edward Elgar)

23 October: Temperance
Speaker: Rev’d Dr Malcolm Guite, Life Fellow; former College Chaplain
Hymn: 294
Psalm: Dora T. L. Gershwin
First Reading: Galatians 5:15-23
Second Reading: excerpt from Mere Christianity, C. S. Lewis
Music: Introit - With Great Delight (Alice Rivers), Responses - Joe Wardhaugh, Canticles - Second Service (William Byrd), Anthem - Salve Regina á 4 (Marc’ Antonio Ingegneri)
30 October: All Souls’ Commemorative Evensong
Title: Love
Speaker: Rev’d Dr Tim Boniface, College Chaplain
Hymn: 408
Psalm: 143 (Hilger Watson)
First Reading: Song of Solomon 8:6-7
Second Reading: John 15:1-12
Music: Introit - In Manu Tua/Logos xvi (Gareth Wilson), Responses - Joe Wardhaugh, Canticles - Evening Service in F (Harold Darke), Anthem - O Lord, Support Us (David Briggs)

6 November: Hope
Speaker: Rev’d Dr Carlton Turner, Tutor in Contextual Theology and Mission Studies, Queen’s College Birmingham
Hymn: 333
Psalm: 113 (Tina H. L. Gowers)
First Reading: Psalm 71:1-14
Second Reading: Romans 15:8-13
Music: Introit - In Thee, O Lord (Trevor Weston), Responses - Joe Wardhaugh, Canticles - St John’s Service (Herbert Howells), Anthem - Ave Maria (Nathaniel Dett)

13 November: Remembrance Sunday
Title: Fortitude
Speaker: Rev’d Dr Tim Boniface, College Chaplain
Psalm: 23 (David Bevan)
First Reading: Romans 8:31-end
Second Reading: Luke 22:14-23
Music: Introit - Crossing the Bar (Rani Arbo), Responses - Joe Wardhaugh, Canticles - Evening Service in E (Herbert Murrill), Anthem - Into Thy Hands (Jonathan Dove)
20 November: Justice
Speaker: Rev’d Mae Christie, Vicar, All Saints Tooting
Psalm: 127 (Howells)
First Reading: Ruth 1:16-18
Second Reading: Luke 1:39-56
Music: Introit - Expectation (Maddalena Casulana), Responses - Joe Wardhaugh, Canticles - Quinti Toni/Girton Fauxbourdens (Gareth Wilson), Anthem - Lighten Our Darkness (Charles Stanford)

27 November: Advent to Christmas Carol Service
A service of Advent and Christmas Carols with music by the College Chapel Choir, preceded by tea in the Stanley Library from 4.30pm.

To feature music by Maddalena Casulana, Libby Croad, Rachel Hill, Kenneth Leighton, and Gareth Wilson.

This service is usually very well attended, and we recommend arriving in plenty of time.
IMPORTANT INFORMATION

• 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-DtmOE2zqYbOIBA

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

• Follow the Choir on Twitter
  @GirtonChoir

THIS TERM’S COVER ART

The cover art is ‘Annunciation’ by Sophie Hacker
This term we are supporting the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC), which launches appeals when large-scale disasters hit countries without the capacity to respond.

The DEC brings together 15 leading UK aid charities to raise funds quickly and efficiently at times of crisis overseas.

Donations can be made by cash or card following services in the Chapel, or you can contact the Chaplain to make a donation at any other time.

For more information visit:

Website: www.dec.org.uk
Twitter: @decappeal
Facebook: www.facebook.com/DisastersEmergencyCommittee/