



GIRTON COLLEGE CHAPEL

LENT TERM 2023



SERMON THEME: TRANSFORMATION

CHORAL EVENSONG: ALL SUNDAYS IN FULL TERM

AT 5:30 PM (UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED)

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. Evensong at Girton is ‘choral’, meaning that key elements of the service are sung to beautiful choral settings by our College 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 guests preachers who bring valuable perspectives from their own life and context.

Our sermons at evensong this term explore the theme of Transformation.

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JAN

THE JOURNEY TRANSFORMED

Speaker: Rev'd Dr Tim Boniface, *College Chaplain*

Readings: Matthew 3.1-12, Ephesians 3.1-12

Music: *Introit - He Prayeth Best (Morfydd Owen)*
Responses - Williamson
Canticles - Charles V. Stanford in C
Anthem - Verlieb uns Frieden (Mendelssohn)

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JAN

EUCCHARIST FOR CANDLEMAS

Speaker: Rev'd Will Lyon Tupman (OG), *Curate, Parish of St Neots with Eynesbury*

Readings: Hebrews 2.14-end, Luke 2.22-40

Music: *Eucharist Setting - Messe Soleennelle (Louis Vierne)*
Anthem - Tantum Ergo (Charles-Marie Widor)

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FEB

TRANSFORMING VOCATION

Speaker: Rev'd Prebendary Richard Springer, *Rector of St George-in-the-East, London; Director of the Urban Leadership School at the Centre for Theology and Community*

Readings: Isaiah 58.6-9, Matthew 5.13-16

Music: *Introit - Tantum Ergo (Anton Bruckner)*
Responses - Williamson
Canticles - Edward Bairstow in D
Anthem - Domine ne in furore tuo (Claudio Monteverdi)

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FEB

DISCIPLESHIP INSPIRING TRANSFORMATION

Speaker: Right Rev'd Rose Hudson-Wilkin MBE QHC, *Bishop of Dover*

Readings: Romans 8.18-25, Matthew 6.25-end

Music: *Introit - O Taste and See (Ralph Vaughan Williams)*
Responses - Williamson
Canticles - Samuel Coleridge-Taylor in F
Anthem - Sicut Cervus (Gareth Wilson)

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FEB

TRANSFIGURATION

Speaker: Rev'd Michael Bigg, *Rector of St Andrews, Girton and St Mary Magdalene, Madingley*

Readings: Exodus 24.12-end, Matthew 17.1-9

Music: *Introit - Lord, Hear My Prayer (Moses Hogan)*
Responses - Williamson
Canticles - Alice Rivers
Anthem - Teach Me, O Lord (William Byrd)

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FEB

TRANSFORMING LENT

Speaker: Rev'd Dr Tim Boniface, *College Chaplain*

A reflective service of evening prayer.

No Choir.

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MAR

WELL-BEING: THE TRANSFORMING POWER OF LIVING WATER

Speaker: Rev'd Sophie Young, *Chaplain to the Homeless and Streetlife Community, Cambridge*

Readings: John 4.1-15, John 4.16-30

Music: *Responses - Williamson*
Canticles - Herbert Brewer in D
Anthem - Benedictus (Samuel Coleridge Taylor)

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MAR

THE SEVEN LAST WORDS

A service of music and readings as we journey towards Holy Week and Easter.

Music:

i) Monteverdi - *Domine ne in furore tuo*

ii) Charpentier - *Litanies à la Vierge*

iii) Ingegneri - *O Domine*

iv) Wardaugh - *Hear Us O Lord*

v) Wilson - *Sitio/Sicut Cervus*

vi) Rivers - *Nunc Dimittis*

vii) Ingegneri/Monteverdi - *Adoramus te
Christe*

SPECIAL SERVICES

CHORAL CANDLELIT COMPLINE

TUESDAY 17 JANUARY, 31 JANUARY, 7 FEBRUARY AND 7 MARCH

AT 9:15 PM

Compline services will include Plainchant and reflective music sung by the Choir at Girton College some Tuesdays during Full Term. 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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LATE EVENING COMMUNION

THURSDAY 2 FEBRUARY

AT 9:15 PM

This service will be fairly relaxed, candlelit, and includes a short informal reflection thinking about what Holy Communion is. All are welcome to this gathering, which offers a deep end to the day in a beautiful calm space.

Hot chocolate served afterwards!

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VESPERS

FRIDAY 17 FEBRUARY AND 3 MARCH

AT: 6:45 PM

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

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ASH WEDNESDAY

WEDNESDAY 22 FEBRUARY

AT 8:00 PM

Speaker: Rev'd Dr Tim Boniface, *College Chaplain*

Readings: Isaiah 58.1-12, John 8.1-11

Music: Eucharist Setting - *Plainchant Mass XVIII*
and Anthem - *Plainchant Adoro Te*

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- **CHAPEL WEBPAGE**

www.girton.cam.ac.uk/life-girton/chapel-faith

- **YOUTUBE (FOR STREAMED SERVICES)**

www.youtube.com/@girtoncollegechapel

- **FACEBOOK (GIRTON COLLEGE CHAPEL CHOIR)**

www.facebook.com/GirtonChoir

- **TWITTER (GIRTON COLLEGE CHAPEL CHOIR)**

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THIS TERM'S COVER ART



The cover art is *Perspective* by Dr Soudabeh Imanikia, Bye-Fellow

CHARITY FOR LENT TERM
WINTER COMFORT



Wintercomfort is a support hub, creating opportunities all year round for homeless individuals.

They offer information, advice, training and support in Cambridge for those who are homeless or vulnerably housed. Open daily throughout the year, they encourage and empower their service users to overcome disadvantage and to make positive, long term changes to improve their lives.

Today, the charity is the only day-time service in the city, providing year-round advice and support for an average of 750 homeless or vulnerably housed people each year. Over the past three decades Wintercomfort has continued to grow and adapt to meet the needs of the homeless community. All their work is Service User led, with 35% of their staff having accessed Wintercomfort's services in the past and 49% of the team having lived experience of homelessness.

Donations are possible by cash or by card, after Chapel services or at other points by arrangement with the Chaplain.

For more information visit:

- Website: wintercomfort.org.uk
- Twitter: [@wintercomfort20](https://twitter.com/wintercomfort20)
- Facebook: www.facebook.com/wintercomfortforthehomeless
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