



GIRTON COLLEGE CHAPEL

LENT TERM 2024

SERMON THEME: A JUST WORLD?

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, religious or not. 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 if that is best for you. The Porter's Lodge can also contact Tim in an emergency. (chaplain@girton.cam.ac.uk)

DIRECTOR OF CHAPEL MUSIC: DR GARETH WILSON

Dr Wilson (**gw377**) oversees the musical life of the Chapel and directs the College Chapel Choir.

He is assisted by the Organ Scholars Gabriel Kennedy (**gk473**) and Ben Nolan (**bn314**).

CHAPEL WARDENS:

ALEXANDRA BATES, GEORGE QUARTON, ELLIE RICHARDSON, ROSIE RICE

Girton's Chapel Wardens assist the Chaplain in all practical matters relating to Chapel and are a crucial part of the community. Please contact the Chaplain or speak to the Chapel Wardens if you're interested 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

Rev'd Dr Bell, Official Fellow and Praelector, can be contacted by email (**cb561**).

LAY MINISTER: DR ROLAND RANDALL

Dr Randall, Life Fellow and Diocesan Reader, can be contacted by email (**rer10**).

STUDENT CHRISTIAN ORGANISATIONS:

Girton Christian Union Rep:

Fin Di Castiglione ([fpd23](#))

Fisher House (Roman Catholic) Rep:

Sofia Miccolis ([slm202](#))

Cambridge University Catholic Chaplaincy:

www.fisherhouse.org.uk

Student Christian Movement:

www.movement.org.uk

The Chaplain also has details of student organisations of other faiths, and will gladly assist in helping anyone seeking support on their own faith journey.

THE CHAPEL

All are welcome in the College Chapel. As well as a place where services take place, it is a space for everyone in the College community – of all faiths or none – for quiet reflection, prayer or meditation. There are sometimes musical rehearsals in 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 for anybody who wants to come – from whatever background or tradition. The Chapel community fosters a welcoming and inclusive culture, and the services can provide a welcome stability and rhythm amongst the busyness of College life.

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

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 if you wish to use it. If you need to make regular bookings, please email prayerroom@girton.cam.ac.uk.

MIDWEEK SERVICES

CHORAL CANDLELIT COMPLINE

TUESDAY 16 & 30 JANUARY, 6 & 27 FEBRUARY, AND 5 MARCH AT 9:15 PM

These short sung services of Night Prayer include exquisite, reflective music by Girton College Choir, and sometimes instrumental music before and after the service. Take some time to unwind and be still for 20 minutes in the candlelight. No demands. No sermon.

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TUESDAY MORNING PRAYER 8:15 AM

A short said service of Morning Prayer in the contemporary Anglican tradition, led by the College Bursar, who is also an ordinand (training to be ordained) in the Church of England.

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LATE EVENING COMMUNION 22 FEBRUARY AT 9:15 PM

There will be a Late Evening Communion Service in Chapel, which will be fairly relaxed, candlelit, and include a short informal reflection from the Chaplain or someone else. All are welcome to this gathering, which offers a deep but relaxed end to the day in a beautiful calm space.

From time to time there are other services in term. The Chaplain sends out a weekly email detailing these. If you would like to be on a more regular 'services reminder' email from the Chapel, please email chaplain@girton.cam.ac.uk with your request and you can be added to the list.

SPECIAL SERVICES

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE WEDNESDAY 14 FEBRUARY AT 8PM

A traditionally reflective service of Holy Communion and option to receive the sign of ash as is customary at the start of Lent. All are welcome, whether you observe Lent or not.

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 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 sermons from the Chaplain, we often welcome notable guests preachers who bring valuable perspectives from their own life and context.

The sermons at evensong this term explore the theme of 'A Just World?', following the focus of Girton Talks.

www.girton.cam.ac.uk/girtontalks

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JAN

EPIPHANY - REVEALING JUSTICE

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

Readings: Matthew 2:1-13, Ephesians 3:1-12

Music: *Introit - Invitation (Rachel Hill)*
Responses - Reading
Canticles - Evening Service in D Major (Herbert Brewer)
Anthem - Bogoroditsye Dyevo (Alexander Gretchaninov)

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JAN

BURIED TREASURE

Speaker: Rev'd Azariah France-Williams, *Rector of Ascension Church, Hulme; Author*

Readings: 2 Kings 5:1-19, Matthew 25:14-30

Music: *Introit - Jesu dulcis memoria (Ludwig van Beethoven)*
Responses - Reading
Canticles - The Gorton Canticles (Tom Williamson)
Anthem - We will walk in the Valley (Undine Smith-Moore)

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FEB

EUCHARIST FOR CANDLEMAS - PROPHETS OF JUSTICE

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

Readings: Hebrews 2:12-end, Luke 2:22-40

Music: *Eucharist setting - Kleine orgelmesse (Joseph Haydn)*
Introit - O Taste and see (Gabriel Kennedy)
Anthem - Salve Regina (Marc'Antonio Ingegneri)

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FEB

IMAGINING JUSTICE

Speaker: Rev'd Canon Mary Gregory, *Canon for Arts and Reconciliation, Coventry Cathedral*

Readings: Luke 19:1-10, *The place where we are right*, by Yehuda Amichai

Music: *Introit - Lord's Prayer (Roderick Williams)*
Responses - Reading
Canticles - Evening Service in C Major (Henry Purcell)
Anthem - Ave Maria (Anton Bruckner)

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FEB

A REFLECTIVE SERVICE OF EVENING PRAYER

Led by the Chaplain

Girton Choir on tour at Peterborough Cathedral

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FEB

JUSTICE, SEXUALITY AND THE CHURCH

Speaker: Rev'd Serena Tajima, *Vicar, St Mary's Bandbury; LGBTQ+ Chaplain, Diocese of Oxford*

Readings: Acts 15:4-11, John 16:1-14

Music: *Introit - O, ye that love the Lord (Samuel Coleridge-Taylor)*
Responses - Reading
Canticles - Evening Service in B flat (Charles Villiers Stanford)
Anthem - Batter my Heart (Christopher Brain)

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MAR

JUST RELATIONSHIPS IN THE DIGITAL AGE

Speaker: Rt Rev'd Simon Burton Jones, *Bishop of Tonbridge*

Readings: Isaiah 5:18-25, John 18:33-38

Music: *Introit - Dostoino Yest (Serghi Latnow)*
Responses - Reading
Canticles - Gloucester Service (Herbert Howells)
Anthem - Richt mich Gott (Felix Mendelssohn)

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MAR

THE SEVEN LAST WORDS

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

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

To include music by Chris Brain, Alexander Gretchaninov, David Hurd, Serghi Latnow, Felix Mendelssohn, Alice Rivers, and Gareth Wilson

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)**

[@GirtonChoir](https://twitter.com/GirtonChoir)

THIS TERM'S COVER ART



The cover art is *Earth at night held in human hands*. Elements of this image furnished by NASA.

CHARITY FOR MICHAELMAS TERM

DISTASTERS EMERGENCY COMMITTEE



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:

Twitter: @decappeal

Facebook: www.facebook.com/DisastersEmergencyCommittee/

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