

ST PETER'S COLLEGE CHAPEL



Cross & Pelican at the top of the Reredos in the Chapel

The belief that pelicans feed their young with their own blood is a myth rooted in symbolism, particularly within Christian tradition, representing self-sacrifice and nurturing love.

Hilary term 2026

Please feel free take this Term Card with you for future reference.

About the College Chapel

The College Chapel is the historic parish church of St Peter-le-Bailey. Except during rehearsals & other events, the Chapel is open to all members of the College for quiet reflection & private prayer. There are resources & other information on the shelf by the door at the back of Chapel. Please feel free to make use these.

Services in Chapel: All members of St Peter's, their guests and any

Week 1

Sunday 18 January 6pm – BCP Choral Evensong (with Sermon)

Sermon title: *“What is baptism?”* Isaiah 49:1-7 & John 1:29-42

Preacher: Revd Matthew Routledge, Chaplain St Peter's College

Thursday 22 January 6.15pm – BCP Choral Evensong

Amos 9:1-15 & 1Corinthians 8:1-13

Week 2

Sunday 25 January 6pm – BCP Choral Evensong (with Sermon)

Sermon title: *“Is God calling?”* Acts 9:1-22 & Matthew 19:27-30

Preacher: Rt Revd Steven Croft, Bishop of Oxford

Monday 26 January 8pm – Sung Compline (short service by candlelight)

Followed by port & hot chocolate

Tuesday 27 January 5.30pm – Reflection for Holocaust Memorial Day (*)

Thursday 29 January 6.15pm – BCP Choral Evensong

Hosea 5:8 to 6:6 & 1Corinthians 11:17-34

Week 3

Sunday 1 February 6pm – BCP Choral Eucharist (with Sermon)

Sermon title: *“What is salvation?”* Malachi 3:1-5 & Luke 2:22-40

Preacher: Revd Jen Midgley-Adam, Associate Priest, St Peter's Eaton Square

Thursday 5 February 6.15pm – BCP Choral Evensong

Hosea 11:12 to 12:14; 1Corinthians 14:20-33a

Friday 6 February 5pm – Informal Communion

Ecclesiasticus 47:2-11 & Mark 6:14-29

Week 4

Sunday 8 February 6pm – BCP Choral Evensong (with Sermon)

Sermon title: *“Why worry?”* Romans 8:18-25 & Matthew 6:25-34

Preacher: Revd Nicky Skipworth, Lead Chaplain, Thames Valley Police

Thursday 12 February 6.15pm – Taizé Sung Evensong (a reflective service)

2Chronicles 13:1 to 14:1 & John 20:1-10 (extracts)

Friday 13 February 6pm – Roman Catholic Mass (*)

Led by the Catholic Chaplaincy for Oxford University

Note: All services led by the Chaplain, unless indicated (*)

other visitors, are warmly invited to attend Chapel services.

Week 5

Sunday 15 February 6pm – BCP Choral Evensong (with Sermon)

Sermon title: "Who is Jesus?" 2Peter 1:16-21 & Matthew 17:1-9

Preacher: to be confirmed

Thursday 19 February 6.15pm – Choral Evensong (with imposition of ashes)

Jeremiah 2:14-32 & John 4:1-26

Saturday 21 February 4.30pm – St Peter's Choir & Orchestra Concert

Please 'Come & Sing' Handel's "Zadok the Priest" & Parry's "I was Glad"

Week 6

Sunday 22 February 6pm – BCP Choral Evensong (with Sermon)

Sermon title: "What's the point of Lent?" Romans 5:12-19 & Matthew 4:1-11

Preacher: Hannah Hempstead, Head of Communications, St Peter's College

Monday 23 February 8pm – Sung Compline (short service by candlelight)

Followed by port & hot chocolate

Thursday 26 February 6.15pm – BCP Choral Evensong

Jeremiah 6:9-21 & John 6:1-15

Week 7

Sunday 1 March 6pm – BCP Choral Evensong (with Sermon)

Sermon title: "How should I respond?" Genesis 12:1-4a & John 3:1-17

Preacher: Revd Matthew Routledge, Chaplain St Peter's College

Thursday 5 March 6.15pm – BCP Choral Evensong

Jeremiah 9:12-24 & John 7:1-13

Week 8

Sunday 8 March 6pm – Service of Music & Readings for Passiontide

No sermon. Matthew 27:1-10; Matthew 27:11-31; Matthew 27:32-44

Matthew 27:45-60; & Isaiah 53:5-6

Thursday 12 March 6.15pm – BCP Choral Evensong

Jeremiah 14:1-22 & John 8:31-47

Friday 13 March 9.30am – Informal Communion

Hosea 14:1-9 & Mark 12:28-34

Other Services & Activities

Mondays & Fridays 7.45am – Morning Prayer (takes about 20 minutes)

Fridays (weeks 4 & 8) 3pm – Tea@3 (time for an informal chat with other students over hot drinks and biscuits, in the Chaplain's office in Besse 5)

Further information

Please speak to the Chaplain or to the Director of Music. Procedures for booking the Chapel, together with the Chapel protocols, may be found on the Chapel pages of the College website. Booking requests should be directed to the Chaplain and Director of Music via chapel.admin@spc.ox.ac.uk (please note that this email is monitored on a weekly basis).

Chaplain

Revd Matthew Routledge is the College Chaplain. During term he is normally in College on Sunday and Thursday afternoons and all-day Mondays and Fridays. The rest of the week he works in parish ministry.

In addition to leading services, he is part of the College Welfare Team and is always happy to meet with College students and staff for a chat. He is often to be found either in the Chapel or his office (Besse 5). For students who would like to speak to a university chaplain for a different denomination or faith, Matthew can provide the relevant contact details.

Matthew is keen to know if there are other styles of occasional worship or informal faith related study groups that would be of interest to members of College. He can be contacted via matthew.routledge@spc.ox.ac.uk

The Director of Music

Quintin Beer is the College's Director of Music.

He is a specialist Choral Director and in addition to his work at St Peter's, Quintin also maintains a freelance career as a choral conductor, singer, and teacher. He received his MA from the Royal Academy of Music.

Quintin is always interested to hear from anyone wishing to join the College Choir or wanting to be involved in College music.

He can be contacted via quintin.beer@spc.ox.ac.uk

The College Organ Scholars

Sebastian Murray (Allen Senior Organ Scholar) and Jude Young (Siraj Singh Kandhari Junior Organ Scholar) work with the Director of Music to direct and support the College Choir and music in the Chapel.

Chapel Clerks

The smooth running of the Chapel is only possible thanks to the work and support of our Chapel Clerks: EJ Lord, Emily Fu, and Harrell Maguru.

If you would like to know more about becoming a Chapel Clerk, please speak to the Chaplain.