

Beyond the Walls

Iffley Snowdrop Pilgrimage – Saturday 4th week (15 Feb, weather allowing)

A morning walk in search of snowdrops along the Thames towpath to Iffley village, with its fabulous Romanesque church of St Mary, followed by subsidised refreshments at the Isis Farmhouse; watch Chapel mailings for details.

Wadham College Chapel

The College Chapel serves as a haven for all members of College as well as their families and friends. Chapel events are inclusive and gather students and staff with diverse perspectives on matters of faith, metaphysical enquiry and spiritual practice, without assuming any particular religious affiliation. The Chapel is open all day, and is a place where you can light a candle, sit quietly and reflect, read, offer prayers, or simply take time out in stillness and peace.

Chaplain: The Revd Dr Jane Baun

The Chaplain is available to all members of the College community, and can be consulted in confidence on any matter of concern, personal, practical or spiritual – academic pressures, relationships, bereavement, anxiety or just life in general. Jane is ably assisted by the College ‘cat’ Maggie Mae, a mostly sheepdog who is always happy to receive adoration and give reassurance. Contact Jane on chaplain@wadham.ox.ac.uk.

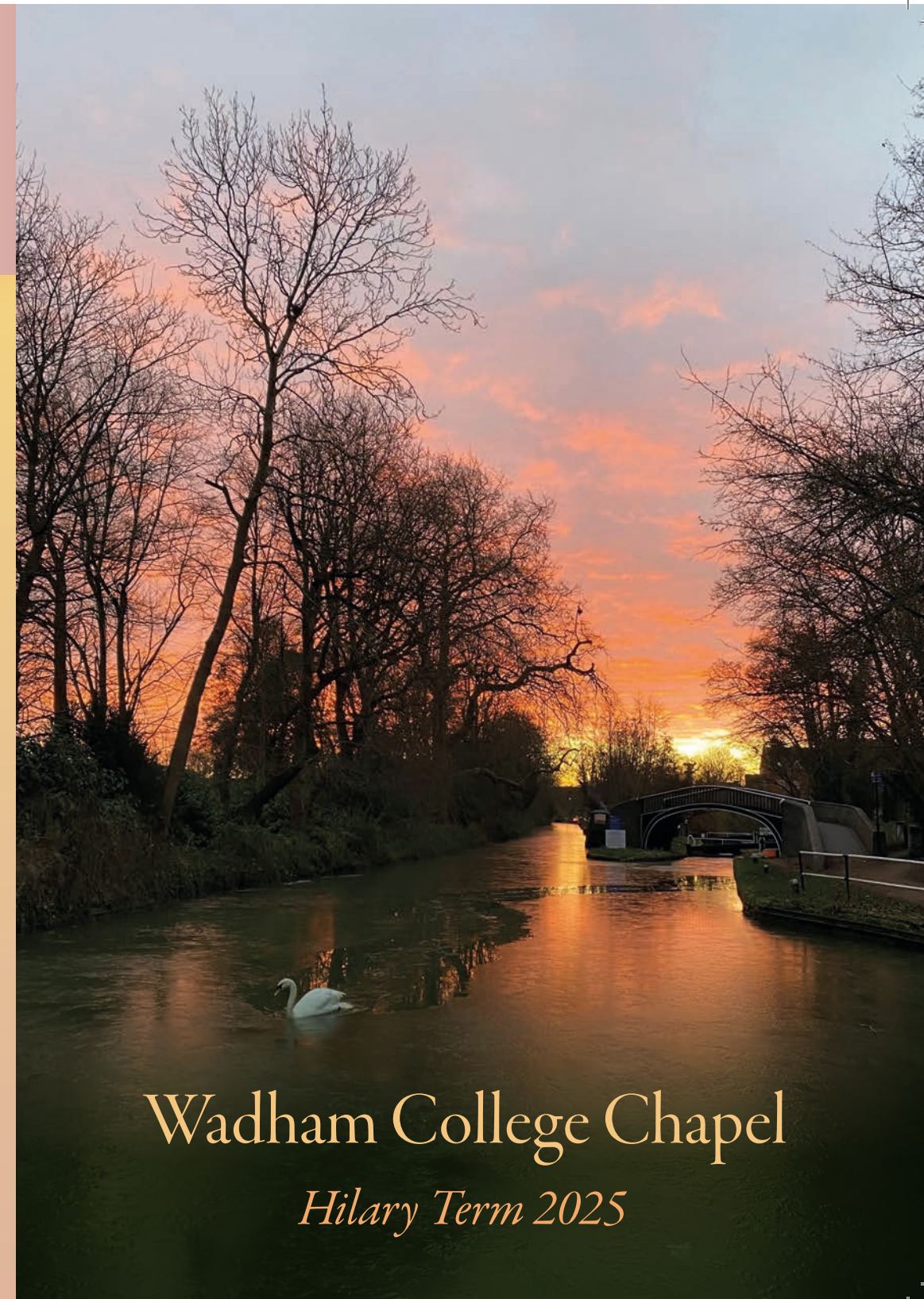


Chapel People

Director of Music Hannah Zaki (hannah.zaki@wadham.ox.ac.uk)
Chapel Organist Dr Julian Littlewood
Chapel Wardens Amy Borghardt, Hope Hamilton, Eva Hayward, Justin Liang, Ella Martlin, Jeshin Murugiah, Rachel O’Connor, Christyn Refuerzo, Theo Wright



Cover image: ‘Silent Strength’ (winter sunrise, Oxford Canal, December 2024),
Alejandro Posada Téllez



Wadham College Chapel

Hilary Term 2025

Sundays in Chapel 6 pm: Choral Evensong

Taking Heart in Hilary

1st week ★ 19 January *Taking Heart, following the Star*

The **Chaplain** encourages us all to take heart from the starlit sparkle and warmth of Epiphany guiding our way through the long slog over the hills and valleys of Hilary Term.

2nd week 26 January *Lessons and Carols for Epiphanytide*

Our service of **Lessons and Carols** celebrates the four Epiphany manifestations of Christ—the Star, the Presentation, the Baptism, the Miracle at Cana—as found in Scripture, poetry, and song.

3rd week ★ 2 February *Candlemas: The Thoughts of our Hearts*

Candlemas celebrates the Presentation in the Temple of the baby Jesus. Bequeathing to us the *Nunc dimittis*, the Prophet Simeon proclaimed Jesus to be the long-awaited Saviour, and prophesied that the child's birth would have revolutionary effects, exposing the thoughts of the hearts of many, and that a sword would pierce the soul of his mother Mary. The **Chaplain** ponders the witness of Mary, who pondered all these things and more in her heart.

4th week 9 February *The Heart in Jewish Poetic Tradition*

Oliver Geffen's interdisciplinary doctoral research at Oriël examines the translator as a social critic in Jewish antiquity and traces of this tradition in modern Hebrew writing. He will talk about 'Heart' in Jewish poetic traditions, enlivened by a poetry reading and explanation.

5th week ★ 16 February *Taking Heart amidst the Grief of War*

The *Madres buscadoras* (lit., 'mothers who search') of Latin America keep tireless vigil for the *desaparecidos*—those who have 'disappeared' in the midst of conflict and authoritarian repression. **Alejandro Posada Téllez**, a DPhil candidate at St Antony's exploring intersections between the politics of victimhood and peacebuilding, will raise some of these mothers' voices, their lived experience of daily taking heart to keep seeking truth and justice for their loved ones, and their constant battle between hope, grief, loss, and courage.

6th week 23 February *Taking Heart while Watching and Waiting*

In a world of urgency and productivity, **Michael Stokes**, an ordinand at Ripon College, Cuddesdon, will encourage us to dwell in the unproductive, the dreaming, the wisdom in the unhurried, and to reflect upon the value of time in rest, as we enter the last few weeks of term. Prior to entering training for the Anglican priesthood, Michael spent nine years as a civil servant advising on government policy. He is also a member of the religious Community of St Anselm.

7th week ★ 2 March *Taking Heart through Poetry and Song*

A Celebration of Welsh musical traditions for St David's Day

From her narrowboat on the Thames, **Sally Bayley** dreams into being novels, poetry, non-fiction, essays, film, and performance art. Her passion for helping others nurture their own creativity overflows into work as a Lecturer in English at Hertford, and as an extraordinary and beloved tutor for Wadham's Sarah Lawrence Programme.

8th week 9 March *The Heart in Prayer*

Sister Hilda OCist went from Oxford to become a Cistercian nun of the Bernardine Order. She and her sisters live in community guided by the Rule of St Benedict, in simplicity and silence, under monastic vows of stability, obedience and conversion of life.

★ *On starred evenings, Evensong is followed by dinner in Hall for all who have signed up beforehand; see Chapel mailings for details.*

Midweek Services and Events in College for all

Chinese New Year Celebration Tea – Wednesday 2nd Week (29 Jan), 3-5 pm, Ante-Chapel

Greet the new moon and celebrate the Lunar New Year of the Wood Snake, with tea, traditional treats – and a dragon.

○ **Full Moon Tree Walks**

February – Lunar New Year Lantern Festival – Wednesday 4th Week (12 February), 7-9 pm

Join Jane and Maggie Mae in the Ante-Chapel, 7-8 pm for hot chocolate and traditional treats, followed by a moon and lantern-lit tree walk with crowd-sourced riddles, poetry, songs, and stories.

March – Friday 8th Week (14 March), hot chocolate in the Ante-Chapel, 8-9 pm; moon walk, 9-10 pm.

Wrap up warmly and join Jane and Maggie Mae in the gardens by night to admire Wadham's amazing trees by moonlight (clouds permitting); offerings of moon poetry, songs, and stories encouraged.

Roman Catholic Termly Evening Mass – Wednesday 2nd week (29 Jan), 6 pm: all welcome

A friendly candlelit celebration of the Eucharist, led by one of the University's Catholic chaplains.

International Holocaust Memorial Day – Monday of 2nd week (27 January)

27 January 2025 marks the 80th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz. A remembrance and reflection space in the Ante-Chapel will honour the memory of the six million European Jews murdered in the Holocaust (1941-45) alongside Roma, queer, and other victims of Nazi persecution, together with modern victims of ethnic cleansing, genocide, and genocidal acts.

Winter Mindfulness Half-Hour 'Staff Service' – Wednesday 3rd week (5 Feb), 10.30 am

For all Wadham staff members: 20 minutes in the garden for guided nature immersion and reflection, followed by refreshments until 11 am.

Weekly Events for Students (Weeks 1–8)

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 1.10–1.40 pm: **Tree Appreciation after Lunch – Conifers and Evergreens**

Join Jane and Maggie Mae after lunch in the gardens, with different trees featured each time; rain or shine.

Wednesdays & Fridays, 8.10–8.40 am: **Garden Qigong**

Join Jane and Maggie Mae in the garden for *Qigong*—an ancient Chinese mindfulness & movement practice. No prior experience necessary. Rain venue: the Ante-Chapel.

Weekly Postgraduate Student Teas – day and time tbc

Postgraduate students, this tea is for you! Join Jane and Maggie Mae weekly in the Chaplain's Room (3/1) for informal afternoon tea, crumpets, and cake. Special diets catered for. Drop in and out as you are able.

Odd Friday Afternoon Teas

Join Jane and Maggie Mae on odd Fridays for afternoon tea to end the week and start the weekend, in the Ante-Chapel (1st) or around town as the Chapel's guest (3rd & 5th). Extramural teas limited to ten students; watch Chapel mailings for 3rd- and 5th-week sign-up links and further details.

1st Friday (24 Jan): Welcome Back Tea in the Ante-Chapel, 3.30-4.30 pm

3rd Friday (7 Feb): Weston Library, 'Divination, Oracles & Omens': exhibition, 3-4; tea 4-4.45 pm

5th Friday (21 Feb): Modern Art Oxford, 'Back Toward Oneness'

(Farwa Moledina and the Date Palm Tree collective): exhibition, 3-4, tea, 4-5.