

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.



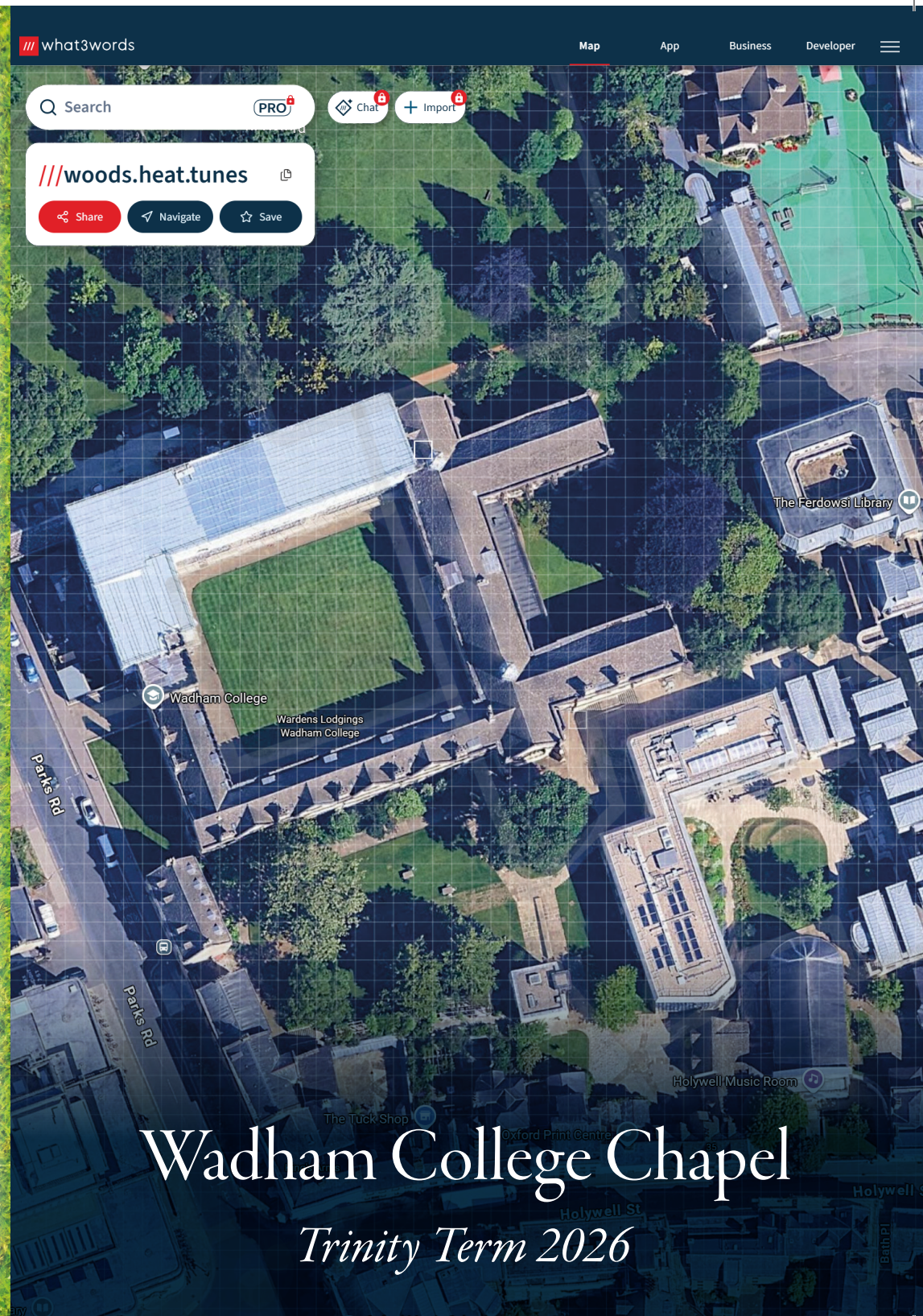
Chapel People

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Chapel Organist Julian Littlewood

Chapel Wardens Emily Gray
Eva Hayward
Samantha Rockney
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Theo Wright

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Sundays in Chapel 6 pm: Choral Evensong

What Three Words?

//**what3words** is a widely-used geolocation app that subdivides the earth into 3-by-3-metre squares – 57 trillion of them – assigning each a unique, random, three-word code. Begun in London in 2013, the app aims to provide quick, precise, unambiguous identification of location, and has been credited with enabling emergency rescues in remote and difficult places. Inspired by this novel approach to navigation, we have asked our Trinity Term speakers to reflect on “what three words” serve as watchwords for them, guiding their own navigation through life.

1st week ★ 26 April *413th Chapel Birthday*

Wadham College was dedicated, and Wadham Chapel consecrated, on 29 April 1613. We welcome **The Right Revd Christopher Foster**, a former Bishop of Portsmouth (2010–21) and Chaplain of Wadham (1982–86), as our speaker for a special Festal Evensong in which we remember with gratitude our Founders and Benefactors.

2nd week 3 May *What's it about three words?*

Trinity Term takes its name from the foundational “///what3words” by which Christians have located and understood the Godhead, as a threesome of persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **The Chaplain**, introducing our termly theme, will examine some ways in which projects aiming at precise delineation, whether in theology or in geography, can bring fault lines to light.

3rd week ★ 10 May *Lessons and Carols for Eastertide*

Easter celebrates the victory of Jesus Christ over the ancient enemies of humanity: death, hell, and sin. We mark the sixth Sunday of Eastertide with music and readings revisiting the great stories and themes of the Paschal season.

4th week 17 May *Ascension Sunday: Sarah Lawrence Programme Evensong*

Celebrating Wadham's partnership with our New York sister college over the past 41 years, our Ascension Sunday Evensong is curated by Sarah Lawrence Programme students, who will choose three words epitomising their year in Oxford.

5th week ★ 24 May *Pentecost Sunday*

Biochemist **Dr Pauline Rudd** felt called to three seemingly incompatible vocations: science, contemplative religious life, and motherhood. Mother to 4 children and grandmother to 10, and an Associate of the Community of St Mary the Virgin, she has had a distinguished international research and entrepreneurial career – leading a research team in the Oxford Glycobiology Institute, as Professor of Glycobiology at University College, Dublin, and in Singapore's A*Star.

6th week 31 May *Trinity Sunday*

Medieval historian **Dr Teresa Witcombe** specialises in the Iberian Peninsula, with a particular focus on Muslim-Christian relations and the formulation and curation of religious identities. Her current research as a British Academy Fellow and a Koch History Centre Fellow at Wadham examines the movement of slaves and captives of war between Muslim and Christian societies in Iberia over the course of the twelfth and thirteenth centuries.

7th week ★ 7 June *Pride Sunday: diversity, solidarity, authenticity*

The organisers of **Oxford Pride 2026** describe it as “about more than celebration; it's about diversity, solidarity, and creating a city where everyone can live freely and authentically.” On Pride Sunday, **The Chaplain** curates a discussion on ways that we at Wadham can honour diversity, express solidarity, and live authentically.

8th week 14 June *Leavers' Evensong: three words from Wadham finalists*

Nicholas Wadham exhorted the future Members of his college not to linger ‘like idle drones, but put themselves out into the world’. As we bid farewell to the Leavers of 2026 on the last Sunday of term, sending them forth with our best wishes, a trio of Finalists will offer reflections on their time at Wadham and thoughts on going forward.

★ *On starred evenings (Odd Weeks), Evensong is followed by dinner in Hall, by prior sign-up.*

Midweek Services and Events

(in Chapel unless otherwise noted)

Roman Catholic Evening Mass in Eastertide – Wednesday 2nd Week (6 May), 6 pm: all welcome

A small, quiet gathering by candlelight for Holy Communion during Mary's month of May, led by one of the University's Catholic chaplains.

Spring Mindfulness Half-Hour for Wadham Staff – Tuesday 3rd week (12 May), 2–2.30 pm

For all Wadham staff members: 20 minutes in the garden for tree appreciation and guided nature immersion, followed by 10 minutes for coffee and cake.

Weekly Events for students (Weeks 1–8)

Full Moon Tree Walk – Sunday 5th Week (31 May), 9–11 pm

Join Jane and Maggie Mae in the gardens by night to admire Wadham's amazing trees by moonlight (clouds permitting); bring moon poetry, songs, and stories, and your own mug if possible. First hour: hot chocolate in the Ante-Chapel; 2nd hour: garden moon walk.

Tree Appreciation after Lunch – Tuesdays & Thursdays, 1.10-1.40 pm

Join Jane and Maggie Mae after lunch in the gardens, as we appreciate the Springtime reawakening of our trees and shrubs, with different trees featured each time; rain or shine.

Qigong in the Garden – times tbd

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.

Postgraduate Student Tea – Thursdays, 4-5 pm

Postgraduate students, this tea is for you! Join Jane and Maggie Mae weekly in the Chaplain's room (3/1) for informal afternoon tea, cake and fruit. Special diets honoured. Drop in and out.

Odd Friday Afternoon Teas

- 1st Friday (1 May) – Welcome Back Tea, Ante-Chapel, 4-5 pm. Recover from May Morning and celebrate the Buddha's Birthday, with tea and cake in the Ante-Chapel to reconnect with friends and start the term.
- 3rd Friday (15 May) – Weston Library, to see ‘Pets and their People’ exhibition: tea in the atrium, 3-4 pm; exhibition, 4-5; sign-up link in Chapel Mailing.
- 5th Friday (29 May) – Ashmolean Museum, to see ‘In Bloom: How Plants Changed our World’ exhibition, 3-4 pm, followed by tea downstairs, 4-5 pm; sign-up link in Chapel Mailing.