



Wadham College Chapel

Trinity Term 2024

Sundays in Chapel 6 pm: Choral Evensong

Returning

1st week 21 April *Returning*

In returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength (Isaiah 30:15).

The **Chaplain** introduces our termly theme.

2nd week ★ 28 April *Architecture and Eternity*

On the 411th Birthday of Wadham Chapel, we welcome the return of former Chapel Warden **The Revd Professor William Whyte** (Modern History, 1994), who is now a fellow of St John's, but was a student at Wadham for 8 years. An architectural historian, he'll be thinking about how buildings shape faith.

3rd week 5 May *Easter Lessons and Carols*

As Eastern Orthodox Christians around the world celebrate Easter, we mark the fifth and final week of (Western) Eastertide with by revisiting the themes of Easter, featuring the poetry of **George Herbert** as set in the *Five Mystical Songs* of **Ralph Vaughan Williams**.

4th week ★ 12 May *Extinction: points of no return*

The research group of **Dr Joseph Bull**, Wadham's Tutorial Fellow in Biology, explores ecosystem-scale approaches for biodiversity conservation and climate change mitigation, particularly in Europe and Central Asia.

5th week 19 May *A Muslim (Re)vert's Reflection on Pentecost: Revelation, Resilience, and Returning*

On the feast of Pentecost, Oriel postgraduate student **Kayla Fraser** reflects on her lived experience of faith as a continuous returning to the source of our being, and on the role of divine revelation in binding the heart of the believer to God.

6th week ★ 26 May *Departing and Returning: a Finalist's Perspective*

On the feast of Trinity, Finalist, Choir member, and Chapel Warden **Eva Hayward** (Lit. Hum., 2020) looks forwards and backwards at the challenges and joys of four years of devoted service to Chapel, College and Classics.

7th week 2 June *Love's Distance: on Leave and Return*

Demi Chowen and **Fronia Kemper** curate this year's **Sarah Lawrence Programme** Evensong takeover, building on their experience of being 3000+ miles from home to ponder modalities of distance and relationship, reality and love.

8th week ★ 9 June *Leavers' Evensong*

Our Founder Nicholas Wadham desired that Members of his college would not linger 'like idle drones, but put themselves out into the world'. Guided by Tutorial Fellow **Dr Jane Garnett**, we bid farewell to the Wadham Leavers of 2024 and send them forth with every good wish, looking forward to hearing of their adventures in future.

★ *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 Chapel unless otherwise noted)

Roman Catholic Evening Mass in Eastertide

Wednesday 2nd Week (1 May), 6 pm: all welcome

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

Spring Mindfulness Half-Hour for Wadham Staff

Wednesday 3rd week (10 May), 10.30-11 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 Walks – Wed. 1st week (24 April), Thurs. 5th week (23 May), 9-11 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); the writing and reciting of moon-poetry is encouraged. Hot chocolate in the Ante-Chapel from 9 pm; garden walk from 10 pm.

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

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.

Wednesdays & Fridays, 8.10–8.40 am – Qigong in the Garden

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.

Thursdays, 4–5 pm: Postgraduate Student Teas

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 Student Teas

1st Friday (26 April) – Wadham Chapel 411th Birthday Tea, Ante-Chapel, 4-5 pm.

Start the term with tea and cake in the Ante-Chapel to celebrate the consecration of Wadham Chapel on 29 April 1613.

3rd Friday (10 May) – University Parks: a wander around Uni Parks, 3-4 pm, followed by picnic tea, 4-5 pm; by prior sign-up; rain venue: Natural History and Pitt Rivers Museums.

7th Friday (7 June) – 'Almost-Done' Tea in the Ante-Chapel, 4-5 pm.

Christian Union (CU): Wadham x Jesus College

Wadham x Jesus College CU is a great way to meet people and explore life, worship, the Bible, and Christian faith in a friendly, informal, no-pressure setting, with food and fellowship. Wednesday evening meal & Bible study (6.30-8 pm); Saturday breakfast fellowship & prayer (10.15 am); venues alternate between colleges. Contact Sascha Hamilton-Meikle (Finalist, Russian): alexander.hamilton-meikle@wadham.ox.ac.uk; or Haeun Kim (2nd year, French): ha.kim@wadham.ox.ac.uk.

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** Tom Hammond-Davies
(tom.hammond-davies@wadham.ox.ac.uk)
- Chapel Organist** Dr Julian Littlewood
- Chapel Wardens** Charlotte Máthé, Demi Chowen, Eva Hayward,
Jeshin Murugiah, Mohammad Faisal Bin
Mohammad Feroz



Cover: Dawn Redwood casts its shadow, Warden's Garden, March 2024.

Photo: Giovanna Truong (2023, PG Modern Languages). The 'living fossil' Metasequoia glyptostroboides is a rare deciduous redwood, which thrives in damp conditions and flood plains. Known from the fossil record but long thought to be extinct, it was identified and rediscovered in the wild in south-central China in a long process over the 1940s involving multiple scientists. Surviving trees are endangered in the wild by logging, loss of habitat to rice paddies, and ecosystem degradation. It is instantly recognisable from the distinctive swirly tendency of its trunk and branches, lush, feathery, pinnate leaves, long golden tassels of pollen, and tiny round seed cones.