



# Wadham College Chapel

*Trinity Term 2025*

# Sundays in Chapel 6 pm: Choral Evensong

## *Taking Refuge*

*Preserve me, O God, for in you have I taken refuge* (Psalm 16:1)

### 1st week ★ 27 April *412th Chapel Birthday*

Wadham College was dedicated, and Wadham Chapel consecrated, on 29 April 1613. We welcome the College's Visitor, the Bishop of Bath and Wells, **The Right Revd Michael Beasley**, as our speaker for a special Festal Evensong.

### 2nd week 4 May *Taking Refuge*

*Your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings* (Psalm 36:7). How and where do we find safety in a troubled world? **The Chaplain** introduces our termly theme.

### 3rd week ★ 11 May *Taking Refuge, in Buddhist Tradition and Practice*

'Taking Refuge' is an essential movement on the Buddhist path towards liberation from suffering. Dharma practitioner, community organiser, and psychotherapist **Daniel Sutton-Johanson** expresses Buddhist compassion in his work helping people to free themselves from burdens of trauma, oppression, and illusion, with a special heart for LGBTQ+ folk.

### 4th week 18 May *Taking Refuge, in Jewish Biblical Tradition*

*My God, my rock in whom I take refuge* (Psalm 18:2). Trust in God as a refuge from persecution, oppression, and danger forms the bedrock of the Abrahamic faiths. **Rebekah van Sant**, a Junior Research Fellow at Oriel's Centre for the Study of the Bible, will consider the many facets of refuge in ancient Jewish scripture.

### 5th week ★ 25 May *Easter Lessons and Carols*

We mark the sixth and final Sunday of Eastertide with special music and readings revisiting the great stories and themes of the Paschal season.

### 6th week 1 June *Sarah Lawrence Programme Evensong*

Our Ascension Sunday Evensong, curated by students from the Sarah Lawrence Programme, celebrates Wadham's partnership with our New York sister college over the past 40 years.

### 7th week ★ 8 June *Pentecost Evensong 'Every nation under heaven' (Acts 2:5)*

**The Revd Canon Rachel Carnegie**, Chaplain of All Souls College, has had a distinguished career working globally in areas of education, gender, HIV, climate change, and the role of faith communities in international development.

### 8th week 15 June *Leavers' Evensong*

Nicholas Wadham exhorted the future Members of his college not to linger 'like idle drones, but put themselves out into the world'. On Trinity Sunday, we bid farewell to the Wadham Leavers of 2025 and send them forth with every good wish, looking forward to hearing of their adventures.

★ *On starred evenings (Even Weeks), 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** – Wed. 2nd wk (7 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** – Tue. 3rd wk (13 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 Walks** – Mon. 3rd week (12 May), 8-10 pm; Wed. 7th week (11 June), 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.

### **New! ❁ BOOK GROUP** – Thursdays, 8-8.45 pm

An informal weekly gathering to savour *In the Shelter: finding a home in the world* (2021): 'Pádraig Ó Tuama relates ideas of shelter and welcome to journeys of life, using poetry, story, biblical reflection and prose to open up gentle ways of living well in a troubled world.'

### **New! ❁ COMPLINE by Candlelight** – Thursdays, 8.50-9.30 pm

Take refuge in the ancient night prayer of the church, a simple service of chant and reflection.

### **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. Tues. & Thurs. times tbd.

### **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 Afternoon Teas

**1st Friday** (2 May) – **Welcome Back Tea**, Ante-Chapel, 4-5 pm. Recover from May Morning with tea and cake in the Ante-Chapel to reconnect with friends and start the term.

**3rd Friday** (16 May) – **Ashmolean Museum**, to see 'Demon, Mother, Maker of Kings' exhibition about female deities and their powers in the ancient world: tea, 3-4; exhibition, 4-5; sign-up links in Chapel Mailings.

**5th Friday** (30 May) – **Natural History Museum**, a wander round to see 'Microsculpture: the insect photography of Levon Biss' among other wonders, 3-4 pm, followed by tea upstairs, 4-5 pm; by prior sign-up.

## 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](mailto:chaplain@wadham.ox.ac.uk).



### Chapel People

<b>Director of Music</b>	Hannah Zaki ( <a href="mailto:hannah.zaki@wadham.ox.ac.uk">hannah.zaki@wadham.ox.ac.uk</a> )
<b>Chapel Organist</b>	Dr Julian Littlewood
<b>Chapel Wardens</b>	Amy Borghardt, Hope Hamilton, Eva Hayward, Justin Liang, Ella Martlin, Jeshin Murugiah, Rachel O'Connor, Christyn Refuerzo, Theo Wright

