

CHAPEL FAQs

Are all members of the College (staff, fellows and students) welcome at services?

We welcome students, staff, and Fellows, past and present; as well as visitors from outside.

Can I just come to listen to the music?

We welcome people who come to hear the music.

Can non-Christians come to services?

Yes

If I come once, is it expected that I come every week?

No!

How long do services last?

Mid-week services (starting 6.30pm) last 45 minutes. Sunday morning (10.30am) and evening (6pm) last about an hour.

Can I get to dinner?

Yes, services always finish before dinner.

Do I have to wear a gown in chapel?

No. Wearing gowns is customary at evening services, but no-one is ever turned away.

Do I need to be smartly dressed?

No.

Is it acceptable to arrive late?

Yes. If the Choir is already lined up, walk past them and find a seat. If the service has begun, walk in and find a seat—a Chapel Clerk will be there to help.

Is it OK to leave early?

Yes. If you have to go before the end, sit near the door (if possible) and slip out quietly.

Do I have to sing the hymns and say the words?

You join in as much or as little as you like.

Is it ok to say prayers in chapel if I'm not a Christian?

Yes, just be respectful of others using the chapel for prayer.

What denomination are chapel services?

Most services are Church of England ("Anglican"). Occasionally services are from other traditions. In the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (18th-25th January) anything can happen.

Do I have to be a member of the Church of England to receive Holy Communion?

No. If you receive Holy Communion in your own Christian Church you can receive it here.