



Travelling Light - a weekly gathering for reflection

Wednesdays 5.45–6.25pm
College Chapel
Michaelmas 2025 Term card

Words, music, and silence with prayers, blessings and reflections across and beyond faiths

'Maybe our task in this world is to build our own meanings – like fires lit from the kindling of many lives.' Words by writer Elizabeth Day

Change is everywhere: transformative, unsettling and full of possibility. Change is the theme of our midweek service series this term.

Our Wednesday gatherings are for everyone: new and returning students and Fellows, long serving members of the College, visitors, and friends. We gather insights, music and words from poetry and song, the worlds' faiths and beyond. Whoever you are, whoever you love, wherever you come from and whatever you are searching for, you are welcome to come to the chapel and listen to a little music, sit in convivial silence and hear reflections from our speakers.

Services begin in Week 1, 15 October at 5.45pm and are led by our Chaplain Rev Dr Claire MacDonald with the Sanders Director of Music, Stephen Taylor, the HMC Choir, our 2025/6 organ scholar Alfred Kelsey, and visiting speakers.

15 October ***Harvesting change***

Speaker: Rev Dr Claire MacDonald; with music by Richard Lloyd and Thomas Tallis

23 October ***Welcoming change***

Speaker: Rev Dr Claire MacDonald; with music by Graham Howells' Jazz Mass, Arthur Wills and James Whitbourn

29 October ***The spirit of change***

Speaker: Rev Dr Meg Richardson, Visiting Fellow; with music by Walford Davies, Andrew Carter, and Mark Miller

5 November ***Thresholds and transitions***

Speaker: Rev Dr Claire MacDonald; with music by Thomas Tallis, Elaine Hagenberg, and Ernest Bullock

12 November ***Rivers of change***

Speaker: Spencer Drake (HMC DPhil student); with music by Peter Warlock, Robert Shaw, and Aaron Copland

19 November ***A service for St Cecilia***

Speaker: Dr Bethany Sollereder; with music by Mozart, Thomas Tallis, and Herbert Howells

26 November ***Looking towards Advent***

Speaker: Rev Dr Claire MacDonald; with music by Thomas Tallis, Walford Davies, Richard Lloyd, and Stephen Taylor

4 December ***College carol service***

People

The Rev Dr Claire MacDonald, Chaplain
Stephen Taylor, Sanders Director of Music
Alfred Kelsey, Organ Scholar

