



LMH
Lady Margaret Hall

Chapel

Readings & Music List
Hilary 2026



The Chapel is an inclusive space, where we foster a sense of community, and belonging, where everyone is invited to participate, embrace who they are, with peace and joy.

Term time: 18th January – 14th March

*Unless otherwise indicated, **Friday Choral Evensong is at 6 p.m.***

Week 1

Thursday 22 January – Midday Prayer
12 p.m.

Friday 23 January – Epiphanytide, Conversion of St Paul
Responses: Joanna Forbes L'Estrange (b. 1971)
Psalm 149
Canticles: Thomas Attwood Walmisley in D
Readings: Isaiah 49: 1-13; Acts 22:3-16
Anthem: Benjamin Britten (1913-1976), 'A New Year Carol'
Preacher: Canon Professor Mark Chapman,
Professor of the History of Modern Theology
Associate Director of the Cuddesdon Study Centre
Hymn: NEH 47, 'As with gladness men of old' vv. 1, 2, 5

Week 2

Thursday 29 January – Midday Prayer
12 p.m.

Friday 30 January – Towards Candlemas
Responses: William Smith (1603-1645)
Psalm 132: 1-10
Canticles: Thomas Tertius Noble (1867-1953) in B
Readings: Haggai 2:1-9; John 2:18-22
Anthem: Rani Arbo, 'Crossing the Bar'
Preacher: The Rev'd Joshua Brocklesby, Chaplain of Trinity College
Hymn: NEH 338, 'At the name of Jesus' vv. 1, 3, 5

Week 3

Thursday 5 February – Midday Prayer
12 p.m.

Friday 6 February – Founders and Benefactors
5:45 p.m.

Responses: Joanna Forbes L'Estrange (b. 1971)
Psalm 148: 1-6
Canticles: Christopher Churcher (b. 2004), LMH Service
Readings: Proverbs 8:1, 22-31; Revelation 4
Anthem: Paul Burke, 'A Prayer of Lady Margaret Beaufort'
No sermon
Hymn: NEH 457 'The King of love my shepherd is' vv. 1, 2, 4, 6 (tune 2)

Week 4

Wednesday 11 February – Compline
9 p.m.

Thursday 12 February – Midday Prayer
12 p.m.

5:30-6:30 p.m. – Flower arranging
Mary O'Brien Room *All materials provided, with hot chocolate*

Friday 13 February – Last Evensong before Lent
Responses: William Smith (1603-1645)
Psalm 81: 1-4
Canticles: Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924) in C
Readings: 1 Kings 11:29-32; 12:19; Mark 7:31-end
Anthem: John Ireland (1879-1962), 'Greater love hath no man'
Preacher: The Chaplain
Hymn: NEH 86 'My song is love unknown' vv. 1, 2, 6, 7

Week 5

Wednesday 18 February – Ash Wednesday, Choral Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes

5:45 p.m. A joint service with Corpus Christi College and Mansfield College

Mass setting: Harold Edwin Darke (1888-1976) in F

Psalm 51:1-8

Readings: Isaiah 58:1-12; Matthew 6:1-6; 16-21

Preacher: Dr Christine Joynes, Regent's Park College Tutorial Fellow in Theology

Director of the Centre for Reception History of the Bible

Anthem: Charles Farrant (c. 1530-1585), 'Call to remembrance'

Hymns: *CP* 100 'Ah, Holy Jesus,' vv. 1, 2, 5

NEH 302 'O Thou, who at thy Eucharist didst pray'

CP 112 'My song is love unknown' vv. 1, 2, 6, 7

NEH 67 'Forty days and forty nights,' vv. 1, 2, 3, 6

Thursday 19 February – Midday Prayer

12 p.m.

7 p.m. Annual Choir Dinner

Friday 20 February – First Evensong in Lent

Responses: Joanna Forbes L'Estrange (b. 1971)

Psalm 50:1-6; 14-15

Readings: Deuteronomy 6:4-9; 16-end; Luke 15:1-10

Canticles: George Dyson (1883-1964) in F

Anthem: Henry Purcell (1659-1695), 'Thou knownest, Lord'

Preacher: The Rev'd David Sheen, Chaplain of Brasenose College

Hymn: *NEH* 62 'Ah, Holy Jesus' vv. 1, 2, 5

Week 6

Wednesday 25 February – Compline

9 p.m.

Thursday 26 February – Midday Prayer

12 p.m.

6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m. **Discernment Session** (see Chapel Card)

Venue to be confirmed after registration. Supper is provided.

Friday 27 February – Second Evensong in Lent – George Herbert
Responses: William Smith (1603-1645)
Psalm 130
Canticles: Herbert Sumson (1899-1995) in A
Readings: Malachi 2:5-7; Matthew 11:25-end
Anthem: Greta Tomlins (1912-1972), ‘Let all the world in every corner sing’
Preacher: The Right Rev’d Steven Croft, Bishop of Oxford
Hymn: NEH 391 ‘King of glory, King of peace’

Week 7

Tuesday 3 March – Full Moon Watching, Garden Exploration, and Poetry
6 p.m., Talbot Quad

Wednesday 4 March – Roman Catholic Mass
6 p.m.

Thursday 5 March – Midday Prayer
12 p.m.

Friday 6 March – International Women’s Day
Responses: Joanna Forbes L’Estrange (b. 1971)
Psalm 103:1-8
Canticles: Margaret Rizza, ‘Song of Mary’ and ‘Song of Simeon’
Readings: Micah 7:14-15; 18-20; Luke 15:1-3, 11-end
Anthem: Sarah Quartel (b. 1982), ‘Hope is the thing with feathers’
Preacher: The Chaplain
Hymn: NEH 339 ‘Be thou my vision’ vv. 1, 3, 4, 5

Week 8

Thursday 12 March – Midday Prayer
12 p.m.

6 p.m. Last service of HT, Choral Evensong
Responses: William Smith (1603-1645)
Psalm 59:1-4; 14-17
Canticles: George Dyson in F
Readings: Jeremiah 14; John 8:31-47
Anthem: Undine Smith Moore (1904-1989), ‘We shall walk through the valley in peace’
No sermon
Hymn: NEH 61 ‘O Christ, who art the Light’, vv. 1, 4, 5, 6 (to tune NEH 238)

Friday 13 March – Chamber Choir Concert
In Chapel, time tbc

Our Services resume on Friday 1 May 2026

Have a blessed end of Lent and Holy Week.

Happy Easter when it comes!

Prayer for Lady Margaret Hall

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to prosper with Thy blessing the work of this Hall, dedicated to Thy glory and the good of Thy people : grant to all who teach and all who are taught, being enlightened by Thy truth, preserved by Thy fear, and abounding in charity, they may daily advance in wholesome learning and in the knowledge and likeness of Him who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life ; to whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost, Three Persons and One God, be all honour and glory, now and for evermore. Amen.