**Space to think**

The search for wisdom is much larger than any of our individual academic lives, and since the beginning of Royal Holloway in the 1880s, the chapel has been a space in which students and staff come together and remind ourselves that our academic lives are part of a much bigger picture.

If you need some space apart during this exam term, do drop in to chapel. Choral Evensong on Thursdays is a great opportunity to hear fabulous music from the choir and find space: whatever your beliefs, you are welcome. We know it can be scary to walk into an unfamiliar group of people doing unfamiliar things, but we want you to feel welcome and we’ll do our best to make you comfortable.

The chaplains offer support to the whole university community. If you need a listening ear, we can meet you in person or online to talk about any problem. Whatever you believe, whatever your background, whoever you love, whatever your struggles or doubts, and wherever in the world you are, we want to hear from you. Our contact details are on the back of this card.

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**Weekly Chapel Services 25 Apr — 10 Jun**

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Choral Evensong in Summer Term

Every Thursday during term the Chapel hosts a service of Choral Evensong, sung by our renowned Choir. This service is drawn from the Church of England’s *Book of Common Prayer*, in the Shakespearean English which has been used since the Latin services of medieval monasteries were first translated into English in 1549. Simple, historically rooted, with beautiful music and no preaching, this 45-minute service is accessible to all.

In the summer term, the service begins with a brief introduction to the various parts of the service in a ‘Guide for the perplexed.’ Come and see, and gain an introduction to this jewel in the crown of English cultural life.

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**Evensong: A Guide for the Perplexed**

*Thursdays 6:15pm*

- **28 Apr**  **Echoes of Eternity:** Evensong in Perspective
- **5 May**  **O Lord, open our lips:** An acclamation of praise
- **12 May**  **The prayer book of Jesus:** Praying the Scriptures
- **19 May**  **The Cry of our Hearts:** The upside-down kingdom of God
- **26 May**  **God has Gone Up:**
  - Holy Communion for the Feast of the Ascension
  - from the *Book of Common Prayer*
- **Monday, 30 May 5:30pm**  **Full of Grace:** Evensong for the feast of the Visitation
  - Followed at 6pm by the Hellenic Institute Lecture
  - Rowan Williams: Looking East in Winter
- **9 Jun**  **Sounding the Depths:** Final Evensong of the academic year

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No service on Bank Holiday 2nd June
The Twentieth Annual Hellenic Lecture

Looking East in Winter: Contemporary Thought and the Eastern Christian Tradition
Rowan Williams

In the Western world today in many ways we seem to be living in wintry times. In his lecture the former Archbishop of Canterbury and eminent scholar of Eastern Christian thought will reflect on Orthodox Christian spirituality. Based on his new book and taking as a point of departure the desert Fathers of the fourth century he will look at philosophers, novelists and activists of our modern world in search of inspiration that brings light and warmth in our lives. He will show how this rich tradition opens up new ways of thinking about spirit and body, prayer and action, worship and social transformation. He will offer a vision of a world where Eastern Christian thought and experience offers an enlightened way to face our contemporary impasses, a ‘climate and landscape of our humanity that can indeed be warmed and transfigured’.

Monday 30 May 2022
6pm in the Chapel

Preceded by a service of Choral Evensong at 5:30

Organised by The Hellenic Institute and The Multifaith Chaplaincy

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