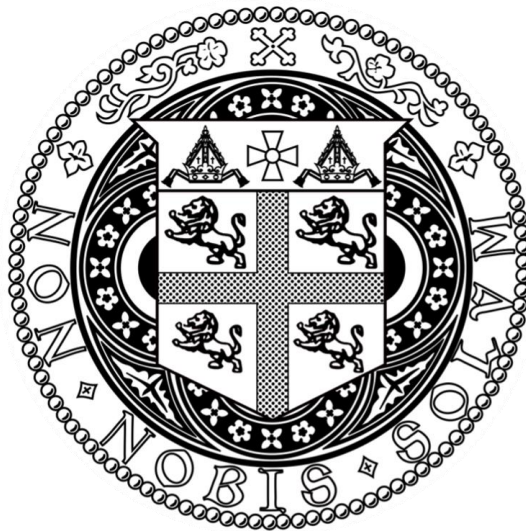




University College Durham University

Chapel Card

Epiphany Term 2026



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The Chapels

University College has two chapels: the eleventh century Norman Chapel at the foot of the Norman Gallery stairs, and the larger Tunstall Chapel, dating from 1540, which can be reached via the courtyard clock tower stairs. Both are open throughout the day for visiting and prayer.

Prayer

Requests for prayer can be pinned to the intercessions board inside the entrance to the Tunstall Chapel, or you can contact the Chaplain directly.

Pastoral support

The Chaplain is happy to support preparation for Baptism and Confirmation, and private prayer. Please contact him for further details.

Regular Services

Choral Evensong, the main weekly act of worship, takes place in the Tunstall Chapel at 5.45pm every Thursday.

The Eucharist is celebrated at 5pm every Sunday. When sung with choir, it is celebrated in the Tunstall Chapel. Otherwise, it is celebrated in the Norman Chapel.

All who usually receive communion are welcome to receive it here, whether Anglican or not. Anyone who does not wish to take communion can come to the altar for a blessing.

Morning & Evening Prayer are said or sung daily at Durham Cathedral, at 8.30 am & 5.30 pm (11.30 am & 3.30 pm on Sundays) respectively, with students particularly encouraged to attend Evensong on Tuesdays, after which food is provided.

Special Services this term

Thursday 15 January, 5.45pm Epiphany Carol Service

Friday 23 - Sunday 25 February Chapel Retreat at Alnmouth Friary

Join us as we head to Alnmouth Friary, a religious community of Anglican Franciscans. We will arrive at Friday dinner time and stay until after Sunday lunch. In between we will enjoy time together, joining with the brothers for prayer and meals, spending time together, and enjoying the wonderful local fresh air with miles of sandy Northumbrian beaches stretching out in both directions.

A memorable time is guaranteed! Places are limited: to book, and for more information, please contact the Chaplain.

Sunday 8 February, 3.30pm	Joint evensong for all college choirs and Durham Cathedral Choir in Durham Cathedral (no service at Castle)
Wednesday 18 February, 5pm	Ash Wednesday: Sung Eucharist with ashing, in the Tunstall Chapel
Monday 23 February, 6pm	Candlelit pilgrimage to Durham Cathedral (booking required)
Thursday 26 February, 6.00pm	Joint choral evensong at St Chad's (no service at Castle)
Tuesday 10 March, 9pm	Choral Compline in Norman Chapel

Service List - Epiphany Term 2026

JANUARY

Thu 15
5.45 pm

Epiphany Carol Service

Introit: Why, impious Herod, shouldst thou fear (Hostis Herodes impie)

Hymn: Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates (Gonfanlon Royal)

Reading 1: Matthew 1.18-25

Nova, nova! Ian Farrington

Reading 2: Luke 2.21

Stanford Evening Service in G (Nunc Dimittis)

Hymn: Brightest and best of the sons of the morning

Reading 3: Matthew 2.1-12

The Three Kings Cornelius (arr. Atkins)

Reading 4: Matthew 2.13-18

Coventry Carol Leighton

Reading 5: Matthew 2.19-23

Hymn: It came upon the midnight clear

Sun 18
5 pm

Said Eucharist

2nd Sunday of Epiphany

White

Isaiah 49.1-7

Psalms 40.1-12

John 1.29-42

Thu 22
5.45 pm

Choral Evensong

Introit: What cheer? Walton

Responses: Shephard

Psalms 111

Nehemiah 8.1-12

Canticles: Murrill in E

1 Corinthians 14.1-12

Anthem: Christus Mendelssohn (First movement)

Preacher: The Chaplain

Hymn: NEH 52 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness

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Thu 29 Choral Evensong

5.45 pm

Introit: Behold, how good and joyful a thing it is Vann

Responses: Rose

Psalm 36

Isaiah 24.1-15

Canticles: Joanna Forbes L'Estrange King's College Service

John 16.25-33

Anthem: Bethlehem Down Warlock

Preacher: Marcus Hargis, Minister of the United Reformed Churches in Durham City, County Durham and Gateshead

Hymn: NEH 480 In Christ there is no east or west

FEBRUARY

Sun 1 Sung Eucharist

5 pm

Candlemas (tr.)

White

Introit: Stanford Evening Service in G (Nunc Dimittis, omitting the Gloria)

Server: TBC

Setting: Stanford Communion Service in C and F

Hebrews 2.14-end

Psalm 24

Luke 2.22-40

Offertory Hymn: NEH 273 And now, O Father, mindful of the love

Anthem: Ich lasse dich nicht Bach

Final Hymn: NEH 33 Of the Father's heart begotten (desc. Willcocks)

Thu 5 Choral Evensong

5.45 pm

Introit: I sat down under His shadow Bairstow

Responses: Moore

Psalm 18.1-18

Isaiah 35

Canticles: Dyson in D

Matthew 11.2-19

Anthem: Elgar Benedictus

Preacher: The Chaplain

Hymn: NEH 408 (desc. Christopher Robinson)

Sun 8
3.30pm

We are all invited to join in worship at Durham Cathedral as a joint evensong is sung by the chapel choir, Durham Cathedral Choir and all other college choirs. There will be no eucharist in college.

Thu 12
5.45 pm

Choral Evensong

Introit: Alleluia, I heard a voice Weelkes

Responses: Leighton

Psalm 39

Exodus 23.1-9

Canticles: Leighton Second Service

Matthew 19.1-15

Anthem: Save us, O Lord Bairstow

Preacher: Darryn and Karen Hook, leaders of Sanctuary21

Hymn: NEH 258 O Christ the same through all our story's pages

Sun 15
5 pm

Said Eucharist

Sunday next before Lent

Green

Exodus 24.12-end

Psalm 2

Matthew 17.1-9

Also today (Sunday 15th), the Chapel Choir will be singing in the Cathedral for the Eucharist (10am) and Evensong (3.30pm) – all welcome. For a notice of music, please consult the Chapel Choir music list.

Wed 18
5pm

Sung Eucharist

Ash Wednesday

Purple

Introit: Miserere mei Byrd

Setting: Communion Service Collegium Regale Howells

Joel 2.1-2,12-17

Psalm 51.1-18

John 8.1-11

Offertory Hymn: 67 Soul of my Saviour, sanctify my breast

Anthem: Wash me thoroughly Wesley

Final Hymn: NEH 305 Forty days and forty nights

Thu 19
5.45 pm

Choral Evensong (Upper Voices)

Introit: Lift thine eyes from *Elijah* Mendelssohn

Responses: Plainsong

Psalm 74.11-end

Hosea 6.1-6

Canticles: Dyson in C minor

Matthew 9.9-13

Anthem: Long since in Egypt's plenteous lands from *Judith* Parry

Preacher: The Chaplain

Hymn: NEH 339 Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart

Sun 22
5 pm

Said Eucharist

1st Sunday of Lent

Purple

Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7

Psalm 32

Matthew 4.1-11

Mon 23
6pm

Candlelit Pilgrimage to Durham Cathedral.

Michael Hampel, Vice Dean at the Cathedral and Castle alumnus, welcomes us to a very special candlelit tour and pilgrimage around Durham Cathedral. All college members very welcome. Booking required as we have limited spaces available – please watch the Castle chapel email list for details.

Thu 26
6.00 pm

We join with St Chad's for a joint Choral Evensong in the St Chad's chapel. No service at Castle.

Introit: Lay a garland Pearsall

Responses: Gabriel Jackson

Psalm 142

Canticles: Gray in F Minor

Anthem: O pray for the peace of Jerusalem Howells

NEH 137 Come down, O love divine

MARCH

Sun 1
5 pm

Said Eucharist

2nd Sunday of Lent

Purple

Genesis 12.1-4a

Psalm 121

John 3.1-17

Thu 5
5.45 pm

Choral Evensong

Introit: Hear my prayer, O Lord Purcell

Responses: Byrd

Psalm 71.1-14

Jeremiah 31.10-17

Canticles: Howells Gloucester Service

Matthew 16.13-end

Anthem: Ne irascaris Domine Byrd

Preacher: Amanda Lees (1987-90): Acting Canon Missioner, Southwell Minster

Hymn: NEH 86 My song is love unknown

Sun 8

Said Eucharist

3rd Sunday of Lent

Purple

Exodus 17.1-7

Psalm 95

John 4.5-42

Tues 10
9pm

Choral Compline in Norman Chapel

Compline is the service of night prayer prayed in monasteries around the world immediately before bed. Join us for this short and meditative (20 mins) service in the sublime setting of the Norman Chapel, with singing led by the Castle Chapel Choir.

Thu 12
5.45 pm

Choral Evensong

Introit: O harken Thou Elgar

Responses: Radcliffe

Psalm 59

TBC

Canticles: Gibbons Second Service

TBC

Anthem: Christus factus est Bruckner

Preacher: Ayla Lepine, Associate Rector, St James's Piccadilly

Hymn: 252 The day Thou gavest, Lord, is ended

Sun 15
5 pm

Said Eucharist

4th Sunday of Lent

Purple

1 Samuel 16.1-13

Psalm 23

John 9

Thu 19
5.45 pm

Choral Evensong

Joseph of Nazareth

Introit: Crucifixus Lotti

Responses: Plainsong

Psalm 1

TBC

Canticles: Pärt Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis

TBC

Anthem: Sanders Reproaches

Preacher: Br Finnian SSF, Alnmouth Friary

Hymn: NEH 272 All for Jesus (omit v.3)

Have a blessed Lent and Holy Week.

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Junior Organ Scholar: Archie White
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A note from the Chaplain, Sam:

As Chaplain of Castle, I am here for *you*. As I get to know the life of this wonderful college, please stop me to introduce yourself. I am available for pastoral conversations. Please also contact me if you wish to be involved in the Chapel services (to read, set up, suggest ideas, etc.), or to explore using the Chapels for a special college event.



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