

# St John's College



## Virtual Chapel

Summer Residence 2020

## WELCOME

We continue to live through difficult and uncertain times. The College seeks to protect our community and visitors and therefore, with regret, services in Chapel are not taking place until further notice.

We therefore would like you to be able to join in a virtual experience of Chapel worship. In this we are continuing what we did daily through the Easter Term, offering services online. There would have been services in Chapel while the Choir was in residence after May Week, and so we have devised this in its stead.

The pattern will be as follows:

### **Sundays at 10.30am:**

We will upload a Sung Eucharist on the College Choir Facebook page. It will be a full service celebrated in Chapel by the Chaplain, with video contributions from other members of the College community. The Choir will sing a mass setting from our archive recordings of previous services. We have listed the repertoire in the following pages. The service will last about 45 minutes. It will premiere at 10.30 each Sunday and then remain on the Facebook page. We invite you to join us a remote member of the congregation, participating in the service to the extent that you would if with us in person. An order of service can be downloaded and the Service listened to via <https://www.facebook.com/stjohnschoircambridge/>

### **Daily at 6.30pm:**

We will upload an Evening Service. It will be led by the Dean or Chaplain, or another member of our community, and include music sung by the Choir (by St John's Voices on Mondays) recorded at a previous service. We have listed the repertoire in the following pages. The service will vary in length but will usually last about 20 minutes. It will premiere at 6.30pm each day and then remain on the relevant Facebook page. The Monday service may be followed here <https://www.facebook.com/stjohnsvoices/> and the other days may be followed here <https://www.facebook.com/stjohnschoircambridge/>

Please note that we may also occasionally vary the repertoire from that first planned. Thank you for your understanding in this. Where possible such changes will be made in this online document.

### **A message from The Rev'd Canon Mark Oakley, Dean**

We have been delighted by the many letters and emails of appreciation we have received over the term regarding the 'virtual' services we have been offering. They have proved to be anything but virtual, and instead have been very real acts of worship, and aids for some reflection, by the large community made up of College members and our friends from all over the world. We wanted to continue these services during the period known as 'Summer Residence', when the Choir would normally continue to sing Evensong and at the 1030am Sunday Eucharist. We hope you will find peace in joining with us as we pray and sing. We all look forward to the day when we can meet again in our beautiful Chapel and give thanks for the gifts of life, friendship, music and each other!

### **An introduction by Andrew Nethsingha, Director of Music**

In this second iteration of Virtual Chapel we are including a little more music than we did during the Easter Term. I have found that the services contribute to our choristers' continued choral education from home. All the musical content is taken from recent live services. Works commissioned for the College Choir are marked with an asterisk. Those listeners who are keen to explore more new repertoire may be interested in our CD of Michael Finnissy, due for release in August.

Unfortunately, our sister choir from St John the Divine, Kennington, cannot hold its annual residency in College this July. We are including an anthem from a recent joint service with them, and we look forward to welcoming them back to College as soon as possible.

For those singers who leave St John's Voices and the College Choir this summer, it is a great sadness for us and for them that they have been unable to enjoy their final months of services here. We thank them and their families for all that they have given us; we will say prayers for them in the final services on June 29<sup>th</sup> and July 5<sup>th</sup> respectively.

I have been enjoying getting to know prospective new young singers and organists via Zoom calls; please don't hesitate to get in touch if you are interested.

Our thoughts and prayers are with all who are unwell, bereaved, unemployed and furloughed, as well as all who feel socially and spiritually isolated. I hope we can provide some nourishment for the many musicians, including our own, who are starved of the usual joy of making music together. I am particularly thinking of the millions of choral singers around the world. We also offer these services to those who are currently unable to attend acts of worship in their own Churches, Cathedrals and Chapels. Whether or not you are a person of faith, we hope to contribute to daily moments of solace.

**Dean**

The Rev'd Canon Mark Oakley

**Director of Music**

Andrew Nethsingha

**Chaplain**

The Rev'd Andrew Hammond

**Director of St John's Voices**

Graham Walker

**Herbert Howells Organ Scholar**

James Anderson-Besant

**Junior Organ Scholar**

George Herbert

**St John's Voices Organists**

Henry Brearley & Jack Wilson

**Chapel Clerk**

Stephen Stokes

**Visual Producer**

James Beddoe

## CHARITABLE GIVING

In normal circumstances we make a retiring collection after our choral services for a selected charity. Do please consider making an online donation to the charity which we have chosen.



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**[helpmusicians.org.uk](http://helpmusicians.org.uk)**

Since the early thirteenth century the site of St John's College has had a place of Christian worship. The original Chapel, whose ruins may still be viewed in First Court, belonged to a hospital for the poor and infirm and was retained when the College was founded in 1511. Our present Chapel, built in 1869 by Sir George Gilbert Scott, continues this faithful offering of prayer with regular services enriched by the College's outstanding choral tradition.

The Chapel is part of the Church of England, within the world-wide Anglican Communion, and welcomes everyone.

Cover image:

St John being boiled in oil before the Latin Gate at Rome,  
from a detail of a window in the College Chapel

Further details of the Chapel and Choirs are available on their  
websites:

[www.joh.cam.ac.uk](http://www.joh.cam.ac.uk)    [www.sjcchoir.co.uk](http://www.sjcchoir.co.uk)    [stjohnsvoices.org](http://stjohnsvoices.org)

## JUNE

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- 21 THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**      10.30 am    **SUNG EUCHARIST**  
Introit: Guerrero Ave Virgo sanctissima  
G.P. da Palestrina: Missa Aeterna Christi Munera  
Credo V
- 6.30 pm    **EVENING SERVICE**  
S.S. Wesley: Ascribe unto the Lord
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- 22 MONDAY**      6.30 pm    **EVENING SERVICE WITH ST JOHN'S VOICES**  
*Alban, first martyr of Britain, c.250*    Howells: I will lift up mine eyes
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- 23 TUESDAY**      6.30 pm    **EVENING SERVICE**  
*Etheldreda, Abbess of Ely, c.678*  
Psalm 119 vv. 1–16 (Attwood)  
Weelkes (Sixth Service)
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- 24 THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST**      10.30 am    **GRADUATION SERVICE**  
Rutter: A St John's College Prayer \* [2011]  
Howells: Te Deum (Collegium Regale)
- 6.30 pm    **EVENING SERVICE**  
Psalm 119 vv. 17–32 (Bairstow, Wesley)  
Wood in E flat (no. 2)
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- 25 THURSDAY**      6.30 pm    **EVENING SERVICE**  
Psalm 65 (Whitlock)  
Moore (St John's Service) \* [2006]
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- 26 FRIDAY**      6.30 pm    **EVENING SERVICE**  
Psalm 97 (Martin)  
Murrill in E
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- 27 SATURDAY**      6.30 pm    **EVENING SERVICE SUNG JOINTLY BY THE CHOIR OF ST JOHN THE DIVINE, KENNINGTON, AND THE COLLEGE CHOIR**  
Balfour Gardiner: Evening Hymn
- 7.30 pm    **VIRTUAL COLLEGE CONCERT**
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- 28 THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**      10.30 am    **SUNG EUCHARIST**  
Introit: Biebl Ave Maria  
Duruflé: Messe cum jubilo      Credo II
- 6.30 pm    **EVENING SERVICE**  
Introit: Panufnik: The Call \* [2010]  
*with Anne Denholm, harp*  
Walton: The Twelve
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<b>29</b>	<b>ST PETER APOSTLE</b>	6.30 pm	<b>EVENING SERVICE WITH ST JOHN'S VOICES</b> Stanford: Magnificat in B flat
<b>30</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	6.30 pm	<b>EVENING SERVICE</b> Psalm 119 vv. 153–176 (Garrett, Goss, Walmisley) Stanford in C

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<b>1</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	6.30 pm	<b>EVENING SERVICE</b> Psalms 121 (Walford Davies), 122 (Atkins), 123 (Crotch) Tomkins (Fifth Service)
<b>2</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	6.30 pm	<b>EVENING SERVICE</b> Psalm 62 (Boyce) Dyson in D
<b>3</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>	6.30 pm	<b>EVENING SERVICE</b> Psalm 99 (Whitlock) Howells (Westminster Service)
<b>4</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>	6.30 pm	<b>EVENING SERVICE</b> Bernstein: Chichester Psalms <i>with harp and percussion</i>
<b>5</b>	<b>THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY</b>	10.30 am	<b>SUNG EUCHARIST</b> Introit: Hildegard of Bingen O pastor animarum Byrd: Mass for five voices Credo III
		6.30 pm	<b>EVENING SERVICE</b> Hymn: Christ Triumphant (Guiting Power) Responses and Preces: Rose Psalm 139 vv. 1–18, 23–24 (Skeats) Howells (St Paul's Service) Finzi: Lo, the full, final sacrifice Hymn: The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended (St Clement) Voluntary: Vierne Final (Symphonie I)

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## **THE CHOIR OF ST JOHN'S COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE**

The Director of Music, Andrew Nethsingha, is pleased to receive enquiries from people interested in joining the choir as chorister, choral scholar or organ scholar. He is always happy to meet them informally to offer advice.

Please contact him on  
01223 338683  
or by email – [choir@joh.cam.ac.uk](mailto:choir@joh.cam.ac.uk)

or contact the Choir Administrator on 01223 338718

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### **CHORISTER VOICE TRIALS**

Voice trials are held for boys  
aged 6–9 years old  
by appointment.

For further details please contact the Registrar,  
Mary Robb, at  
St John's College School on  
01223 353652  
or by email – [admissions@sjcs.co.uk](mailto:admissions@sjcs.co.uk)

## **ST JOHN'S VOICES**

Those interested in singing in the College's  
mixed-voice choir are encouraged to contact  
Graham Walker, the Director, on [ghw22@cam.ac.uk](mailto:ghw22@cam.ac.uk)

Priority is generally given to students of St John's, but singers  
from outside the College are very welcome to apply.