



# **CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL**

**SERVICES AND MUSIC  
MAY 2025**

# **THE CHORAL FOUNDATION OF CHRIST CHURCH:**

## **THE CATHEDRAL CHOIR**

When Henry VIII founded Christ Church in 1546 he made provision for the education of a number of boy choristers and a schoolmaster. From these historic roots has grown the current Christ Church Cathedral School, of about 150 pupils aged three to 13, housed in premises built by Dean Liddell (father of Lewis Carroll's 'Alice.')

The cathedral choristers are dedicated to their daily music-making, & to the transformational experience that singing in one of the world's most famous choirs brings.

The Lay and Academical Clerks, as part of the choral foundation at Christ Church, sing with the boy choristers, and with Frideswide Voices, at services throughout the year. The Lay Clerks are professional singers, whilst the Academical Clerks are undergraduates reading for a degree at the University of Oxford. The Organist, Peter Holder, and Christ Church Cathedral School welcome enquiries at any time about being a chorister at Christ Church. Please contact the School Registrar on 01865 242561 or email [registrar@cccs.org.uk](mailto:registrar@cccs.org.uk) : they will be pleased to arrange a tour of the School and Boarding House or an informal voice trial.

[www.cccs.org.uk](http://www.cccs.org.uk)                      [www.chchchoir.org](http://www.chchchoir.org)

## **FRIDESWIDE VOICES**

Frideswide Voices was the first Anglican choir created specifically for girls of chorister age in Oxford, and was originally formed in October 2014. While they have always had significant links with Christ Church, they became part of the Foundation in September 2019. The girls are drawn from more than 25 different schools across the city and county. They sing Evensong in the Cathedral on most Wednesdays during term-time, as well as singing other services throughout the year.

The Director, Helen Smee, welcomes enquiries about choristerships at any time. Please email [helen.smee@chch.ox.ac.uk](mailto:helen.smee@chch.ox.ac.uk) for further information.  
[chch.ox.ac.uk/frideswidevoices](http://chch.ox.ac.uk/frideswidevoices)

*Unless stated otherwise, all choral services will be sung by members of the Choral Foundation*

## **OTHER CHOIRS AT CHRIST CHURCH:**

### **THE CATHEDRAL SINGERS OF CHRIST CHURCH**

The Cathedral Singers is the Cathedral's adult mixed-voice choir, singing when the other choirs are away or on holiday. Under its own professional director and organist, the choir operates a squad system in order to provide choral music for up to 100 services a year. We welcome new singers, who should be confident readers of music. For more information, please email [hilary.punnett@chch.ox.ac.uk](mailto:hilary.punnett@chch.ox.ac.uk).

[www.cathedralsingers.org.uk](http://www.cathedralsingers.org.uk)

### **THE COLLEGE CHOIR OF CHRIST CHURCH**

The College Choir is composed of Junior Members of Christ Church and colleagues from across the University. As such, it is the only student-run choir at Oxford to sing in Christ Church Cathedral regularly. In addition to regular services of choral Evensong, Compline, and Eucharist in the Cathedral, the College Choir also sings in local churches and the Oxfordshire community.

The ensemble prides itself on maintaining a high standard of singing in a relaxed, non-auditioned, and friendly atmosphere. If you are an Oxford University student interested in singing with us, please feel free to be in touch at [chchcollegechoir@gmail.com](mailto:chchcollegechoir@gmail.com).

[www.chch.ox.ac.uk/choirs/college-choir](http://www.chch.ox.ac.uk/choirs/college-choir)

### **VISITING CHOIRS**

When our own choirs are not in residence, it is a delight to welcome visitors from around the country and beyond. This may be school or university choirs, amateur or professional groups, and they may be with us for a single service, a few days or a whole week. If your choir would like to organise a residency at Christ Church, please get in touch with us at [visitingchoirs@chch.ox.ac.uk](mailto:visitingchoirs@chch.ox.ac.uk)

**28 APRIL –  
4 MAY**

**CANON IN RESIDENCE**  
**THE REVD CANON PROFESSOR ANDREW DAVISON,**  
*Regius Professor of Divinity*

**MONDAY 28 APRIL**  
**GEORGE, MARTYR, PATRON**  
**OF ENGLAND, C. 304**

**6:05pm Evening Prayer**  
*Said at the West End*  
Psalms 3, 11

**7:15am Morning Prayer**

**7:35am Said Eucharist**  
*in the Latin Chapel*

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**TUESDAY 29 APRIL**  
**MARK THE EVANGELIST**

**6:05pm Solemn Evensong**

Hymn 568  
Psalm 45  
Byrd Responses  
*Byrd Second Service*  
*Byrd Christ rising again*

**7:15am Morning Prayer**

**7:35am Said Eucharist**  
*in the Lady Chapel*

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**WEDNESDAY 30 APRIL**

**6:05pm Choral Evensong**

Psalm 147  
Leighton Responses  
*Harwood in A flat*  
*Whitbourn Give us the wings of faith*

**7:15am Morning Prayer**

**7:35am Said Eucharist**  
*in the Bell Chapel*

**1:05pm BCP Communion**

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**THURSDAY 1 MAY**  
**PHILIP AND JAMES,**  
**APOSTLES**

**6:05pm Solemn Evensong**

*Celebrating the 80th anniversary of Christian Aid*

Psalm 149  
Byrd Responses  
*Wise in E flat*  
*Byrd Haec dies*

**7:15am Morning Prayer**

**7:35am Said Eucharist**  
*in the Chapel of Remembrance*

## FRIDAY 2 MAY

**7:15am Morning Prayer**

**7:35am Said Eucharist**  
*in the Lucy Chapel*

## 6:05pm Choral Evensong

Psalm 14

Byrd Responses

*Victoria Magnificat primi toni*

plainsong Nunc dimittis

Hassler *O admirabile*

*commercium*

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## SATURDAY 3 MAY

**8:15am Morning Prayer**

**8:35am Said Eucharist**  
*in the Lady Chapel*

## 6:05pm Choral Evensong

Hymn 145

Psalm 18: 1–15

Byrd Responses

*Farrington Blues Service*

arr. Scott *How can I keep from singing?*

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## SUNDAY 4 MAY

**7:35am Said Matins (BCP)**

**8:05am BCP Communion**

**11:05am Choral Eucharist**

*Preacher*

The Revd Canon Professor  
Luke Bretherton

*Regius Professor of Moral and  
Pastoral Theology*

Hymns 148, 311, 627

Psalm 30

*Padilla Missa Ego flos campi*

*Guerrero O sacrum convivium*

*Bach Piece d'orgue (BWV 572)*

## The Third Sunday of Easter

## 6:05pm Choral Evensong

Hymn 152

Psalm 86

Leighton Responses

*Leighton Second Service*

*Wesley Blessed be the God and  
Father*

**5-11 MAY**

**CANON IN RESIDENCE**  
**THE REVD CANON PETER MOGER**  
*Sub Dean*

**MONDAY 5 MAY**

**7:15am Morning Prayer**

**7:35am Said Eucharist**  
*in the Latin Chapel*

**6:05pm Evening Prayer**

*Said at the West End*

Psalm 27

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**TUESDAY 6 MAY**

**7:15am Morning Prayer**

**7:35am Said Eucharist**  
*in the Lady Chapel*

**6:05pm Choral Evensong**

Psalm 32

Grier Responses

Watson *in E*

Vaughan Williams *Love bade me welcome*

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**WEDNESDAY 7 MAY**

**7:15am Morning Prayer**

**7:35am Said Eucharist**  
*in the Bell Chapel*

**1:05pm BCP Communion**

**6:05pm Choral Evensong**

Psalm 37: 1-22

Ayleward Responses

Howells *New College Service*

Vaughan Williams *I got me flowers*

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**THURSDAY 8 MAY**

**7:15am Morning Prayer**

**7:35am Said Eucharist**  
*in the Chapel of Remembrance*

**6:05pm Choral Evensong**

Psalms 42, 43

Grier Responses

Wood *in E flat (No 2)*

Weir *A Wreath*

## **FRIDAY 9 MAY**

**7:15am Morning Prayer**

**7:35am Said Eucharist**  
*in the Lucy Chapel*

## **6:05pm Choral Evensong**

Psalms 47, 48  
Grier Responses  
Hooper *Short Service*  
Hooper *Behold it is Christ*

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## **SATURDAY 10 MAY**

**8:15am Morning Prayer**

**8:35am Said Eucharist**  
*in the Lady Chapel*

## **6:05pm Choral Evensong**

Hymn 158  
Psalms 53, 54  
Grier Responses  
Stanford *in C*  
Hadley *My beloved spake*

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## **SUNDAY 11 MAY**

## **The Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**7:35am Said Matins (BCP)**

**8:05am BCP Communion**

**11:05am Choral Eucharist**

*Preacher*

The Revd Canon Peter Moger  
*Sub Dean*

Hymns 149 pt 3, 406, 153  
Psalm 23

Byrd *Mass for five voices*  
Taverner *Dum transisset*  
*Sabbatum*

Bach *Toccatina in F (BWV 540)*

**6:05pm Choral Evensong**

Hymn 151  
Psalms 113, 114  
Grier Responses  
D Purcell *in E minor*  
Gibbons *See, see, the Word is*  
*incarnate*  
Bach *Fugue in E minor*  
*(BWV 548.ii)*

**12 – 18 MAY**

**CANON IN RESIDENCE**  
**THE REVD CANON PROFESSOR LUKE BRETHERTON**  
*Regius Professor of Moral and Pastoral Theology*

**MONDAY 12 MAY**

**7:15am Morning Prayer**

**7:35am Said Eucharist**  
*in the Latin Chapel*

**6:05pm Choral Evensong**  
*Sung by Abingdon School Choir*  
Psalm 67  
Clucas Responses  
Stanford *in B flat*  
Howells *We have heard with our ears*

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**TUESDAY 13 MAY**

**7:15am Morning Prayer**

**7:35am Said Eucharist**  
*in the Lady Chapel*

**6:05pm Choral Evensong**  
Psalm 147  
Tomkins Responses  
Purcell *in G minor*  
Byrd *Terra tremuit*

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**WEDNESDAY 14 MAY**  
**Matthias the Apostle**

**7:15am Morning Prayer**

**7:35am Said Eucharist**  
*in the Bell Chapel*

**1:05pm BCP Communion**

**6:05pm Solemn Evensong**  
Hymn 227  
Psalm 80  
Ebdon Responses  
Turner *in A*  
Byrd *Justorum animae*

**8:35pm College Taizé**

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**THURSDAY 15 MAY**

**7:15am Morning Prayer**

**7:35am Said Eucharist**  
*in the Chapel of Remembrance*

**6:05pm Choral Evensong**  
Psalm 78: 1–17  
Tomkins Responses  
Sumsion *in G*  
Frances-Hoad *Nisi Dominus*



## FRIDAY 16 MAY

**7:15am Morning Prayer**

**7:35am Said Eucharist**  
*in the Lucy Chapel*

## 6:05pm Choral Evensong

Psalm 84

Tomkins Responses

Ayleward *Short Service*

Bairstow *Jesu, the very thought of thee*

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## SATURDAY 17 MAY

**8:15am Morning Prayer**

**8:35am Said Eucharist**  
*in the Lady Chapel*

**1:05pm Saying Goodbye**  
*A service for all who have suffered the loss of a baby*

## 6:05pm Choral Evensong

*sung by Frideswide Voices with girls taking part in Chorister for a Day*

Hymn 497

Psalm 89: 1–19

arr. Dawes *Steal away*

Reading Responses

Noble *in B minor*

Mendelssohn *Hear my prayer*

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## SUNDAY 18 MAY

## The Fifth Sunday of Easter

**7:35am Said Matins (BCP)**

**8:05am BCP Communion**

**11:05am Choral Eucharist**  
*with Holy Baptism and Confirmations*

*Preacher*

The Revd Canon Professor

Luke Bretherton

*Regius Professor of Moral and Pastoral Theology*

Hymns 572, 'In the Stillness', 483, 455; Psalm 148: 1–6

Mozart *Missa brevis in D (K.194)*

Palestrina *Sitivit anima mea*

Bruhns *Praeludium in G*

**6:05pm Choral Evensong**

Hymn 160

Psalm 98

Gull Responses

Gipps *Evening Service*

Stanford *Ye choirs of new Jerusalem*

Preston *Alleluyas*

**19 – 25 MAY**

**CANON IN RESIDENCE**  
**THE VENERABLE JONATHAN CHAFFEY**  
*Archdeacon of Oxford*

**MONDAY 19 MAY**

**7:15am Morning Prayer**

**7:35am Said Eucharist**  
*in the Latin Chapel*

**6:05pm Evening Prayer**

*With Samford University  
Chapel Choir, Birmingham,  
Alabama*

Psalms 99, 100  
*Whitacre I thank you, God*

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**TUESDAY 20 MAY**

**7:15am Morning Prayer**

**7:35am Said Eucharist**  
*in the Lady Chapel*

**6:05pm Choral Evensong**

Psalm 104: 1–23  
Smith Responses  
*Wood Collegium Regale*  
*Harris Bring us, O Lord God*

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**WEDNESDAY 21 MAY**

**7:15am Morning Prayer**

**7:35am Said Eucharist**  
*in the Bell Chapel*

**1:05pm BCP Communion**

**6:05pm Choral Evensong**

Psalm 106: 1–12  
Child Responses  
*Child in D*  
*Byrd Sing joyfully*

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**THURSDAY 22 MAY**

**7:15am Morning Prayer**

**7:35am Said Eucharist**  
*in the Chapel of Remembrance*

**6:05pm House Communion**

*Preacher*  
The Revd Canon Dr Jeremy  
Morris  
Psalm 108  
*Mozart Spatzenmesse (K.220)*  
*Taverner Christe Jesu, pastor bone*  
*Karg-Elert Nun danket alle Gott*

## **FRIDAY 23 MAY**

**7:15am Morning Prayer**

**7:35am Said Eucharist**  
*in the Lucy Chapel*

## **6:05pm Choral Evensong**

Psalm 114  
Smith Responses  
Tomkins *First Service*  
Tallis *If ye love me*

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## **SATURDAY 24 MAY**

**8:15am Morning Prayer**

**8:35am Said Eucharist**  
*in the Lady Chapel*

## **6:05pm Choral Evensong**

*Sung by the Clerks*

Hymn 430  
Psalm 119: 1-16  
Tallis Responses  
Sheppard *First Service*  
Parsons *Credo quod redemptor*

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## **SUNDAY 25 MAY**

## **The Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**7:35am Said Matins (BCP)**

**8:05am BCP Communion**

**11:05am Choral Eucharist**  
*Sung by the Clerks*

*Preacher*

The Ven Jonathan Chaffey  
*Archdeacon of Oxford*

Hymns 546, 283, 152

Psalm 67

Byrd *Mass for three voices*

Gabrieli *Ego sum qui sum*

Bach *Kyrie, Gott heiliger Geist*  
(BWV 671)

**2:05pm Holy Communion**  
**in British Sign Language**

**6:05pm Choral Evensong**  
*Sung by the Clerks*

Hymn 172

Psalms 126, 127

Tallis Responses

Anerio *Magnificat octavi toni*

Palestrina *Nunc dimittis à 8*

Gabrieli *Maria stabat ad monumentum*

Ximénez *Batalla de 6º tono*

**26 MAY – 1 JUNE**

**CANON IN RESIDENCE**  
**CANON PROFESSOR CAROL HARRISON**  
*Lady Margaret Professor of Divinity*

**MONDAY 26 MAY**

**7:15am Morning Prayer**

**7:35am Said Eucharist**  
*in the Latin Chapel*

**6:05pm Evening Prayer**

*Said at the West End*

Psalm 119: 145–160

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**TUESDAY 27 MAY**

**7:15am Morning Prayer**

**7:35am Said Eucharist**  
*in the Lady Chapel*

**6:05pm Choral Evensong**

*Sung by the Cathedral Singers*

Psalms 126, 127, 128

Rose Responses

Moeran *in D*

Soriano *Regina caeli*

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**WEDNESDAY 28 MAY**

**7:15am Morning Prayer**

**7:35am Said Eucharist**  
*in the Bell Chapel*

**1:05pm BCP Communion**

**6:05pm Choral Evensong**

*Sung by the Cathedral Singers*

Psalms 15, 24

Byrd Responses

Gibbons *Short service*

Philips *Ascendit Deus*

**8:35pm College Taizé**

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**THURSDAY 29 MAY**  
**ASCENSION DAY**

**7:15am Morning Prayer**

**7:35am Said Eucharist**  
*in the Chapel of Remembrance*

**6:05pm Choral Eucharist**

*Sung by the Cathedral Singers*

*Preacher*

The Revd Canon Peter Moger

*Sub Dean*

Hymns 168, 278, 163

Psalm 47

Darke *in E*

Finzi *God is gone up*

## **FRIDAY 30 MAY**

**7:15am Morning Prayer**

**7:35am Said Eucharist**  
*in the Lucy Chapel*

**6:05pm Choral Evensong**

*Sung by the Cathedral Singers*

Psalm 45

Rose Responses

Whitlock *Fauxbourdons*

Dett *Ave Maria*

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## **SATURDAY 31 MAY**

**The Visit of the Blessed  
Virgin Mary to Elizabeth**

**8:15am Morning Prayer**

**8:35am Said Eucharist**  
*in the Lady Chapel*

**6:05pm Solemn Evensong**

*Sung by the Cathedral Singers*

Hymn 241

Psalms 122, 127, 128

Rose Responses

Stanford *in G*

Bruckner *Ave Maria*

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## **SUNDAY 1 JUNE**

**The Seventh Sunday of Easter  
(Sunday After Ascension Day)**

**7:35am Said Matins (BCP)**

**8:05am BCP Communion**

**11:05am Choral Eucharist**  
*Sung by the Cathedral Singers*

*Preacher*

Canon Professor Carol Harrison  
*Lady Margaret Professor of  
Divinity*

Hymn 166, 372, 165

Psalm 97

Jackson *in G*

Bonis *Ave verum*

Bingham *Et cognoverunt eum*

**6:05pm Choral Evensong**

*Sung by the Cathedral Singers*

Hymn 172

Psalm 68

Byrd Responses

Wise *in F*

Tallis *O Lord, give thy Holy Spirit*

Rogg *Toccata*

# UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE CATHEDRAL

## **1:05pm Saturday 17 May – Saying Goodbye**

You are welcome to join us for a special service for all those who have lost a baby in pregnancy, at birth and in early years, and for those grieving never having had a child. Saying Goodbye offer support and befrienders for anyone who has gone through the loss of a baby. If you would find this helpful, please visit [www.sayinggoodbye.org](http://www.sayinggoodbye.org)

## **Saturday 17 May – Frideswide Voices' Be a Chorister for a Day**

Each year, the Cathedral hosts a selection of taster events for girls, boys and their families. Frideswide Voices will be holding a 'Be a Chorister' afternoon for girls to experience what it might be like to become a Frideswide chorister. The Director, Helen Smee, welcomes enquiries about choristerships at any time. Please email [helen.smee@chch.ox.ac.uk](mailto:helen.smee@chch.ox.ac.uk)

## **6:05pm Thursday 22 May – House Communion**

House Communion is a termly college service which brings together all members of Christ Church, along with the wider cathedral community and visitors: whoever you are, you are very warmly welcomed to join us for this service.

## **2:05pm Sunday 25 May – Holy Communion in BSL**

The Diocese of Oxford's Chaplain Amongst Deaf People, the Revd Dr Hannah Lewis, will be presiding at our quarterly Holy Communion in BSL. You are encouraged to attend regardless of your BSL fluency level, as we aim to make this service accessible for all.

For more information about ministry amongst the Deaf community and the Oxford Diocesan Council for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing, please contact: [hannah.lewis@oxford.anglican.org](mailto:hannah.lewis@oxford.anglican.org)

## **6:05pm Thursday 29 May – Choral Eucharist for Ascension Day**

On the Day of Ascension, we rejoice that Jesus who died and rose again is ascended to his Father's side, raising our humanity to the heights of heaven. We welcome you to join us by coming together in the presence of God, where we will hear the words of Scripture, worship in music heard and sung, and receive the sacrament of Christ's body and blood.

# NEWS

## **New Music from the Cathedral Singers**

The Cathedral Singers are excited to announce the upcoming release of their latest recording project, which features sacred choral music by contemporary composers, specially commissioned for the choir's daily services, alongside new organ music, played by Simon Hogan. This disc features premiere recordings of works by Alison Willis, Anthony Gray, Ben Rowarth, Bertie Baigent, Cheryl Frances-Hoad, David Bednall, Grayston Ives, James Potter and Sarah Rimkus. Order or find out more at:

<https://conviviumrecords.co.uk/product/missa-aedis-christi/>

## **Save the Date: 5:05pm Saturday 28 June – Solemn Vespers for the 500th Anniversary of the House**

This year Christ Church in Oxford celebrates the five hundredth anniversary of the foundation of Cardinal Thomas Wolsey's Cardinal College on the site of the former Augustinian Priory of St Frideswide. To mark this significant moment in our history, a series of events have been planned, including a celebration of Solemn Vespers. This service of Vespers will be sung by the boy choristers and adult clerks of the Cathedral Choir, directed by the Organist, Peter Holder. The music will include the world premiere of a newly-commissioned Latin setting of the Magnificat by the Master of the King's Music, Errollyn Wallen.



*For more news and information about upcoming events, you can sign up to our regular newsletter by scanning the QR code, or using the link below*

*[chch.ox.ac.uk/cathedral/about/  
subscribe-cathedral-email-newsletter](https://chch.ox.ac.uk/cathedral/about/subscribe-cathedral-email-newsletter)*

## **VOLUNTEERING**

The Cathedral wouldn't be able to function without its 400 or so volunteers. We are always looking for people to join many of our teams, including Guides, Stewards, Servers, Schools and Children, Refreshments, etc. If you'd like to join a friendly community, share your skills, or learn something new, please get in touch with:

*miranda.hockliffe@chch.ox.ac.uk*

## **HEARING LOOP**



The Cathedral has a hearing loop. The system is most effective in the centre and away from the pillars.

## **SAFEGUARDING**

### **Safeguarding**

If you have any concerns about the safety of a child or vulnerable adult in or around Christ Church Cathedral, please let us know immediately. Please speak to any member of the clergy or verger team on duty, or contact a member of the safeguarding team:

**Lisa Wilkins** (Cathedral Safeguarding Officer)

*lisa.wilkins@chch.ox.ac.uk / 07746 046009*

**Philippa White** (Associate Cathedral Safeguarding Officer)

*philippa.white@chch.ox.ac.uk*

**Matthew Dickins** (Associate Cathedral Safeguarding Officer)

*matthew.dickins@chch.ox.ac.uk / 01865 610935*

If you believe that a child or adult is in immediate danger of significant or serious harm, you should contact the police on 999.

## **EVACUATION PROCEDURE**

In the unlikely event of an emergency, please follow the instructions of the Vergers, and calmly make your way out through the West (Main) door – or alternative exit if necessary – and move away from the building.