



# **CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL**

**SERVICES AND MUSIC  
MARCH 2026**

# **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 (Director of Music), 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)

## **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 Associate Choral Director, Alexander Turner, welcomes enquiries about choristerships at any time. Please email [alexander.turner@chch.ox.ac.uk](mailto:alexander.turner@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 their director at [susie.hill@chch.ox.ac.uk](mailto:susie.hill@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).

## **2–8 MARCH**

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

### **MONDAY 2 MARCH**

**7:15am Morning Prayer**

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

**6:05pm Evening Prayer**

*said at the West end*

Psalm 14

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### **TUESDAY 3 MARCH**

**7:15am Morning Prayer**

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

**6:05pm Choral Evensong**

Psalm 18.1–15

M Martin Responses

Wood *in E flat*

Stanford *Beati quorum via*

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### **WEDNESDAY 4 MARCH**

**7:15am Morning Prayer**

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

**1:05pm BCP Communion**

**6:05pm Choral Evensong**

Psalm 22.1–11

M Martin Responses

Victoria *Magnificat Octavi toni*

Plainsong *Nunc dimittis*

Victoria *Amicus meus*

**8:35pm Sung Compline**

Plainsong *Nunc dimittis*

Gibbons *Drop, drop slow tears*

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### **THURSDAY 5 MARCH**

**7:15am Morning Prayer**

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

**6:05pm Choral Evensong**

Psalm 27

M Martin Responses

Byrd *Third Service*

Byrd *Prevent us, O Lord*

## **FRIDAY 6 MARCH**

**7:15am Morning Prayer**

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

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

Psalm 32

M Martin Responses

*Victoria Magnificat primi toni*

*Victoria Nunc dimittis tertii toni*

*Tallis Salvator mundi*

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## **SATURDAY 7 MARCH**

**8:15am Morning Prayer**

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

**11:05am Turning of the Pages**

**1:05pm Said Eucharist**

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

*sung by the choirs of Christ Church, Magdalen, and New College*

Hymn 575

Psalm 37.1–22

Weir *Vertue*

M Martin Responses

*Frances-Hoad Peterborough Service*

*Muhly With eys lift up*

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## **SUNDAY 8 MARCH**

## **The Third Sunday of Lent**

**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 581, 384 (T ii), 478

Psalm 95

F Martin *Mass for double choir*

Byrd *Miserere mei, Deus*

Boulangier *Prélude in F minor*

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

Hymn 567

Psalm 40

M Martin Responses

*Muhly Westminster Service*

Weir *Like as the hart*

*Rheinberger Introduction and Passacaglia (Sonata No 8)*

## 9–15 MARCH

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

### MONDAY 9 MARCH

**7:15am Morning Prayer**

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

**6:05pm Evening Prayer**

*said at the West end*

Psalm 47

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### TUESDAY 10 MARCH

**7:15am Morning Prayer**

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

**6:05pm Choral Evensong**

Psalms 53, 54

M Martin Responses

Stanford *in C*

Mendelssohn *I waited for the Lord*

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### WEDNESDAY 11 MARCH

**7:15am Morning Prayer**

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

**1:05pm BCP Communion**

**6:05pm Choral Evensong**

Psalms 60, 61

M Martin Responses

Howells *New College Service*

I Holst *A hymne to Christ*

**8:35pm College Compline**

Plainsong *Nunc dimittis*

Palestrina *O crux ave*

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### THURSDAY 12 MARCH

**7:15am Morning Prayer**

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

**6:05pm Choral Evensong**

Psalm 67

M Martin Responses

Purcell *in G minor*

Byrd *Emendemus in melius*

## **FRIDAY 13 MARCH**

**7:15am Morning Prayer**

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

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

Psalm 69.1–14

M Martin Responses

*Ayleward Short Service*

*Bairstow Jesu, the very thought of thee*

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## **SATURDAY 14 MARCH**

**8:15am Morning Prayer**

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

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

*with the Installation of the Archdeacon of Buckingham*

Hymns AM 268 (T 154), 540

Psalm 74.1–12

M Martin Responses

*Gray in F minor*

*Brahms Wie lieblich sind deine Wohnungen*

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## **SUNDAY 15 MARCH**

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

**8:05am BCP Communion**

**11:05am Choral Eucharist**

*Preacher*

The Revd Canon Peter Moger  
*Sub Dean*

Hymns AM 117 (T 335), 486, 550

Psalm 23

*Padilla Missa Ego flos campi*

*Philips Ave Jesu Christe*

*De Grigny Grands Jeux (Ave Maris Stella)*

## **The Fourth Sunday of Lent (Mothering Sunday)**

**6:05pm Choral Evensong**

Hymn 106

Psalm 31.1–16

M Martin Responses

*Farrington Blues Service*

*Tippett Deep river*

*Vierne Allegro (Symphonie No 2)*

## 16–22 MARCH

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

### MONDAY 16 MARCH

**7:15am Morning Prayer**

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

**6:05pm Evening Prayer**

*said at the West end*

Psalm 84

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### TUESDAY 17 MARCH

**7:15am Morning Prayer**

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

**6:05pm Choral Evensong**

Psalm 89.1–19

Smith Responses

Wood *Collegium Regale*

Bruckner *Christus factus est*

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### WEDNESDAY 18 MARCH

**7:15am Morning Prayer**

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

**1:05pm BCP Communion**

**6:05pm Choral Evensong**

Psalm 132

Plainsong Responses

Quinney *Short Service*

Hildegard *O cruor sanguinis*

**8:35pm Sung Compline**

Plainsong *Nunc dimittis*

Ireland *Ex ore innocentium*

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### THURSDAY 19 MARCH

**Joseph of Nazareth**

**7:15am Morning Prayer**

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

**6:05pm Solemn Evensong**

Hymn 214 (T 319 ii)

Psalms 1, 112

Smith Responses

Sumsion *in G*

Mawby *Justus ut palma*

## **FRIDAY 20 MARCH**

**7:15am Morning Prayer**

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

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

Psalm 104.1–23

Smith Responses

Morley *Short Service*

Parry *My soul, there is a country*

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## **SATURDAY 21 MARCH**

**8:15am Morning Prayer**

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

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

Hymn 83

Psalm 106.1–12

Smith Responses

Loosemore *First Service*

Gibbons *Thou hast made my days*

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## **SUNDAY 22 MARCH**

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

**8:05am BCP Communion**

**11:05am Choral Eucharist**

*Preacher*

Canon Professor Carol Harrison  
*Lady Margaret Professor of Divinity*

Hymns 243, 555 (T iii), 108 (T 649)

Psalm 130

Reece-Trapp *Mass for the Mystery of Faith*

Paulus *The Road home*

Bach *Fugue in E minor (BWV 548)*

## **The Fifth Sunday of Lent (Passiontide begins)**

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

Hymn 128

Psalm 30

Smith Responses

Gipps *Evening Service*

Poulenc *Timor et tremor*

F Martin *Passacaille*

## 23–29 MARCH

## CANON IN RESIDENCE THE REVD CHARLIE KERR

*Priest Vicar for Education and Pilgrimage*

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### MONDAY 23 MARCH

**7:15am Morning Prayer**

**7:35am Said Eucharist**

*in the Latin Chapel*

**6:05pm Evening Prayer**

*said at the West end*

Psalm 114

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### TUESDAY 24 MARCH

**7:15am Morning Prayer**

**7:35am Said Eucharist**

*in the Lady Chapel*

**6:05pm Choral Evensong**

Psalm 85

Byrd Responses

Palestrina *Magnificat primi toni*

Plainsong *Nunc dimittis*

Monteverdi *Nisi Dominus*

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### WEDNESDAY 25 MARCH

**THE ANNUNCIATION  
OF OUR LORD TO THE  
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

**7:15am Morning Prayer**

**7:35am Said Eucharist**

*in the Bell Chapel*

**1:05pm BCP Communion**

**6:05pm Solemn Eucharist**

*Preacher*

The Revd Charlie Kerr

*Priest Vicar for Education and  
Pilgrimage*

Hymns 216 (T 495), 282, 283

Parry *Wolsey Mass*

Rachmaninov *Bogoroditse Devo*

Bach *Fugue sopra il Magnificat*  
(BWV 733)

**8:35pm Sung Compline**

Plainsong *Nunc dimittis*

Anonymous (Pepys Manuscript)

*Ave Maria*

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### THURSDAY 26 MARCH

**7:15am Morning Prayer**

**7:35am Said Eucharist**

*in the Chapel of Remembrance*

**6:05pm Choral Evensong**

Psalm 119.145–160

Byrd Responses

Weelkes *Short Service*

Byrd *Ne irascaris, Domine*

## **FRIDAY 27 MARCH**

**7:15am Morning Prayer**

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

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

Psalms 126, 127, 128

Byrd Responses

Morley *Short Service*

John of Portugal *Crux fidelis*

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## **SATURDAY 28 MARCH**

**8:15am Morning Prayer**

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

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

Hymn 114

Psalms 137, 138

Byrd Responses

D Purcell *in E minor*

Blow *Salvator mundi*

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## **SUNDAY 29 MARCH**

## **Palm Sunday**

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

**8:05am BCP Communion**

**11:05am Palm Sunday  
Procession and Eucharist**

Hymns 647, 648, 121, 130

plainsong *Hosanna to the Son of David*

Vaughan Williams *in G minor*

Victoria *Passion according to St Matthew*

Guerrero *O Domine Jesu Christe*

Dupré *Crucifixion* from  
*Symphonie-Passion*

**6:05pm Choral Evensong**

*Preacher*

The Revd Canon Peter Moger  
*Sub Dean*

Hymn 590

Psalm 80

Byrd Responses

Leighton *Second Service*

Poulenc *Vinea mea electa*

Bach *Prelude in B minor (BWV 544)*

**30 MARCH – 5 APRIL**

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

**MONDAY 30 MARCH**  
**Monday of Holy Week**

**7:15am Morning Prayer**

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

**6:05pm Evening Prayer**

*said at the West end*

*Preacher:* The Revd Canon  
Peter Moger, *Sub Dean*

Hymn 120, Psalm 25

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**TUESDAY 31 MARCH**  
**Tuesday of Holy Week**

**7:15am Morning Prayer**

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

**6:05pm Evening Prayer**

*said at the West end*

Psalm 55.13–24

**7:35pm James MacMillan's**  
***Seven Last Words from the***  
***Cross***

Reflections by the Revd Canon  
Peter Moger, *Sub Dean*

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**WEDNESDAY 1 APRIL**  
**Wednesday of Holy Week**

**7:15am Morning Prayer**

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

**1:05pm BCP Communion**

**6:05pm A Lenten Organ**  
**Meditation**

Philip Moore *Via Crucis*

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**THURSDAY 2 APRIL**  
**MAUNDY THURSDAY**

**7:15am Morning Prayer**

**11:00am Chrism Eucharist**

*Preacher*

The Rt Revd Dr Steven Croft  
*Bishop of Oxford*

**5:35pm Evening Prayer**  
*said at the West end*

Psalm 55.13–24

**7:35pm The Liturgy of**  
**Maundy Thursday**

*Preacher*

The Revd Canon Peter Moger  
*Sub Dean*

Hymns 133 (T 271), AM 169 (T 183 ii)  
Psalm 116.11–end, 22.1–21

Byrd *Mass for Five Voices*

Duruflé *Ubi caritas*

Palestrina *Dextera Domini*

**9:05pm The Watch**

## **FRIDAY 3 APRIL**

### **GOOD FRIDAY**

#### **7:15am Morning Prayer**

#### **10:05am The Liturgy of Good Friday**

Hymns 126, 124, 656 (vv 1, 5, 6, 9)

*Victoria Passion according to St John*

*Mawby The Reproaches*

*F Martin Agnus Dei from Mass for double choir*

#### **3:05pm Journeying Through Holy Week**

*a Service for Families*

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

*Preacher*

The Revd Canon Peter Moger  
*Sub Dean*

Hymn 130

Psalms 130, 143

*Plainsong Magnificat and Nunc dimittis*

*Tallis The Lamentations of Jeremiah*

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## **SATURDAY 4 APRIL**

### **Easter Eve**

#### **8:15am Morning Prayer**

#### **5:35pm Evening Prayer**

*said at the West end*

Psalm 116

#### **8:05pm Easter Vigil, Confirmation and First Eucharist of Easter**

Hymns 143, 154, 149 (T i)

*Kodaly Missa Brevis*

*Rossini O salutaris hostia*

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## **SUNDAY 5 APRIL**

#### **8:05am BCP Communion**

#### **9:35am Choral Matins**

*Preacher*

The Very Revd Professor Sarah Foot, *Dean*

Hymns 151, 142 (t ii)

Psalms 114, 117

Byrd Responses

*Ireland Te Deum in F*

*Taverner Dum transisset Sabbatum I*

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## **EASTER DAY**

#### **11:05am Choral Eucharist**

*Preacher*

The Rt Revd Dr Steven Croft  
*Bishop of Oxford*

Hymns 147, 140, 159

Psalm 118.14–24

*Mozart Spatzenmesse (K.220)*

*Taverner Dum transisset Sabbatum I*

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

Hymns AM 208, 156; Psalm 66.1–11

Byrd Responses

*Stanford in A*

*Stanford Ye choirs of new Jerusalem*

*Coleridge-Taylor Te Deum in F*

# UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE CATHEDRAL

## **“Come and See”:** Cathedral Lent Group, 11am Fridays

We warmly invite you to become part of this year’s Lent study group hosted by our Priest Vicar, The Revd Charlie Kerr, which will take place on Fridays at 11 am. We will be using Bishop Steven’s popular ‘Come and See’ course, which sees us engage in an open discussion prompted by a short film from the Bishop each week. The sessions will be followed by an optional opportunity to join together for 30 minutes of Contemplative Prayer at 12.30 (see the next item), followed by a sandwich lunch. If you would like to come along, please email Charlie at [charlie.kerr@chch.ox.ac.uk](mailto:charlie.kerr@chch.ox.ac.uk).

## **Strong Peace: Contemplative Prayer at the Shrine of St Frideswide, 12:30pm Fridays in Lent**

Join us on Fridays from 27 February to 27 March at 12.30 pm at St Frideswide’s shrine for ‘Strong Peace’ (a translation of Frideswide’s name), our Lenten contemplative prayer series. We will be following a sequence of five Contemplative Practices from the Diocesan Contemplative Toolkit each week: Stilling, Noticing, Dwelling, Mending and Blessing. They are loosely based on Ignatian spirituality and other ancient pathways of prayer. Anyone is welcome to join us from different ages and stages of life, and with any level of interest in Christian faith. There will be an informal sandwich lunch after each session in the Priory Room. Please email [charlie.kerr@chch.ox.ac.uk](mailto:charlie.kerr@chch.ox.ac.uk) to express your interest.

## **Organ outreach concerts in Lent, 3pm Sundays**

We’re delighted to announce the return of our Organ Outreach concert series! Each year, we welcome young organists at 3 pm on Sundays in Lent to give recitals on our Rieger organ. The concerts began on Sunday 22 February with the Cathedral Singers Organ Scholars, and continue until Sunday 15. The concerts are free and no booking is required - simply come along and support our young organists.

## **Choral Meditation for Holy Week: James MacMillan's Seven Last Words from the Cross, Tuesday 31 March, 7.30 pm**

The Cathedral Choir and Frideswide Voices join forces for this year's Choral Meditation in Holy Week featuring James MacMillan's powerful Seven Last Words from the Cross, accompanied by a string ensemble. Theological and musical reflections are added by the Cathedral Sub Dean, The Revd Canon Peter Moger. This performance is offered as an act of worship, and therefore is free of charge with no booking required.

## **Organ Meditation for Holy Week: Phillip Moore's Via Crucis, Wednesday 1 April, 6.05 pm**

Our Sub-Organist Richard Moore performs Philip Moore's Via Crucis, a work inspired by the devotional journey of the same name following the path of Christ from his condemnation to his burial. This performance is offered as an act of worship, and therefore is free of charge with no booking required.



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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

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 vergers team on duty, or contact the safeguarding team at:

*cathedral.safeguarding@chch.ox.ac.uk / 07746 046009*

**Fiona Sidorowicz** (Cathedral Safeguarding Officer)

*fiona.sidorowicz@chch.ox.ac.uk / 01865 276246*

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

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

**The Revd Charlie Kerr** (Associate Cathedral Safeguarding Officer)

*charlie.kerr@chch.ox.ac.uk / 01865 610935*

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## EVACUATION PROCEDURE

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