

CLARE COLLEGE CHAPEL



Choral Evensong

Third Sunday of Epiphany

Sunday 22 January 2023

6.00 p.m.

Voluntary *Where does your faith lie?*

Cheryl Frances-Hoad (1980–)

All stand as the choir and clergy enter

The Introit is sung*

Introit The Magi

Alleluia.
Dark winter, Judah's stony heights,
The journey long drawn out:
A strange sky, a star that lights
The way to restless doubt.

Royal gifts seem thin as air.
Yet Gold an offering king to king,
Frankincense a newer way of prayer,
And Myrrh a balm for death's sharp sting.

Dark hours return, the ways are steep:
Long hours lost in thought unclear,
The Magi stumble, starless now, and half asleep,
Gone from their gods, another way, in fear.

Words from *Nicolas Dakin (1949–)*

Music *Cecilia McDowall (1954–)*

** This introit was commissioned and premièred by Graham Ross and the Choir in 2022 as part of the Clare's 50 Years of Co-Education celebrations*

Welcome The Dean

Responses *(sung by the choir)*

O Lord, open thou our lips;
And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us;
O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.

Praise ye the Lord;
The Lord's Name be praised.

Music *Maxine Thévenot (1969–)*

All sit

Psalm 113

Praise the Lord, ye servants : O praise the Name of the Lord.
Blessed be the Name of the Lord : from this time forth for evermore.
The Lord's Name is praised : from the rising up of the sun unto the going down
of the same.
The Lord is high above all heathen : and his glory above the heavens.
Who is like unto the Lord our God, that hath his dwelling so high : and yet
humbleth himself to behold the things that are in heaven and earth?
He taketh up the simple out of the dust : and lifteth the poor out of the mire;
That he may set him with the princes : even with the princes of his people.
He maketh the barren woman to keep house : and to be a joyful mother of
children.

All stand Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end.
Amen.

Chant *Frederick Ouseley (1825–89)*

All sit
Reading

John 4: 4-17a

Here begins the 4th verse of the 4th chapter of the Gospel according to John.

⁴ Now Jesus had to go through Samaria. ⁵ So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon.

⁷ When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Will you give me a drink?' ⁸ (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)

⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, 'You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?' (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)

¹⁰ Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.'

¹¹ 'Sir,' the woman said, 'you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water?' ¹² Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?'

¹³ Jesus answered, 'Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.'

¹⁵ The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water.'

¹⁶ He told her, 'Go, call your husband and come back.'

¹⁷ 'I have no husband,' she replied.

Here ends the first reading.

All stand as the Choir stands

Magnificat *(sung by the Choir)*

My soul doth magnify the Lord: and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded: the lowliness of his handmaiden.

For behold, from henceforth: all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him: throughout all generations.

He hath showed strength with his arm:

he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat: and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel: as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

Words *Luke 1: 46–55*

Music *Cheryl Frances-Hoad, Merton Service*

All sit

Reading

John 4:17b–30; 39–42

Here begins the 17th verse of the 4th chapter of the Gospel according to John.

^{17b} Jesus said to her, ‘You are right when you say you have no husband. ¹⁸ The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true.’

¹⁹ ‘Sir,’ the woman said, ‘I can see that you are a prophet. ²⁰ Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.’

²¹ ‘Woman,’ Jesus replied, ‘believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²² You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshippers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshippers the Father seeks. ²⁴ God is spirit, and his worshippers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.’

²⁵ The woman said, ‘I know that Messiah’ (called Christ) ‘is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.’

²⁶ Then Jesus declared, ‘I, the one speaking to you – I am he.’

²⁷ Just then his disciples returned and were surprised to find him talking with a woman. But no one asked, ‘What do you want?’ or ‘Why are you talking with her?’

²⁸ Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, ²⁹ ‘Come, see a man who told me everything I’ve ever done. Could this be the Messiah?’ ³⁰ They came out of the town and made their way towards him.

³⁹ Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, ‘He told me everything I’ve ever done.’ ⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days. ⁴¹ And because of his words many more became believers.

⁴² They said to the woman, ‘We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Saviour of the world.’

Here ends the second reading.

All stand as the Choir stands

Nunc dimittis (*sung by the choir*)

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace:
according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen: thy salvation;
Which thou hast prepared: before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles:
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.

Words *Luke 2: 29–32*

Music *Cheryl Frances-Hoad, Merton Service*

The Apostles' Creed (*All turn towards the East*)

I believe
All in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead, and buried:
He descended into hell;
The third day he rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
The holy Catholic Church;
The Communion of Saints;
The Forgiveness of sins;
The Resurrection of the body,
And the Life everlasting.
Amen.

The Lesser Litany and Responses (*sung by the choir*)

The Lord be with you
And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

All kneel or sit

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, which art in heaven...

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us;
And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save the King;
And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;
And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people;
And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord;
Because there is none other that fighteth for us,
but only thou, O God.

O God, make clean our hearts within us;
And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collects

The First Collect, for the Day:

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Second Collect, for Peace:

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both, our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

The Third Collect, for Aid against all Perils:

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Music *Maxine Thévenot*

All sit

Anthem

Attired with Stars



O Time!

(Attired with stars we shall forever sit)

In alien lands I keep the body
of ancient native rights of earth:
I let a captive bird go winging
to meet the radiant spring's rebirth.

Then all this earthly grossness quit:
Fly, envious time, till thou run out thy race!
Attired with stars we shall forever sit,
Triumphing over Death, and Chance and thee, O Time!

Words *Extracts from On Time by John Milton (1608–74)*
and A Little Bird by Aleksandr Pushkin (1767–1848) (trans. Louisa Long)
Music *Freya Waley-Cohen (1989–, Clare 2008)*

The Prayers, which conclude with the Grace

All **The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all, evermore. Amen.**

Notices The Dean

All stand

Hymn 49 Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,
Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid;
Star of the East, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

Cold on his cradle the dew-drops are shining,
Low lies his head with the beasts of the stall:
Angels adore him in slumber reclining,
Maker and Monarch and Saviour of all.

Say, shall we yield him, in costly devotion,
Odours of Edom and offerings divine?
Gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean,
Myrrh from the forest or gold from the mine?

Vainly we offer each ample oblation,
Vainly with gifts would his favour secure;
Richer by far is the heart's adoration,
Dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.

Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,
Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid;
Star of the East, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

Words *Reginald Heber, (1783–1826)*

Music *Epiphany, J. F. Thrupp, (1827–67)*

All sit

Sermon The Rt Rev'd Dr Jo Bailey Wells (Dean of Clare 1998-2001)
Leading on Diversity, Equality and Inclusion

All stand

Hymn 47

As with gladness men of old
Did the guiding star behold,
As with joy they hailed its light,
Leading onward, beaming bright,
So, most gracious God, may we
Evermore be led to thee.

As with joyful steps they sped,
To that lowly manger-bed,
There to bend the knee before
Him whom heaven and earth adore,
So may we with willing feet
Ever seek thy mercy-seat.

As they offered gifts most rare
At that manger rude and bare,
So may we with holy joy,
Pure, and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to thee our heavenly King.

Choir only

Holy Jesu, every day
Keep us in the narrow way;
And, when earthly things are past,
Bring our ransomed souls at last
Where they need no star to guide,
Where no clouds thy glory hide.

All

In the heavenly country bright
Need they no created light;
Thou its Light, its Joy, its Crown,
Thou its Sun which goes not down:
There for ever may we sing
Alleluyas to our King.

Words *W. Chatterton Dix, (1837–98)*

Music *Dix, J. C. Kocher, (1786–1872), arr. Graham Ross (1985–, Clare 2003)*

The Blessing

All remain standing as the choir and clergy leave the chapel

Voluntary *Taking your leave*

Music *Cheryl Frances-Hoad*

If leaving the Chapel before the end of the Voluntary, please do so quietly and respectfully to those staying to listen.

This term's Chapel collections are for Bede House, a local community charity in Bermondsey, south London, with which Clare has long-standing links. Bede House's work focuses on four key services: learning disabilities, youth work, domestic violence, and community engagement. Bede is a community charity which breaks down social barriers and brings people together to achieve their ambitions. Bede runs a friendly café and community centre in the middle of the Abbeyfield estate in Bermondsey, and its specialist teams also provide person-centred, empowering support for survivors of domestic abuse and their families, and for local people with learning disabilities. For further information about Bede's work, and ways you can get involved, please visit www.bede-house.org or email admin@bede-house.org.

Drinks follow the service in the ante-Chapel, to which all are warmly welcome.

Supper (served with wine) follows in the Buttery at 7.30pm, for those who would like to stay. Payment for supper can be made by card at the Buttery till (£6 for Clare students, £13.80 for guests).

SERVICES AND EVENTS THIS WEEK:

Monday 23rd January	6.00 p.m.	Roman Catholic Mass (in Chapel), <i>followed by drinks in E3</i>
Tuesday 24th January	6.15 p.m.	Choral Evensong (in Chapel)
Thursday 26th January	6.15 p.m. 9.00 p.m.	Choral Evensong (in Chapel) Dean's Port (in E3) <i>all Clare students welcome</i>
Sunday 29th January	10.00 a.m. 5.25 p.m. 6.00 p.m.	Holy Communion (in Chapel) <i>followed by breakfast</i> Cello Recital (in Chapel) Choral Evensong (in Chapel) <i>Guest speaker: The Rt Rev'd Vivienne Faull</i> <i>(Bishop of Bristol; Chaplain of Clare 1985–90)</i>

Please note that the use of cameras, recording equipment, video cameras and mobile phones is not permitted in Chapel.