

CLARE COLLEGE CHAPEL



Choral Evensong

Presentation of Christ in the Temple
or Candlemas (transferred)

Sunday 29 January 2023

6.00 p.m.

Voluntary *The Three Angels: ii. Michael*

Judith Bingham (1952–)

All stand as the choir and clergy enter

The Introit is sung

Introit Karakia (Maori Prayer)

Cease the winds from the west
Cease the winds from the south
Let the breeze blow over the land
Let the breeze blow over the ocean
Let the red-tipped dawn come with sharpened air.
A touch of frost, a promise of a glorious day.

*Whakataka te hau ki te uru
Whakataka te hau ki te tonga
Kia makinakina ki uta
Kia mātaratara ki tai
E hī ake ana te atakura
He tio, he huka, he hau hū
Tīhei mauri ora!*

Words *Maori Prayer*

Music *Zoë Martlew (1968–, Clare 1987)*

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 *Cecilia McDowall (1951–)*

All sit

Psalm 24

The earth is the Lord's, and all that therein is: the compass of the world, and they that dwell therein.

² For he hath founded it upon the seas: and prepared it upon the floods.

³ Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord: or who shall rise up in his holy place?

⁴ Even he that hath clean hands, and a pure heart: and that hath not lift up his mind unto vanity, nor sworn to deceive his neighbour.

⁵ He shall receive the blessing from the Lord: and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

⁶ This is the generation of them that seek him: even of them that seek thy face, O Jacob.

⁷ Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors: and the King of glory shall come in.

⁸ Who is the King of glory: it is the Lord strong and mighty, even the Lord mighty in battle.

⁹ Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors: and the King of glory shall come in.

¹⁰ Who is the King of glory: even the Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

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 *Thomas Attwood (1765–1838)*

All sit

Reading

Genesis 28: 10–22

Here begins the 10th verse of the 28th chapter of the Book of Genesis.

Jacob left Beersheba and set out for Harran. ¹¹ When he reached a certain place, he stopped for the night because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones there, he put it under his head and lay down to sleep. ¹² He had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. ¹³ There above it stood the Lord, and he said: ‘I am the Lord, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying. ¹⁴ Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring. ¹⁵ I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.’

¹⁶ When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, ‘Surely the Lord is in this place, and I was not aware of it.’ ¹⁷ He was afraid and said, ‘How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God; this is the gate of heaven.’

¹⁸ Early the next morning Jacob took the stone he had placed under his head and set it up as a pillar and poured oil on top of it. ¹⁹ He called that place Bethel, though the city used to be called Luz.

²⁰ Then Jacob made a vow, saying, ‘If God will be with me and will watch over me on this journey I am taking and will give me food to eat and clothes to wear ²¹ so that I return safely to my father’s household, then the Lord will be my God ²² and this stone that I have set up as a pillar will be God’s house, and of all that you give me I will give you a tenth.’

Here ends the first reading.

All stand as the Choir stands

Magnificat

(sung by the Choir)

Magnificat anima mea Dominum.
Et exsultavit spiritus meus in Deo,
salutari meo.

Quia respexit humilitatem
ancillae suae:

ecce enim ex hoc
beatam me dicent omnes generationes.

Quia fecit mihi magna qui potens est:
et sanctum nomen eius.

Et misericordia eius a progenie in
progenies timentibus eum.

Fecit potentiam in brachio suo:
dispersit superbos mente cordis sui.

Deposuit potentes de sede,
et exaltavit humiles.

Esurientes implevit bonis:
et divites dimisit inanes.

Suscepit Israel, puerum suum,
recordatus misericordiae suae.
Sicut locutus est ad patres nostros,
Abraham, et semini eius in saecula.
Magnificat anima mea Dominum.

*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.*

My soul doth magnify the Lord.

Words *Luke 1: 46–55*
Music *Arvo Pärt (1935–)*

All sit

Reading

Philemon 1–16

Here begins the letter of Paul to Philemon.

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,
To Philemon our dear friend and fellow worker – ² also to Apphia our sister and
Archippus our fellow soldier – and to the church that meets in your home:

³ Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers, ⁵ because I hear about
your love for all his holy people and your faith in the Lord Jesus. ⁶ I pray that your
partnership with us in the faith may be effective in deepening your understanding of
every good thing we share for the sake of Christ. ⁷ Your love has given me great joy
and encouragement, because you, brother, have refreshed the hearts of the Lord's
people.

⁸ Therefore, although in Christ I could be bold and order you to do what you ought
to do, ⁹ yet I prefer to appeal to you on the basis of love. It is as none other than
Paul – an old man and now also a prisoner of Christ Jesus – ¹⁰ that I appeal to you
for my son Onesimus, who became my son while I was in chains. ¹¹ Formerly he
was useless to you, but now he has become useful both to you and to me.

¹² I am sending him – who is my very heart – back to you. ¹³ I would have liked to keep him with me so that he could take your place in helping me while I am in chains for the gospel. ¹⁴ But I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that any favour you do would not seem forced but would be voluntary. ¹⁵ Perhaps the reason he was separated from you for a little while was that you might have him back for ever – ¹⁶ no longer as a slave, but better than a slave, as a dear brother. He is very dear to me but even dearer to you, both as a fellow man and as a brother in the Lord.

Here ends the second reading.

All stand as the Choir stands

Nunc dimittis (*sung by the choir*)

Nunc dimittis servum tuum, Domine,
secundum verbum tuum in pace.
Quia viderunt oculi mei salutare
tuum.
Quod parasti ante faciem omnium
populorum.
Lumen ad revelationem gentium,
et gloriam plebis tuae Israel.
Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui
Sancto.
Sicut erat, nunc, et semper,
et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

*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 *Gustav Holst (1874–1934)*

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

All I believe
**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:

O God, who knowest us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers,
that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright;
Grant to us such strength and protection, as may support us in all dangers, and
carry us through all temptations; 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.

All sit

Music *Cecilia McDowall*

Anthem Lord, Let At Last Thine Angels Come

Lord, let at last Thine angels come,
To Abram's bosom bear me home,
That I may die unfearing;
And in its narrow chamber keep
My body safe in peaceful sleep
Until Thy reappearing.

And then from death awaken me
That these mine eyes with joy may see,
O Son of God, Thy glorious face,
My Saviour and my Fount of grace.
Lord Jesus Christ,
My prayer attend, my prayer attend,
And I will praise Thee without end.
Amen.

Words *Martin Schalling (c. 1567), trans. Catherine Winkworth (1827–78)*
Music *Frank Ferko (1950–)*

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 338

At the name of Jesus
Every knee shall bow,
Every tongue confess him
King of glory now;
'Tis the Father's pleasure
We should call him Lord,
Who from the beginning
Was the mighty Word.

At his voice creation
Sprang at once to sight,
All the angel faces,
All the hosts of light,
Thrones and dominations,
Stars upon their way,
All the heavenly orders,
In their great array.

Humbled for a season,
To receive a name
From the lips of sinners
Unto whom he came,
Faithfully he bore it
Spotless to the last,
Brought it back victorious
When from death he passed:

Bore it up triumphant
With its human light,
Through all ranks of creatures,
To the central height,
To the throne of Godhead,
To the Father's breast;
Filled it with the glory
Of that perfect rest.

In your hearts enthrone him;
There let him subdue
All that is not holy,
All that is not true:
He is God the Saviour,
He is Christ the Lord,
Ever to be worshipped,
Trusted, and adored

Words *Caroline Noel (1817–77)*
Music *Evelyns, W. H. Monk (1823–89)*

All sit
Sermon

The Rt Rev'd Vivienne Faull (*Chaplain of Clare 1985–1990*)

All stand
Hymn 33

Of the Father's heart begotten,
Ere the world from chaos rose,
He is Alpha: from that Fountain
All that is and hath been flows;
He is Omega, of all things
Yet to come the mystic Close,
Evermore and evermore.

O how blest that wondrous birthday,
When the Maid the curse retrieved,
Brought to birth mankind's salvation,
By the Holy Ghost conceived;
And the Babe, the world's Redeemer,
In her loving arms received,
Evermore and evermore.

This is he, whom seer and sibyl
Sang in ages long gone by;
This is he of old revealèd
In the page of prophecy;
Lo! he comes, the promised Saviour;
Let the world his praises cry!
Evermore and evermore.

Let the storm and summer sunshine,
Gliding stream and sounding shore,
Sea and forest, frost and zephyr,
Day and night their Lord adore;
Let creation join to laud thee
Through the ages evermore,
Evermore and evermore.

Sing, ye heights of heaven, his praises;
Angels and Archangels, sing!
Wheresoe'er ye be, ye faithful,
Let your joyous anthems ring,
Every tongue his name confessing,
Countless voices answering,
Evermore and evermore.

Words *Prudentius (348–413), trans. R. F. Davis (1866–1937)*
Music *Divinum Mysterium from Pia Cantiones, Theoderici Petri Nylandesis (c. 1582)*

The Blessing

All remain standing as the choir and clergy leave the chapel

Voluntary *Toccata for organ and tape*

Jonathan Harvey (1939–2012)

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. You can find out more at bedehouse.org.uk. 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.bedehouse.org or email admin@bedehouse.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:

Tuesday 31 st January	6:15 p.m.	Choral Evensong (in Chapel)
Wednesday 1 st February	10:00 p.m.	Choral Compline
Thursday 2 nd February	6:15 p.m.	Choral Evensong (in Chapel)
Sunday 5 th February	10.00 a.m. 5.25 p.m. 6.00 p.m.	Holy Communion (in Chapel) <i>followed by breakfast</i> Piano Recital (in Chapel) Choral Evensong (in Chapel) <i>Guest speaker: The Rev'd Sophie Young</i>

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

The Revd Dr Mark Smith *Dean*
Miss Hannah Fytche *Decani Scholar*

Mr Graham Ross *Director of Music*
Samuel Jones *Sir William McKie Senior Organ Scholar*
Daniel Blaze *Junior Organ Scholar*
'Cello Zoë Martlew