

Sunday Morning Worship at 11am

KING'S COLLEGE CHAPEL



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University Service | Spring/Summer 2011



... initium sapientiae timor domini

WELCOME!

We are delighted to welcome you to worship God whether you are a regular churchgoer or an occasional visitor. Come to enjoy the beautiful music of the Chapel Choir, to be part of our community and to be inspired and uplifted in faith by the messages of our guest preachers.



This Spring and Summer terms we are fortunate for once that Holy Week falls inside the University's term time. It will be a blessing to celebrate Easter together in King's College Chapel.

We hope you will join us not only for our Sunday services accompanied by our fantastic Chapel Choir but also that you might join us for other special occasions in King's like our midweek prayer service on 17 May or our Chapel tours on 1 March or 12 May. Please join us also for our Ash Wednesday and Good Friday services.

God bless you, Easter.

Chapel Tours with Dr Jane Geddes

Tuesday 1 March at 1.15pm

Thursday 12 May at 1.15pm

For both tours, meet in the Chapel. Enter the Chapel from the quadrangle and the West Door.

Friends of King's College Chapel

Many people have fond memories of the Chapel from their time here at the University, or perhaps because you've celebrated a special occasion here at King's. If you are someone with fond memories and are looking to support the Chapel in its ongoing life and work, you might consider becoming a Friend of King's College Chapel. Please read the enclosed card for more information, or better still, fill it in and send or hand it into the Chaplaincy Centre.

Tuesday 17 May

Prayers for our Community 1.15-1.45pm

Please come along for a short get together when we can share concerns and pray for one another and the wider community.

MUSIC IN KING'S COLLEGE CHAPEL

I have been in the post of Master of Chapel and Ceremonial Music for a term now, and it is a pleasure to be working with a choir of such talented singers. The musical contribution made by Chapel Choir enhances our worship on a Sunday morning, complementing our list of distinguished preachers. Last term ended with the annual Carol Service where, for me, the musical highlights were performances of works by Peter Philips and Paul Mealor.

As we approach Lent and Easter, there is the opportunity to sing some truly wonderful sacred music. Usually we are able to perform music for Lent, but not for Passiontide and Easter; this year, however, Easter is late, and it will be a joy to be able to celebrate Easter in Chapel.

Master of Chapel Music, Dr David Smith.

Postgraduate Organ Scholar: Ralph Stelzenmüller

Our new postgraduate organ scholar, Ralph Stelzenmüller, makes an invaluable contribution to the life of the Chapel. He studied organ and church music at the Mozarteum in Salzburg before continuing with his studies in harpsichord and organ at the *Schola Cantorum* in Basel. He specialises as an accompanist and continuo player, working with musicians such as the lutenist Anthony Rooley as well as directing his own ensemble, *Combassal*.



Ralph Stelzenmüller



David Smith

Sunday 30 January

Rev Dr V. Easter Smart

On this first University Sunday service in the term, we will celebrate our being together as a gathered community with the sacrament of Holy Communion. Easter Smart will preach and assistant chaplains will conduct the prayers.

The work of the chaplains is fulfilling and extends beyond the walls of our ancient sacred Chapel and its wonderful worship accompanied by the Chapel Choir. The Chaplaincy provides community and care for people of all faiths and none. It is very fulfilling as we interface with familiar friends as well as new people and the variety of folks we encounter is inspiring! Pop into the Chaplaincy Centre at 25 High Street and you will receive a warm welcome.

Sunday 6 February

Rev Dr Brian Sheret

Brian Sheret graduated twice from Aberdeen with a first class MA in Classics and then a first class degree in Divinity. He then followed this with a D.Phil from Oxford in a study of Matthew's Gospel. Clearly, studies are not a problem for Dr Sheret.

Following on from his academic pursuits, Brian served as parish minister in Stoneyburn West Lothian, Rodger Memorial in Rutherglen and most recently in Drumry St Mary's, Drumchapel in Glasgow. Brian retired from parish work and now lives in Aberdeen where he is an active alumni, and a Friend of the Chapel!





Sunday 13 February

Founders' Day Service

Rt Rev John Christie

Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland

In this Founders' Day service, we celebrate the various founders and benefactors of our fine institution! Our preacher is the current Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, Rev Christie. The Reverend John Cairns Christie was born in Glasgow. He studied Biology at the University of Strathclyde, then taught at Inverness Royal Academy. In 1990, Mr Christie was ordained to Hyndland Parish Church, Glasgow. He encouraged ecumenical awareness and interfaith dialogue and was active in Christian Aid. Mr Christie was called to Interim Ministry in 2004. Mr Christie describes his role as an interim minister as 'helping congregations over hurdles'.

Sunday 20 February

Rev Muriel Knox B.Ed

Chaplain, Woodend Hospital

Muriel Knox was born and brought up in Aberdeen and graduated from Aberdeen University as a Maths/RE teacher, and later trained in counselling. Most of her teaching life was spent at Aberdeen College, but she left there in 1994 and became a pastoral assistant at Gerrard Street Baptist Church. She became a hospital chaplain in 2000 and was ordained in 2003. She is currently Chaplain at Woodend hospital having spent several years in Mental Health Chaplaincy.

Sunday 27 February (Followed by Communion)

Dr Brian Brock

*Lecturer in Moral and Practical Theology
University of Aberdeen*

After his studies in Colorado and California, Brian hit our shores studying in Oxford and London before eventually finding us here in Aberdeen. He is the author of *Autism, Care, and Christian Hope*, in *The Journal of Religion, Disability & Health*, 2009. Published in 2007, Brian wrote *Singing the Ethos of God* and just last year published *Christian Ethics in a Technological World*, so who knows, we may even discover why everything Apple make and sell is so ridiculously popular! He is currently writing a commentary on 1 Corinthians.

Sunday 6 March

Rev David McPherson

Bon Accord Free Church, Rosemount

David McPherson was born in Lima, Peru to missionary parents. On his return to Scotland he attended secondary school and then studied Economics and International Relations at Aberdeen University ('83-'87). David then worked for BP for a few years before returning to Peru to work for a relief and development NGO. In 2008 he returned to Aberdeen and became minister of Bon Accord Free Church on Rosemount Viaduct. Lastly, David tries really hard to support Aberdeen FC but finds it terribly difficult to make it happen!





Wednesday 9 March

Ash Wednesday, 12.15pm

Please join us for an ecumenical service to mark Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the season of Lent. You're all welcome to enter the 40 day period of preparation with us. Members of the congregation have the opportunity of having their foreheads marked with ash to symbolise their repentance. Honorary denominational chaplains will lead this service.

Sunday 13 March | Incorporated Trades Service

Jonathan Aitken

The Incorporated Trades have a long and valued association with the University. As a public speaker Jonathan Aitken is heavily in demand for lectures, talks, debates and after dinner speeches. He fulfils around 100 speaking engagements a year.

He is also a former Cabinet Minister, Member of Parliament, and ex-prisoner. His political career included 23 years as a Member of Parliament. He was Minister of State for Defence and Chief Secretary to the Treasury. His political career ended when he told a lie on oath in a libel action. Subsequently he pleaded guilty to charges of perjury and served a seven-month prison sentence in 1999. After graduating with Distinction in Theology from Oxford (2000-2002) he began a new career as a writer, lecturer, and broadcaster. In 2007 he was appointed to chair the Centre for Social Justice's policy study group on Prison Reform.

Sunday 20 March (Followed by Communion)

Rev Dr V. Easter Smart

This is our last worship service together before Holy Week. Students will be ready for their three week break before the Summer Term. What better way for us to celebrate the end of term than to praise God that we made it through and to give thanks for all the blessings he gives to us.

There will be no University services during the Spring Break

Holy Week

Thursday 21 April

Maundy Thursday 5.15 – 6.00pm

This will be a quiet and contemplative celebration of the Lord's Supper to recall Christ's own sharing of bread and wine with his disciples in the Upper Room.

Friday 22 April

Good Friday, 12pm

Joint service with Christ's College

Please join us for a service to mark Christ's Passion. This also promises to be a quiet, meditative service as we explore the meaning, purpose and symbolism of Christ's death on the Cross.





Sunday 24 April | Easter Day

Rev Dr V. Easter Smart

The Resurrection of Jesus, bringing liberation and life to the world is the essential tenet of our faith and this Sunday we will proclaim our Easter joy together in song and prayer and praise.

Summer Term

Sunday 1 May

Dr Jonathan Worthington

Youth Worker, Bon Accord Free Church

Jonathan's early working life Stateside included being a Cotton Inspector and a Children Entertainer. (Yes, he was a clown as well as Batman, Power Ranger, pirate, etc. for kids' parties; no, he's no longer available!) He studied at Reformed Theological Seminary in Mississippi and then briefly trained local pastors in Santiago, Chile while Lynsey, his wife, home-schooled the missionaries' children. They both moved to Aberdeen 4 1/2 years ago. He is now a gifted full-time Youth Worker.

Sunday 8 May

Canon WRT (Bill) Anderson

Canon Anderson was educated at George Watson's College, Edinburgh, and received a MA (Hons) in Classics from Edinburgh University. Thereafter he took a BA at Cambridge with a major scholarship in Classics and a Baccalaureate in

Philosophy and Theology from the Gregorian University in Rome. He taught for many years at Blairs (National Junior Seminary) and was the Roman Catholic Chaplain to Aberdeen University, 1986-1993. In 1996 he won the Preacher of the Year Award (The Times/College of Preachers).

15 May | Word Festival Sunday

Adrian Plass

Author, writer and speaker

Adrian Plass is a funny, disarmingly honest and fundamentally caring Anglican who has produced over thirty books in the last twenty years. The best known of these is probably *The Sacred Diary of Adrian Plass*, a gentle satire on the modern church, which has sold hundreds of thousands of copies worldwide.

In recent years Adrian has been joined by his wife Bridget in presenting a more varied and dramatic style of performance. They have been privileged to work alongside World Vision on several occasions, visiting Bangladesh and Zambia, writing two books and touring both in the UK and abroad with the aim of encouraging people to take up child sponsorship.

Sunday 22 May (Followed by Communion)

Elspeth McKay-Smith

Elspeth McKay-Smith is a candidate in training for the Church of Scotland ministry and currently a student at the University. Previously in Cambridge she attended St Columba's



URC which also served as the Church of Scotland Chaplaincy. In 1999 she moved to Aberdeen to study for her LLM in European and International Law. She is delighted to have been asked to preach in King's College Chapel as she spent the Sundays of her post-graduate year as a member of Chapel Choir.

Sunday 29 May | Service with St Mary's Church of Scotland at St Mary's on King Street

Rev Jane Barron

Jane, an Aberdeen graduate, is now the Parish Assistant to St Leonard's and Cameron congregations in St Andrews Fife. Jane has just recently returned from the Holy Land where she was minister to St Andrew's Scots Memorial Church Jerusalem linked with St Andrew's Galilee. She and her husband Ian have maintained their affection for the people of Israel and Palestine through projects and charity work. Jane is working towards the publication of a book to raise funds for a school for visually impaired children in Bethlehem.

Sunday 5 June

Rev Dr V. Easter Smart

As Summer comes to Aberdeen, another academic year comes to an end. Each June we celebrate the achievements of the past year, anticipate refreshing holidays and send off our graduates with a special blessing. It is our tradition to follow the service with an end of term bbq at the University Manse. All are welcome.



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Weekly Services in King's

Morning Prayers

8.30am Monday through Friday
(8.00am on Wednesday)

Roman Catholic Mass

Sundays 6.30pm with Father James Claffey

Episcopalian Eucharist

Wednesdays 1.15pm with Rev Dr Duncan Heddle

Christ's College Divinity Chapter Service

Fridays 12.00pm

The Chapel is open to the public every Monday to Friday from 10am til 3.30pm. Entry is via the side-door in the quadrangle. Feel free to come and look round.