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The University Carol Service

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It is another ten days until Christmas. We are in the middle of the Church's month-long season of Advent - a time of preparing to celebrate the coming (*adventus*) of Christ in his incarnation. There is an air of expectation, and in this service we reflect this time of preparation – which is why, contrasting with the city outside, the Abbey is yet to be decorated for Christmas. The movement of the Choir from West to East during the service symbolises the Advent journey from Darkness to Light - natural symbols, so obviously prevalent at this, the darkest time of the year, and one of the themes which underpin the service. The Light is God, mysteriously coming to dwell among us in the fullness of humanity as Emmanuel, foretold by the prophets and born of Mary. The final bible reading sets out this central truth, and it is read from the nave of the church to represent Christ amongst his people, bringing the Good News to them.

The University Carol Service has existed in its current format for well over 30 years. Like so many others, our order of service derives from that at King's College Cambridge, which itself evolved from that founded at Truro Cathedral in the 1880s; the King's service established its current format just over 100 years ago. Its 'pattern and strength...derive from the lessons and not the music'. The poetry and the music serve to comment on the biblical story. The elements of music, speech, silence and movement combine to emphasise the service's climax - the reading from St John's Gospel.

This year we have two hymns chosen because their tunes acknowledge the 150th anniversary of Vaughan Williams' birth, together with pieces from the United States, Germany, Slovenia, and Switzerland as well as the UK. During the service you will be involved in both active and passive participation – joining in singing the hymns and taking part in the prayers, and listening to the choir, organist and readers offering their skills on your behalf. The familiar and traditional congregational hymns are there for you to sing – and we do encourage you to join in singing them, so please do just that!

About the Charity...



Genesis Trust is a network of people, often but not exclusively Christians, who are following Jesus' call to love their neighbour. It supports disadvantaged and vulnerable people in the Bath area, providing compassionate help to support people with their immediate needs and journey with them as they gain confidence, learn new skills, overcome challenges and make choices to restore and rebuild their lives. It does this by running a series of interlinked projects which would not be possible without the commitment and support of amazing volunteers. In many ways the Trust's role is to offer opportunities for people to help other people.

Jesus Christ – the one truth in a world of uncertainties.

Nigel Rawlinson writes: **Welcome** to the University of Bath Carol Service. We invite you to enter into the mystery and depth of the Christmas story, told again tonight through specially chosen words and music.

In the Christmas story heaven touches earth. The world is changed.

It is a story of wonder and surprise, of God coming towards us, and becoming one of us, through a vulnerable human baby born in a simple stable. The birth of Christ has been recounted for over two thousand years; it is the story that makes the difference, the story of “the Word” becoming flesh (Jesus) and dwelling among us. It is both historical, and a living story for today. God is now with us.

It also a story of hope. This year many people are anxious and distrustful. The aftermath of the Covid pandemic, the wars in Ukraine and elsewhere, and the looming financial pressures, together with a loss of trust in our leadership, all play a part. In the week of ‘Christ the King’ (the week before Advent) we hear of Jesus Christ – the one truth in a world of uncertainties. We are now in the season of Advent – and our preparation for Christmas. May this service help you find hope and strength in this truth.

Your Ecumenical Chaplaincy Team wish you, and your family and friends,
peace, health, joy and happiness this Christmastide.

The Reverend Canon Nigel Rawlinson, University Chaplain

Karen Turner, Methodist

Mother Sarah, Orthodox

Tim Norton, Anglican

Revd Kara Maylor - Anglican

The Reverends David and Helen Pattie, URC

Theresa Gibson, Roman Catholic Chaplain, Prior Park College

And at St John’s Roman Catholic Church: Father Christopher Whitehead



Organist: Gary Desmond, Deputy Organist, Bath Abbey

Conductor: Dr Michael Painting

The Choir is a Students’ Union Society and is also supported by the University Alumni Fund.

Before the Service starts...

Please silence chiming watches and mobile phones.

If you use a hearing aid, please turn it to ‘T’ - the Abbey has an induction loop.

Please note that photography and recording are not permitted.

*The University is most grateful to the Rector and PCC of Bath Abbey
for enabling this service to take place here.*

ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME

from a member of Bath Abbey

ALL STAND, and keep a silence, and then sing:

1 (Choir)

Of the Father's heart begotten,
ere the world from chaos rose,
he is Alpha: from that fountain
all that is and has been flows;
he is Omega, of all things
yet to come the mystic Close,
Evermore and evermore.

2 (Choir)

By his word was all created:
he commanded and 'twas done;
earth and sky and boundless ocean,
universe of three in one,
all that sees the world's soft radiance,
all that breathes beneath the sun,
Evermore and evermore.

3 (Everyone)

He assumed this mortal body,
frail and feeble, doomed to die,
that the race from dust created
might not perish utterly,
which the dreadful law had sentenced
in the depths of hell to lie,
Evermore and evermore.

4

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.

5

This is he, whom seer and sybil
sang in ages long gone by;
this is he, of old revealéd
in the page of prophecy.
Lo! he comes, the promised Saviour;
let the world his praises cry!
Evermore and evermore.

Prudentius c348-413 tr. R. F. Davis

Piae Cantiones (1582) v5 arranged by Sir David Willcocks 1919-2015

All remain standing

The Bidding

- An Invitation -

The Reverend Canon Nigel Rawlinson, University Chaplain

The Bidding ends with the Lord's Prayer, said by everyone:

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.**

Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

May the Lord, when he comes, find us watching and waiting, now and always. **Amen.**

The Church's Prayer for the beginning of Advent:

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; so that, at the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

All sit

The University Chamber Choir sings:

I look from afar: and behold, I see the power of God coming,
and a cloud covering the whole earth. Go ye out to meet him and say:
Tell us, if thou art he, who shall reign over the people of Israel.
All ye inhabitants of the earth, and ye children of men, rich and poor,
one with another, go ye out to meet him, and say:
Hear, O thou shepherd of Israel: thou that leadest Joseph like a flock.
Tell, if thou art he.

Lift up your heads O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors:
and the King of Glory shall come in, who shall reign over the people of Israel.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

I look from afar: and behold, I see the power of God coming,
and a cloud covering the whole earth. Go ye out to meet him.

Advent Matin Responsory and Psalm 24

Anthony Piccolo 1946-

All stand and sing:

1

Lo, he comes with clouds descending,
once for favoured sinners slain;
thousand thousand saints attending
swell the triumph of his train:

Alleluia! (3 times)

God appears, on earth to reign.

2

Every eye shall now behold him
robed in dreadful majesty;
those who set at naught and sold him,
pierced and nailed him to the tree,
deeply wailing, *(3 times)*
shall the true Messiah see.

3

Yea, Amen, let all adore thee,
high on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory,
claim the kingdom for thine own:

O come quickly! (3 times)

Alleluia! Come Lord, come!

*after J Cennick (1718-1755),
C Wesley (1707-1788) and M Madan (1726-1790)*

*18th century tune
v4 arranged by Martin How 1931-2022*

All sit

The Peaceful Kingdom

The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Isaiah 11: 1 – 4, 10

*Reader: Ben Mayer, member of Faith@5 discussion group
and Undergraduate, Department of Mechanical Engineering*

Advent (On a theme by Dietrich Bonhoeffer)

Look how long
the weary world waited,
locked in its lonely cell,
guilty as a prisoner.

As you can imagine,
it sang and whistled in the dark.
It hoped. It paced and pattered about,
tidying its little piles of inconsequence.

It wept from the weight of ennui,
draped like shackles on its wrists.
It raged and wailed against the walls
of its own plight.

But there was nothing
the world could do
to find its own freedom.
The door was shut tight.

It could only be opened
from the outside.

Who could believe the latch
would be turned by a pink flower —
the tiny hand
of a newborn baby.

Pamela Cranston

*Reader: Carol Hussey, University Chaplaincy Assistant
and Undergraduate, Dept of Mechanical Engineering*

The Choir:

A tender shoot hath started
up from a root of grace
as ancient seers imparted
from Jesse's holy race,
it blooms without a blight,
blooms in the cold bleak winter
turning our darkness into light.

This shoot Isaiah taught us
from Jesse's root should spring,
the Virgin Mary brought us
the branch of which we sing,
our God of endless might
gave her this child to save us
thus turning darkness into light.

German carol, translated by William Bartholomew 1793-1867

Otto Goldschmidt 1829-1907

Gabriel's message does away
Satan's curse and Satan's sway,
out of darkness brings our day:
so behold, all the gates of heaven unfold.

He that comes despised shall reign;
he that cannot die, be slain;
death by death its death shall gain:
so behold, all the gates of heaven unfold.

By the sword that was his own,
by that sword, and that alone,
shall Goliath be o'erthrown:
so behold, all the gates of heaven unfold.

Weakness shall the strong confound;
by the hands, in grave clothes wound,
Adam's chains shall be unbound.
so behold, all the gates of heaven unfold.

Art by art shall be assailed;
to the cross shall Life be nailed;
from the grave shall hope be hailed:
so behold, all the gates of heaven unfold.

15th century English carol

arranged by Michael Painting

The Annunciation

The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

Luke 1: 26 - 35, 38

*Reader: Stephen Wright, President Christian Union
and Undergraduate, Department of Chemistry*

Advent Calendar

He will come like last leaf's fall.
One night when the November wind
has flayed the trees to the bone, and earth
wakes choking on the mould,
the soft shroud's folding.

He will come like frost.
One morning when the shrinking earth
opens on mist, to find itself
arrested in the net
of alien, sword-set beauty.

Rowan Williams 1950-

The Choir:

Of one that is so fair and bright
velut maris Stella • *like a star of the sea*
brighter than the day is light,
parens et puella: • *mother and maiden*
I cry to thee, thou see to me,
Lady, pray thy son for me,
tam pia, • *so loving,*
that I may come to thee.
Maria! • *Mary!*

13th century English carol

All stand and sing:

1

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

2

O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth;
for Christ is born of Mary; and, gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wond'ring love.

He will come like dark.
One evening when the bursting red
December sun draws up the sheet
and penny-masks its eye to yield
the star-snowed fields of sky.

He will come, will come,
will come like crying in the night,
like blood, like breaking,
as the earth writhes to toss him free.
He will come like child.

Reader: Patricia Rawlinson

All this world was forlorn
Eva peccatrice, • *through Eve the sinner*
till our Lord was y-born
de te genetrice. • *of thee, the mother.*
with 'Ave' it went away,
darkest night, and comes the day
salutis: *of salvation*
the well springeth out of thee
virtutis. • *of virtue*

Benjamin Britten 1913-1976

Lady, flower of everything,
rosa sine spina. • *rose without a thorn.*
Thou bare Jesu, heaven's King,
gratia divina: • *by divine grace:*
of all thou bear'st the prize,
Lady queen of paradise
electa. • *chosen one.*
Maid mild, mother
es effecta • *you are proved.*

3 (Choir only)

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.

4

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us we pray;
cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell:
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.

Phillips Brooks, 1835-1893

*English traditional tune, harmonised by R. Vaughan Williams 1872-1958
v3 arranged by Michael Painting and v4 by Sir Thomas Armstrong 1898-1994*

All sit

The Birth of Jesus

St Luke tells of the birth of Jesus

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Luke 2: 1, 3 - 7

*Reader: Alexander Robinson, President, Students' Union and
Graduate, Department of Architecture and Civil Engineering*

BC - AD

This was the moment when Before
turned into After, and the future's
uninvented timekeepers presented arms.

This was the moment when nothing happened. Only dull peace sprawled boringly over the earth. This was the moment when even energetic Romans could find nothing better to do than counting heads in remote provinces.

And this was the moment
when a few farm workers and three
members of an obscure Persian sect
walked haphazard by starlight straight
Into the kingdom of heaven.

*U A Fanthorpe 1929-2009
Honorary Graduate of the University*

*Reader: Karen Turner, Chaplain,
University Ecumenical Christian Chaplaincy*

The Choir:

Resonet in laudibus,
cum jucundis plausibus,
Sion cum fidelibus,
apparuit quem genuit Maria.
Sunt impleta, que praedixit Gabriel;
Eia, eia,
Virgo Deum genuit,
quod divina voluit clementia.
hodie apparuit, apparuit in Israel,
ex Maria virgine est natus Rex.

*Let Sion resound with praises,
with happy rejoicing
among the faithful.
He who was born of Mary has appeared.
All that Gabriel predicted has been fulfilled.
Eya! Eya!
A virgin has given birth to God
as divine mercy willed.
Today there appeared in Israel a king,
born of the virgin Mary.*

14th century German carol

Jacob Handl 1550-1591

All stand and sing:

1

Unto us is born a Son,
king of quires supernal;
see on earth is life begun,
of Lords the Lord eternal.

2

Christ from heaven descending low,
comes on earth a stranger;
ox and ass their owner know,
be cradled in the manger.

3 (Men)

This did Herod sore affray,
and grievously bewilder,
so he gave the word to slay,
and slew the little childer.

4 (Women)

Of his love and mercy mild
this the Christmas story; and
O that Mary's gentle child
might lead us up to glory.

5

O and A, and A and O,
Cum cantibus in choro,
Let our merry organ go,
Benedicamus Domino.

The last line of each verse is sung twice

Translated by G. R. Woodward

Piae Cantiones (1582), arranged by Sir David Willcocks

All sit

The Shepherds and the Kings

The shepherds go to the manger

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see - I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.'

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!'

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.'

So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

Luke 2: 8 - 16

*Reader: Daniela Charraga Garcia, Chair, CathSoc
and Undergraduate, Department of Life Sciences*

The Three Kings

'Who knocks tonight so late?'
the weary porter said.
Three kings stood at the gate,
each with a crown on his head.

The serving man bowed down;
the inn was full, he knew.
Said he, 'In all this town,
is no fit place for you!'

A light the manger lit:
there lay the mother meek.
Said they, 'This place is fit:
here is the rest we seek!'

Come, come. They loosed their latchet strings,
so stood they all unshod.
Come in ye kings,
and kiss the feet of God.

Laurence Housman 1865-1959

Reader: Dr Dan Davies, Senior Lecturer, School of Management

The Choir:

I wonder as I wander, out under the sky,
how Jesus our Saviour did come for to die
for poor on'ry people like you and like I.
I wonder as I wander all under the sky.

When Mary birthed Jesus, 'twas in a cow's stall,
with wise men and farmers and shepherds and all.
But high from the heavens a star's light did fall,
and the promise of ages it then did recall.

If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing,
a star in the sky, or a bird on the wing;
or all of God's angels in heaven to sing,
he surely could have it, 'cause he was the King.

Traditional Appalachian Carol

Carl Rutti 1949-

All stand and sing:

1

Come, watch with us this Christmas night;
our hearts must travel far
to darkened hills and heavens bright
with star on shining star;
to where in shadowy silence sleep
the fields of Bethlehem,
as shepherds wake their watch to keep
and we will watch with them.

2

Who would not join the angel songs
that tell the Saviour's birth?
The Lord for whom creation longs
has come at last to earth;
the fullness of the Father's love
is ours at Bethlehem,
while angels throng the skies above
and we will sing with them.

3

Who would not journey far to share
the wisdom of the wise,
and gaze with them in wonder where
the world's redeemer lies?
the Lord of all the lords that are
is born at Bethlehem,
and kings shall kneel beneath his star
and we will bow with them.

4

Lift every heart the hymn of praise
that all creation sings;
the angel host its homage pays,
the shepherds and the kings.
For earth and sky with one accord,
O Child of Bethlehem,
are come to worship Christ the Lord
and we will come with them.

Timothy Dudley-Smith 1926-

*English traditional melody
harmonised by Ralph Vaughan Williams 1872-1958*

All remain standing, and turn to face the Gospel Reader.

*The Gospel is read from the nave of the church, thus representing Christ amongst the people,
and bringing the Good News to them. Jesus is Emmanuel: God is with us.*

The Gospel

The Incarnation of the Word of God

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of mankind. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it. There came a man who was sent from God; his name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all men might believe. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God - children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.

We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

This is the Gospel of the Lord:

(All) Praise to you, O Christ.

John 1: 1 – 14

Reader: Nigel Rawlinson, University Chaplain

All remain standing

Organ: Gospel Fanfare

Francis Jackson 1917-2022

The Choir:

All this time this song is best:

'Verbum caro factum est.'

This night there is a child yborn
that sprang out of Jesse's thorn;
we must sing and say therefor,
All this time ...

Jesus is the child's name,
and Mary mild is his dame;
all our sorrow shall turn to game:
All this time ...

It fell upon high midnight:
the stars shone both fair and bright;
the angels sang with all their might.
All this time ...

Now kneel we down on our knee,
and pray we to the Trinity:
our help, our succour for to be;
All this time ...

Verbum caro factum est = The Word was made flesh.

Anonymous, 16th century

Sir William Walton 1902-1983

All sing:

1

O come, all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
come and behold him
born the King of Angels:
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

2

God of God,
Light of Light,
Lo! he abhors not the virgin's womb;
very God,
begotten, not created:
O come, etc.

3

Sing choirs of angels
sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
glory to God
in the highest:
O come, etc.

4

Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
born that happy morning,
Jesu, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father,
now in flesh appearing:
O come, etc.

18th century, translated by F Oakeley and W T Brook

J F Wade,
vv3 and 4 arranged by Sir David Willcocks

The Blessing

The University Chaplain

Almighty God, you make us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ: grant that, as we joyfully receive him as our redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall come to be our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

May he who by his incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, bestow upon you the fullness of inward peace and goodwill; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Choir:

Frohlocket, ihr Völker auf Erden,
und preiset Gott!
Der Heiland ist erschienen,
den der Herr verheißen.
Er hat seine Gerechtigkeit
der Welt offenbaret.
Halleluja! Halleluja!

*Rejoice, O ye peoples of the earth,
and praise the Lord!
The Saviour now appears,
he whom the Lord has promised.
He has made manifest
his justice to the world.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!*

Christmas Sentence

Felix Mendelssohn 1809-1847

All sing:

1

Hark! The herald angels sing
glory to the new-born king;
peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled;
joyful all ye nations rise,
join the triumph of the skies,
with th'angelic host proclaim,
Christ is born in Bethlehem.
*Hark! The herald angels sing
glory to the new-born king.*

2

Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ, the ever-lasting Lord,
late in time behold him come
offspring of a virgin's womb:
veiled in flesh the godhead see,
hail th'incarnate deity!
Pleased as man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.
*Hark! The herald angels sing
glory to the new-born king.*

3

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace,
hail the Sun of Righteousness,
light and life to all he brings,
ris'n with healing in his wings;
mild he lays his glory by,
born that man no more may die,
born to raise the sons of earth,
born to give them second birth:
*Hark! The herald angels sing
glory to the new-born king.*

Charles Wesley 1707-1788 and others

*Felix Mendelssohn
v3 arranged by Sir Philip Ledger 1937-2012*

All remain standing

Organ Voluntary: Paeon on 'Divinum Mysterium'

John Cook 1918-1984

Please remain quiet as the Choir and Clergy process from the Church.

This form of service is not needed again – do please take it away with you.



Please give generously to the collection as you leave.

Alternatively, please follow this lead:
<https://genesistrust.org.uk/fundraising/donate-2/>

University of Bath Ecumenical Christian Chaplaincy

A Covenant

We, the Ecumenical team of Christian chaplains serving the University of Bath,
of the Anglican, Baptist, Roman Catholic, Methodist,
Orthodox and United Reformed Churches,
confess together our faith in One God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
and in Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour.

Together with the Chaplain for the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers),
we acknowledge our calling to serve God and to proclaim the Gospel
in this University, city and world.

We undertake to promote understanding respect and dialogue with all people.

We give thanks for the life of the Ecumenical Chaplaincy Centre,
for all that we already share,
and we seek forgiveness for what is sinful in our divisions.

We affirm our intent talent to work and pray together
for that unity which is Christ's will for his church.

We therefore covenant together as chaplains to work as an ecumenical Chaplaincy Team,
working together with agreed priorities and actions.

This covenant enjoys the goodwill, support and blessings
of our respective church leaders or representatives,
and by Somerset Churches Together, and Bath Christian Action Network.



will be singing informally in Wells Cathedral at 3.00 pm on Saturday February 18th.
Its next concert will take place in St Mary's Church, Bathwick (at the foot of Bathwick Hill),
on Saturday March 18th at 7.30 pm, including music by Byrd, Weelkes and Haydn.