

Services & Events
MICHAELMAS TERM 2025
The Chapel of St Peter & St Paul



**OLD ROYAL
NAVAL COLLEGE**



ABOUT THE CHAPEL

WELCOME to the Chapel of St Peter and St Paul at the Old Royal Naval College in Greenwich.

This beautiful Chapel was built by Thomas Ripley to the designs of Sir Christopher Wren and was the last major part of the Royal Hospital for Seamen to be constructed. Following a disastrous fire in 1779, it was redecorated by James 'Athenian' Stuart in the Greek Revival style and today constitutes a stunning example of a complete neoclassical interior.

The Chapel is open daily from 10.00–17.00 as a place of prayer and meditation. You are also warmly invited to join the congregation for our regular services: Choral Eucharist on Sundays at 11.00 and Choral Evensong on Mondays at 17.30 (term time). We are a welcoming and inclusive congregation, forming part of the Diocese of Southwark within the Church of England. We offer a self-serve crèche for families with small children during the main service on Sundays. Our celebrated choir sings at our Sunday and Monday services, complementing thoughtful preaching and dignified liturgy in a setting of some of the world's most magnificent architecture.

The excellent acoustics of the curved ceiling also mean that the Chapel is often used for concerts and recitals by our site partner, Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music and Dance.

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THE CHAPLAINCY

The Chaplain is responsible for worship in the Chapel and the pastoral care of all who come to the Old Royal Naval College to work, learn, and visit. Such support is available to everyone, regardless of tradition or background, and therefore takes different forms: as spiritual guidance, confidential counselling, and general hospitality.

The Chaplain is based at the Chapel office but is also available to meet around the site by appointment. Contact details are listed on the back of this booklet.

For more information www.ornc.org

Sun 14 September *Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity*

11.00 Choral Eucharist

Introit: Stanford, *Beati quorum via*
Psalm: 51. 1-11 Hymns: 397, 458, 439i
Mass: Darke, *Communion Service in E*
Anthem: Palestrina, *Sicut cervus*
Voluntary: Stanford, *Allegro* (Op. 105, No. 6)

Mon 15 September *Holy Cross Day observed*

17.30 Choral Evensong

Introit: Stanford, *Beati quorum via*
Responses: Radcliffe
Psalm: 110 Hymn: 95
Canticles: Stanford, *Service in C*
Anthem: Stainer, *How beautiful upon the mountain*

Wed 17 September *Hildegard, Abbess and Visionary*

13.05 Said Eucharist

Sun 21 September *Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist*

11.00 Choral Eucharist

Introit: Allwood, *Consider the lilies of the field*
Psalm: 119. 65-72 Hymns: 189, 216 (t. 433), 335
Mass: Palestrina, *Missa brevis*
Anthem: Elgar, *Ave verum corpus*
Voluntary: Sweelinck, *Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr*

Mon 22 September *The licensing of the Revd Daniel French as
Coordinating Chaplain of the University of Greenwich*

17.30 Choral Evensong

Introit: Allwood, *Consider the lilies of the field*
Responses: Radcliffe
Psalm: 4 Hymns: TBC
Canticles: Rose, *Sixth Service*
Anthem: Bainton, *And I saw a new heaven*

Tue 23 September

13.05 Concert Series with Trinity Laban

Christina Schuertz, violin, and Ronojit Bhuyan, piano

Wed 24 September

13.05 Said Eucharist *Ember Day*

Sun 28 September *Harvest Thanksgiving*

11.00 Choral Eucharist

Introit: Tallis, *O nata lux*
Psalm: 100 Hymns: 259, 285i, 262
Mass: Lassus, *Missa Bell' Amfitrit' alters*
Anthem: Haydn, *The heavens are telling*
Voluntary: Bach, *Nun danket alle Gott* (BWV 657)

Mon 29 September *Michael and All Angels*

17.30 Choral Evensong

Introit: Tallis, *O nata lux*
Responses: Radcliffe
Psalm: 138 Hymn: 191
Canticles: Sumsion, *Service in G*
Anthem: Dering, *Factum est silentium*

Tue 30 September

13.05 Concert Series with Trinity Laban

Alma Zupan, violin; Sophie Baxter, cello; and Irina Lyakhovskaya, piano

Wed 1 October

13.05 Said Eucharist

Sun 5 October *Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity*

11.00 Choral Eucharist

Introit: Loosemore, *O Lord increase our faith*
Psalm: 37. 1-9 Hymns: 388ii, 473ii, 408i
Mass: Haydn, *Little organ mass*
Anthem: Byrd, *Ave verum*
Voluntary: Bach, *Prelude in G* (BWV 541i)

Mon 6 October *William Tyndale, Translator and Martyr*

17.30 Choral Evensong

Introit: Loosemore, *O Lord increase our faith*
Responses: Rose
Psalm: 47 Hymn: 415ii
Canticles: Dyson, *Evening Service in D*
Anthem: Purcell, *Rejoice in the Lord alway*

Tue 7 October

13.05 Concert Series with Trinity Laban

Trinity Laban Chamber Musicians

Wed 8 October

13.05 Said Eucharist

Fri 10 October

13.05 Concert Series with Trinity Laban

Trinity Laban Chamber Musicians

Sun 12 October *Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity*

11.00 Choral Eucharist

Introit: Monteverdi, *Cantate Domino*

Psalm: 111 Hymns: 467, 324, 476

Mass: Ingegneri, *Missa voce mea*

Anthem: Messiaen, *O sacrum convivium*

Voluntary: Karg-Elert, *Nun danket alle Gott* (Op. 65, No. 59)

Mon 13 October *Edward the Confessor, King of England*

17.30 Choral Evensong

Introit: Monteverdi, *Cantate Domino*

Responses: Rose

Psalm: 72 Hymn: 492

Canticles: Howells, *Collegium Regale*

Anthem: Purcell, *Jehova quam multi sunt hostes mei*

Tues 14 October

13.05 Concert Series with Trinity Laban

Holttag String Quartet

Wed 15 October *Teresa of Avila, Teacher*

13.05 Said Eucharist

Fri 17 October

13.05 Concert Series with Trinity Laban

Trinity Laban Chamber Musicians

Sun 19 October *Trafalgar Sunday*

11.00 Choral Matins

Introit: Radcliffe, *Fecisti nos*

Responses: Rose

Psalm: 121 Hymns: 265, 461, 495

Canticles: Britten, *Festival Te Deum in E* and *Jubilate Deo in C*

Anthem: Sumsion, *They that go down to the sea in ships*

Voluntary: Sumsion, *Ceremonial March*

Mon 20 October

17.30 Choral Evensong

Introit: Radcliffe, *Fecisti nos*
Responses: Rose
Psalm: 85 Hymn: 445
Canticles: Swayne, *Magnificat*; Palestrina, *Nunc Dimittis* (tone 3 a 5)
Anthem: Pärt, *Tribute to Caesar*

Tues 21 October

13.05 Concert Series with Trinity Laban

Yixuan Tian, piano, and Meridian String Quartet

Wed 22 October

16.00 BBC Radio 3 Choral Evensong recording

Congregation members must be seated by 15.45

Introit: Radcliffe, *Fecisti nos*
Responses: Allwood
Psalms: 27, 28, 29 Hymn: 354
Canticles: Howells, *Collegium Regale*
Anthems: Bainton, *And I saw a new heaven*
Kendrick, *For the fallen*
Voluntary: Elgar, *Solemn Prelude – In memoriam*

Fri 24 October

13.05 Concert Series with Trinity Laban

Trinity Laban Harp Department

Sun 26 October *Last Sunday after Trinity*

11.00 Choral Eucharist

Introit: Weelkes, *Let thy merciful ears*
Psalm: 84 Hymns: 255, 137, 391
Mass: Kendrick, *Missa brevis sancti Petri et Pauli*
Anthem: Dove, *I saw a new heaven*
Voluntary: Bach, *Pièce d'orgue* (BWV 572)

Mon 27 October

17.30 Choral Evensong

N.B. This service will take place at St Alfege Church, Greenwich

Introit: Weelkes, *Let thy merciful ears*
Responses: Shepherd
Psalm: 103 Hymn: 252
Canticles: Sumsion, *Service in A*
Anthem: Allwood, *Sancte Deus*

Sat 1 November *All Saints' Day*

17.00 The Gettalife Project All Souls' Service

featuring the Chapel Choir and Croydon Gospel Choir

Sun 2 November *All Saints' Sunday*

11.00 Choral Eucharist

Introit: Victoria, *O quam gloriosum est regnum*

Psalm: 149 Hymns: 224 (t. 178), 231, 197

Mass: Dvořák, *Mass in D*

Anthem: Pärt, *The Beatitudes*

Voluntary: Dupré, *Placare Christe Servulis (Le Tombeau de Titelouze)*

Mon 3 November *Richard Hooker, Priest and Apologist*

17.30 Choral Evensong

Introit: Victoria, *O quam gloriosum est regnum*

Responses: Shepherd

Psalm: 92 Hymn: 296i

Canticles: Rubbra, *Service in Ab*

Anthem: Mendelssohn, *I waited for the Lord*

Tues 4 November

13.05 Concert Series with Trinity Laban

Trinity Laban Chamber Musicians

Wed 5 November

13.05 Said Eucharist

Fri 7 November

13.05 Concert Series with Trinity Laban

Trinity Laban Chamber Musicians

Sun 9 November *Remembrance Sunday*

10.50 Choral Eucharist with Observance

Introit: Victoria, *Requiem*

Psalm: 17. 1-8 Hymns: 417, 331, 490

Mass: Victoria, *Requiem*

Anthem: Kendrick, *For the fallen*

Voluntary: Elgar, *Solemn Prelude – In memoriam*

Mon 10 November *Leo the Great, Bishop and Teacher*

17.30 Choral Evensong

Introit: Ford, *Almighty God, who hast me brought*

Responses: Shepherd

Psalm: 34 Hymn: 476

Canticles: Bevan, *Omnium tonorum*; Holst, *Nunc Dimittis*

Anthem: Tallis, *Salvator mundi*

Tues 11 November

10.50 Remembrance Day Observance

held at the Water Gate, Lower Grand Square

I3.05 Concert Series with Trinity Laban

Trinity Laban Chamber Musicians

Sun 16 November *Second Sunday before Advent*

11.00 Choral Eucharist

Introit: Sheppard, *Libera nos, salva nos* I

Psalm: 98 **Hymns: 57, 333, 466**

Mass: Byrd, Mass a 4

Anthem: de Severac, *Tantum ergo*

Voluntary: Ambrose, *Fantasia*

Mon 17 November *Hugh, Bishop of Lincoln*

17.30 Choral Evensong

N.B. This service will take place at St Alfege Church, Greenwich

Introit: Sheppard, *Libera nos, salva nos* I

Responses: Byrd

Psalm: 71 Hymn: 243

Canticles: Noble, *Service in A minor*

Anthem: Wood, Hail, gladdening light

Tues 18 November

I3.05 Concert Series with Trinity Laban

Trinity Laban Chamber Musicians

Wed 19 November *Hilda, Abbess of Whitby*

13.05 Said Eucharist

Fri 21 November

I3.05 Concert Series with Trinity Laban

Trinity Laban Flutes

Sun 23 November *Christ the King*

11.00 Choral Matins

Introit: Purcell, *Remember not, Lord, our offences*
 Responses: Byrd
 Psalm: 46 Hymns: 134, 352, 443
 Canticles: Howells, *Te Deum* (*Collegium Regale*); Walton, *Jubilate*
 Anthem: Gibbons, *Great king of gods*
 Voluntary: Langlais, *Hymne d'action de grâces 'Te Deum'*

Mon 24 November

17.30 Choral Evensong

Introit: Purcell, *Remember not, Lord, our offences*
 Responses: Byrd
 Psalm: 80 Hymn: 244
 Canticles: Leighton, *Second service*
 Anthem: Howells, *A hymn for St Cecilia*

Tues 25 November

13.05 Concert Series with Trinity Laban

Trinity Laban Chamber Musicians

Wed 26 November

13.05 Said Eucharist

Fri 28 November

13.05 Concert Series with Trinity Laban

Trinity Laban Chamber Musicians

Sun 30 November *First Sunday of Advent*

11.00 Choral Eucharist

Introit: Farrant, *Hide not thou thy face from us*, O Lord
 Psalm: 122 Hymns: 3ii, 16, 9
 Mass: Langlais, *Messe solennelle*
 Anthem: Bach, *Komm, Jesu, Komm*
 Voluntary: Leighton, *Fantasy on Helmsley*

Mon | December *Andrew the Apostle*

17.30 Choral Evensong

Introit: Farrant, *Hide not thou thy face from us, O Lord*
 Responses: Byrd
 Psalm: 96 Hymn: 200
 Canticles: Howells, *Gloucester Service*
 Anthem: Handel, *Behold! A virgin shall conceive; O thou that tellest*

Tues 2 December

13.05 Concert Series with Trinity Laban

Trinity Laban Chamber Musicians

Wed 3 December

13.05 Said Eucharist

Sun 7 December *Second Sunday of Advent*

11.00 Choral Eucharist

Introit: Bax, *Lord, thou hast told us*
Psalm: 72. 1-7, 18-19 Hymns: 500, 12, 5
Mass: Vierne, *Messe solennelle*
Anthem: Gibbons, *This is the record of John*
Voluntary: Bach, *Wachet auf, ruft uns die stimme* (BWV 645)

Mon 8 December *Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

17.30 Choral Evensong

Introit: Bax, *Lord, thou hast told us*
Responses: Tompkins
Psalm: 144 Hymn: 185
Canticles: Wood, *Service in D*
Anthem: Parsons, *Ave Maria*

Sun 14 December *Third Sunday of Advent*

11.00 Choral Eucharist

Introit: Ravenscroft, *Remember, O thou man*
Psalm: 146 Hymns: 15, 21, 186
Mass: Victoria, *Missa O magnum mysterium*
Anthem: Byrd, *Rorate caeli*
Voluntary: Buxtehude, *Christ, unser Herr, zum Jordan kam* (BuxWV 180)

18.00 Carol Service

Mon 15 December

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Choral services will resume on Sunday, 4 January 2026.

KEY INFORMATION

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How to get here

Old Royal Naval College, Greenwich, SE10 9NN

By Docklands Light Railway (DLR): to Cutty Sark for Maritime Greenwich.

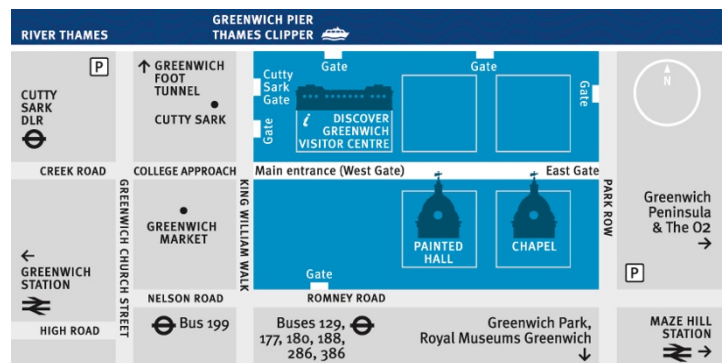
By underground: take the Jubilee Line to Canary Wharf and change there for the DLR to Cutty Sark for Maritime Greenwich.

By rail: from Charing Cross, Waterloo East, Cannon Street, London Bridge and Dartford to Greenwich.

By river: regular riverboat services leave from Westminster, Embankment and Tower Piers to Greenwich. Thames Clippers runs an express service every 20 minutes.

By bus: buses 129, 177, 188, 199, 286 and 386 pass near the ORNC.

The Old Royal Naval College is in the care of the Greenwich Foundation, a charity the purpose of which is to conserve and care for the buildings for current and future generations to enjoy.



Opening times

Discover Greenwich Visitor Centre, Painted Hall and Chapel

Open 10.00 – 17.00 Mon to Sun (the Chapel welcomes the congregation at 11.00 on Sunday for the service)

Grounds open daily 08.00 – 18.00. Cutty Sark Gate open 08.00 – 23.00 Mon to Sat, and 08.00 – 22.30 Sun.

Access

The ORNC is a scheduled ancient monument and Grade I listed, but we aim to make the Chapel accessible to as many people as possible. To ensure access to the lift, please phone 020 8269 4788 or email drobson@ornc.org before your visit. With prior notice, we can have trained staff available to help.

