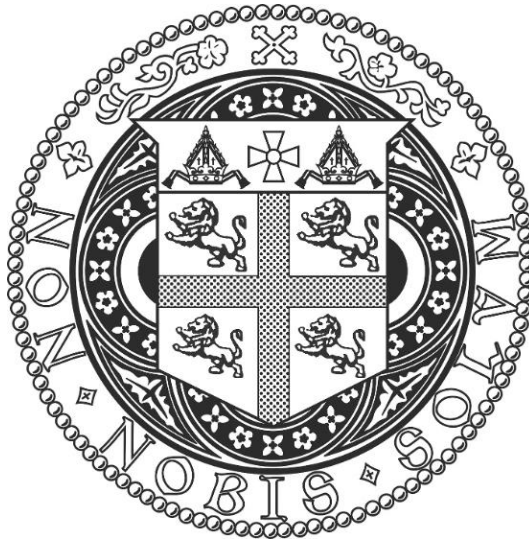




University College Durham University

Chapel Card

Michaelmas Term 2026



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The Chapels

University College has two chapels: the eleventh century Norman Chapel at the foot of the Norman Gallery stairs, and the larger Tunstall Chapel, dating from 1540, which can be reached via the courtyard clock tower stairs. Both are open throughout the day for visiting and prayer.

Prayer

Requests for prayer can be pinned to the intercessions board inside the entrance to the Tunstall Chapel, or you can contact the Chaplain directly.

Pastoral support

The Chaplain is happy to support preparation for Baptism and Confirmation, and private prayer. Please contact him for further details.

Regular Services

Choral Evensong, the main weekly act of worship, takes place in the Tunstall Chapel at 5.45pm every Thursday.

The Eucharist is celebrated at 5pm every Sunday. When sung with choir, it is celebrated in the Tunstall Chapel. Otherwise, it is celebrated in the Norman Chapel.

All who usually receive communion are welcome to receive it here, whether Anglican or not. Anyone who does not wish to take communion can come to the altar for a blessing.

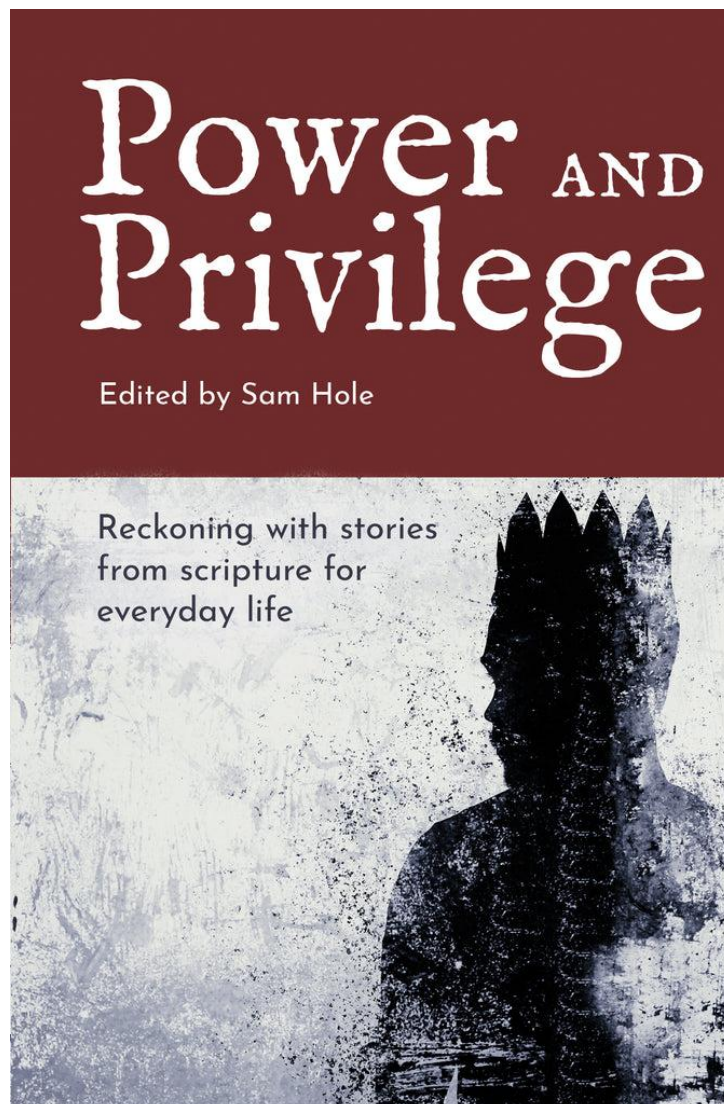
Morning & Evening Prayer are said or sung daily at Durham Cathedral, at 8.30 am & 5.30 pm (11.30 am & 3.30 pm on Sundays) respectively.

During termtime, evensong each Tuesday at the Cathedral is followed by Student Tuesday: a time of socialising, with food provided. Newcomers are very welcome.

College Christian Union usually meets in the Norman Chapel on Monday evenings. For more information contact the CU reps (Charis Faulkner, Seb Jones, and John Gater)

Special Services and Events this term
(outside the normal rhythm of Thursday and Sunday services)

Thursday 8 October, 5.45pm	Freshers' Choral Evensong with commissioning of choir and chapel team
Thursday 22 October, 5.45pm	Choral Evensong followed (at 6.45pm) by book launch of <i>Power and Privilege</i> with refreshments
Saturday 24 October, 5.30pm	Chapel Choir sing evensong at Hexham Abbey
Sunday 1 November, 5pm	Sung Eucharist for All Souls' Day, in the Tunstall Chapel



Thursday 5 November, 5.30pm	Chapel Choir sing evensong at Durham Cathedral (no service at Castle)
Sunday 8 November, 10.45am	Remembrance Sunday Service with the Northumbrian Air Squadron
Tuesday 17 November, 9pm	Choral Compline in Norman Chapel
Thursday 19 November, 6pm	Joint Choral Evensong at St Chad's (no service at Castle)
Sunday 29 November, 6pm	Advent Carol Service
Thursday 3 December, 5.45pm	Choral Evensong with the Bishop of Durham, followed by refreshments
Thursday 10 December, 5.30pm	Christmas Carol Service

NB: Chapel Retreat at Alnmouth Friary, Friday 12 – Sunday 14 March 2027. Put the date in your diary now!

Sermon Series: Welcome Home!

At the start of each academic year, the banner hanging over the courtyard welcomes a new set of students to a place which they will – we hope – very quickly come to call home. That idea of ‘home’ is important in the scriptures, both as a place of refuge and spiritual growth in this life, and as a symbol of our eventual dwelling place with God. In this term’s sermon series, therefore, we reflect on questions of faith through the familiar spaces of this castle, as well as through its history. How might the place we know so well open up new avenues for our understanding of faith today?

1 October	12-12.30pm, Norman Chapel. The Chaplain: Guided reflection on the theme of ‘home’.
8 October	The Chaplain: The Gatehouse
15 October	Serena Rice: The Lowe Library
22 October	Alec Ryrie: Bishop Tunstall
29 October:	TBC: The Great Hall
12 November	Chantal Noppen: The Undie
26 November	The Chaplain: The Chapels
3 December	The Bishop of Durham

Service List - Michaelmas Term 2026

**Composed by a current or former student of University College*

OCTOBER

From 7-11 October Luxmuralis returns to Durham Cathedral for another spectacular of sound and light projections. Book tickets on the Cathedral website.

Sun 4 5pm	Said Eucharist Proverbs 8.22-31 Psalm 111 John 7.14-18	<i>18th Sunday after Trinity</i>	<i>Green</i>
Thu 8 5.45 pm	Freshers' Choral Evensong – <i>all, especially freshers, are very welcome. No prior experience of evensong is necessary!</i> <i>Introit:</i> Tallis <i>O Sacrum Convivium</i> <i>Responses:</i> Tomkins Psalm 41 Isaiah 43.1-7 <i>Canticles:</i> Weir <i>Evening Service</i> Matthew 6.19-34 <i>Anthem:</i> Parsons <i>Ave Maria</i> <i>Preacher:</i> The Chaplain: 'The Gatehouse'. <i>Hymn:</i> 408 <i>Love divine, all loves excelling</i>		
Sun 11 5 pm	Said Eucharist Philippians 4.1-9 Psalm 23 Matthew 22.1-14	<i>19th Sunday after Trinity</i>	<i>Green</i>

On Tuesday 13th October Durham Cathedral are hosting a special open evening for students from 6.15-9pm. No need to book – just a special opportunity to wander round and explore the cathedral building at night.

Thu 15 5.45 pm	Choral Evensong <i>Introit:</i> Coleridge-Taylor <i>The Evening Star</i> <i>Responses:</i> Radcliffe Psalm 78 Psalm 119.9-16	<i>St Teresa of Avila, Doctor of the Church, 1582</i>
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Canticles: Gibbons Short Service

Luke 2.41-52

Anthem: Lusitano Regina Coeli

Preacher: Serena Rice: 'The Lowe Library'.

Hymn: t.MCKEE In Christ there is no East or West

Sun 18
5 pm

Said Eucharist

St Luke the Evangelist

Green

2 Timothy 4.5-17

Psalm 147

Luke 10.1-9

Thu 22
5.45 pm

Choral Evensong *with strings*

Introit: Tallis Salve intemerata

Responses: Ayleward

Psalm 108

Isaiah 40.1-8

Canticles: Byrd 'Great Service'

1 Cor 1.10-25

Anthem: Gibbons O Thou the Central Orb

Preacher: Professor Alec Ryrie FBA: Bishop Tunstall

Hymn: 244 Glory to thee, my God this night

After the service, come to the Senate Suite for the launch of the new book [Power and Privilege: Reckoning with stories from scripture for everyday life](#). The book, edited by the Chaplain, is published by BRF. There will be refreshments! This is also a wonderful chance to meet other members of the chapel community.

Sat 24
5.30pm

Choral Evensong at Hexham Abbey

The Chapel Choir sing Choral Evensong at Hexham Abbey – all are encouraged to join them.

Sun 25
5 pm

Said Eucharist

Last Sunday after Trinity

Green

1 Thessalonians 2.1-8

Psalm 1

Matthew 22.34-end

Thu 29
5.45 pm

Choral Evensong

Introit: Duruflé Tota Pulchra Es

Responses: Rose

Psalms 142, 143

Proverbs 9.1-6, 13-18

Canticles: Purcell Evening Service in G Minor

Luke 14.7-14

Anthem: Weir Love bade me welcome

Preacher: TBC: The Great Hall

Hymn: 374 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds

NOVEMBER

Sun 1

Sung Eucharist

All Souls' Day

Purple

5 pm

Setting: Howells Requiem

Wisdom 3.1-9

John 6.37-40

Anthem: Duruflé Ubi Caritas

After the service, the Undie will be open. Come for a drink and a chance to be with other members of college and the chapel community.

Thu 5

Choral Evensong at Durham Cathedral (*no service at Castle*)

5.30pm

The Chapel Choir sing Choral Evensong at Durham Cathedral – all are encouraged to join them.

Sun 8

Remembrance Sunday Service with the Northumbrian Universities Air Squadron

10.45 am

Introit: Elgar They are at rest

Hymn: 417 O God, our help in ages past

Kontakion for the Departed NEH 526

Anthem: Tavener The Lamb

Hymn: 368 Guide me, O thou great redeemer

Weds 11

Armistice Day Act of Remembrance

10.55am

Gather in the Castle courtyard to observe the silence together.

Thu 12

Choral Evensong

5.45 pm

Introit: Purcell Thou Knowest Lord

Responses: Forbes L'Estrange

Psalm 26

TBC

Canticles: Gibbons Second Service

TBC

Anthem: Grieg Ave Maris Stella

Preacher: Chantal Noppen: 'The Undie'.

Hymn: 334 All people that on earth do dwell

Sun 15 **Said Eucharist** *2nd Sunday before Advent* *Red*
 5 pm
 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11
 Psalm 90.1-12
 Matthew 25.14-30

Tues 17 **Choral Compline in Norman Chapel**
 9pm
 Compline is the service of night prayer prayed in monasteries around the world immediately before bed. Join us for this short and meditative (20 mins) service in the sublime setting of the Norman Chapel, with singing led by the Castle Chapel Choir.

Thu 19 *We join with St Chad's for a joint Choral Evensong in the St Chad's*
 6 pm *chapel. No service at Castle.*

Sun 22 **Said Eucharist** *Christ the King* *White*
 5 pm
 Ephesians 1.15-end
 Psalm 95.1-7
 Matthew 25.31-end

Thu 26 **Choral Evensong**
 5.45 pm
Introit: Vaughan Williams *O Taste and See*
Responses: Howells
 Psalm 133
 Proverbs 8.1-11
Canticles: Byrd *Second Service*
 Romans 12.1-13
Anthem: Harris *Bring us O Lord*
Preacher: The Chaplain: 'The Chapels'
Hymn: *Amazing Grace*

Sun 29 **Advent Carol Service** *Advent Sunday* *Purple*
 6pm
Introit: Palestrina *Matin Responsory*
Hymn: *O come, o come, Emmanuel*

Carol: Ledger Sussex Carol

Reading: Genesis 1.1-5

Carol: Cleobury Joys Seven

Reading: Isaiah 45.2-8

Hymn: Hark! A Herald Voice

Reading: Baruch 4.36-5.9

Carol: Howells A spotless rose

Carol: Poston Jesus Christ the Apple Tree

Reading: Isaiah 9.2,3,6,7

Carol: Neary I Wonder as I Wander

Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11,23,34

Carol: MacMillan Advent Antiphon

Hymn: Hills of the North Rejoice!

Reading: Luke 12.35-40

Carol: McGlade In the Bleak Midwinter

Hymn: Lo! He comes with clouds descending

DECEMBER

Thu 3 **Choral Evensong with the Rt Rev'd the Lord Bishop of Durham**
5.45 pm

Introit: Rorate Coeli v.1, Joubert There is no rose

Responses: McDowall

Psalm 40

Micah 5.2-5a

Canticles: Stanford Evening Service in C

John 3.16-21

Anthem: Edwards No small wonder

Preacher: The Right Rev'd Rick Simpson, Bishop of Durham

Hymn: 16 Wake, O wake! with tidings thrilling

Sun 6 **Said Eucharist** *2nd Sunday of Advent* *Purple*
5 pm

2 Peter 3.8-15a

Psalm 85.8-end

Mark 1.1-8

Tue 8 **Beer and Carols**
6-7pm *Join the Chapel Choir in the Undie for a celebratory carol singalong! All welcome.*

Thu 10
5.30 pm

A Festival of Christmas Lessons and Carols

Hymn: Once in Royal David's City

Reading: Isaiah 11.1-9

Carol: Briggs A Tender Shoot

Reading: Isaiah 60.1-6,19

Hymn: Of the Father's Heart Begotten

Carol: Pearsall In Dulci Jubilo

Reading: Luke 1.26-38

Carol: Wilberg Ding Dong! Merrily on high

Reading: Matthew 1.18-23

Hymn: God rest ye merry gentlemen

Carol: Darke In the Bleak Midwinter

Reading: Luke 2.8-16

Carol: Chilcott A Shepherd's Carol

Carol: McDowall O Oriens

Reading: Matthew 2.1-11

Carol: Adam arr. West O Holy Night!

Reading: John 1.1-14

Hymn: O come, all ye faithful

Hymn: Hark! The herald angels sing

Voluntary: Bach In Dulci Jubilo, Edmundson Vom Himmel Hoch

Have a merry Christmas!

A note from the Chaplain, Sam:

As Chaplain of Castle, I am here for *you*. As I get to know the life of this wonderful college, please stop me to introduce yourself. I am available for pastoral conversations. Please also contact me if you wish to be involved in the Chapel services (to read, set up, suggest ideas, etc.), or to explore using the Chapels for a special college event.



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