



ST CATHARINE'S COLLEGE
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The Rev'd David Neaum
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To all prospective Undergraduate and Post-Graduate members,

I look forward to welcoming you to St Catharine's College and would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself, the College Chapel and the Chapel Choir.

The Chaplain is someone who has a responsibility to care for the welfare of every member of the College community. I am available to talk to anyone about anything, regardless of your beliefs or religious practices. I expect to meet every new undergraduate member of College in the first few weeks of term and shall invite you in small groups to my rooms for an informal chat about welfare (not about religion!). Post-graduates are equally welcome to be in touch with me directly to arrange a mutually convenient time for a conversation.

Please take the time to fill in the short questionnaire at the end of this document and return it to me as soon as possible by post or by e-mail.

I do look forward to meeting you and wish you well for the next few weeks of the summer.

With every good wish,

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Neaum', followed by a horizontal flourish.

David Neaum

THE COLLEGE CHAPLAINCY

The College Chaplain is the Rev'd David Neaum. He trained for the Anglican (Church of England) priesthood at Westcott House, Cambridge, and served in the parish of Marnhull, Dorset, and the University Church of St Mary the Virgin, Oxford, before coming to St Catharine's. David has degrees in both philosophy and theology and is currently completing a doctorate through the Faculty of Divinity.

David is available to talk to anyone, of any faith or none. If you wish to speak with someone in confidence on any matter, be it to do with work, money, stress, relationships, family, homesickness, addictions, or simply being 'you', the Chaplain is there to listen. You may even have something to celebrate! Please never feel isolated or that there is no-one to talk to.

David can help if you wish to be put in touch with your own faith leaders and communities or if you would like spiritual



The Chaplain,
The Rev'd David Neaum

The Chaplain's rooms, A4, are in the top corner above the bell



direction, guided reading, the opportunity to talk about your faith or doubts or to share in prayer.

The welfare of students is a high priority for the College and during the first few weeks of term all new **undergraduate members** of College will be invited to meetings about welfare both by David as Chaplain and by their Tutors.

The informal welfare meetings with David will take place in his office in A4 in small groups. If you cannot make the date that is suggested, please contact him to make alternative arrangements. To do this, either speak with David when you see him around College, or contact him by e-mail: dan25@cam.ac.uk If you are a new **post-graduate student**, you are equally welcome to make an appointment for an informal conversation, again by e-mail.

THE COLLEGE CHAPEL

The Chapel exists for all members of the College and their guests as a place of worship and prayer. Whatever your denomination or faith, or if you have no particular religious convictions but simply wish to find an indoor space for peaceful reflection and thinking, you are welcome to use the Chapel which is open throughout the day. Architecturally simple and yet striking in line, classical symmetry and acoustic, the Chapel has been a place of dedication and spiritual encounter since 1704. Here, day by day, prayers are offered for the life of the College; here, worshippers gather to offer praises and petitions to Almighty God; here, marriages are made, the departed commemorated and prayed for; and here a sense of broad fellowship and community is established and developed.



The wisdom window by Tom Denny

St Catharine's boasts a fine musical tradition and the rites of the Church of England are enriched by the excellent contribution of our Choir, our junior Girls' Choir (8–14 year olds) and Organ Scholars. The Chapel's three-manual organ, recently refurbished by Flentrop Orgelbouw, is one of the finest instruments in Cambridge today. The Chapel is a popular venue for recitals and other performances both in and out of term-time.

Other than the formal worship of the daily offices of Morning and Evening Prayer and the Holy Eucharist, alternative services of the Word and extended silence are offered. For details of all acts of worship, visiting preachers, social and special events, please see the Chapel Term Sheet which you will receive by e-mail when you come up. For any further information about the life of the Chapel, please be in touch with the Chaplain, either before or after you arrive in Cambridge.

The interior of the Chapel



THE CHAPEL CHOIR

St. Catharine's College Chapel Choir is looking for enthusiastic singers of all voice parts to join its ranks for the new academic year. The full choir currently sings two services in Chapel a week, on Thursdays and Sunday evening, and a reduced choir sings on Sunday mornings. There are occasional concerts. The repertoire is wide and varied, including pieces from the fifteenth century to the present day, from all Christian musical traditions.



The Choir fully robed for a service

The choir undertakes a foreign tour every summer (recently trips have included Spain, Italy, Denmark, Hong Kong, China, Paris, the Czech Republic and the USA) and a number of trips to Cathedrals and other venues within the United Kingdom. The Choir has also made several prestigious recordings.

Other benefits include free formal dinner in Hall after the Sunday evening service and subsidised singing lessons; and, most importantly, participation in a dedicated and friendly team.

Experience of singing in a choir and an ability to learn music quickly are an advantage but many choir members have come to us with little formal training and left after three years having learned invaluable skills. So do not be put off by the prospect of auditioning!

The Director of Music, Dr Edward Wickham, will be holding auditions in Chapel at the beginning of term. Please contact him on music.director@caths.cam.ac.uk to arrange an individual audition time slot in advance, or talk to the Senior Organ Scholar, Alex Ying, after the Freshers' meeting on the evening of your first Saturday.



The Director of Music,
Dr Edward Wickham

CHAPLAINCY & CHAPEL CHOIR QUESTIONNAIRE

Please return to: The Rev'd David Neaum at Catharine's College, Cambridge. CB2 1RL
or dan25@cam.ac.uk

1. Name (block capitals):
2. Religion (or Christian denomination):
3. Practising member: YES/NO
4. Would you like to receive information from or be put in touch with the appropriate chaplain/society of your religion? YES/NO
5. Would you like to be involved in the leadership of the Chapel? YES/NO/MAYBE
If YES, then please indicate in which way you would like to participate (please tick)

Reader (reading the Bible readings set for the day)

Steward (welcoming people to services)

Intercessor (preparing and leading prayers at Evensong or the Eucharist)

Altar Server (assisting at the Eucharist/Holy Communion)

6. Would you be interested in joining the discussion group that meets on Monday evenings over pizza? The discussions vary but seek to engage broadly and intelligently with faith, scripture, current affairs and questions of personal interest to the participants.
YES/NO/MAYBE

7. St Catharine's has one of the finest College Choirs in Cambridge.

If you would like to audition for the Choir, please indicate your voice part:

Soprano **Alto** **Tenor** **Bass**

Thank you very much for taking the time to complete this questionnaire. Should you wish to be in touch before you come up, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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