Music & Chaplaincy Questionnaire

This comes to you from Dr Edward Wickham (Director of Music) and Revd Ally Barrett (College Chaplain) – we are sending a joint message because there’s quite a bit of overlap between the life of the College Chapel / Chaplaincy and the musical activities in the College.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming you to St Catharine’s in October. Before you come up, we would like to hear from you about your music-making, and also about whether you have any particular religious or faith affiliation, so that we can be sure to keep you informed about opportunities in College and in the University right from the start of term.

Please do take the time to read through and fill in the questionnaire that you can find here:
https://www.caths.cam.ac.uk/music-and-chaplaincy-questionnaire

Music
The music section will ask you whether you play an instrument, or sing, how long you’ve been playing or singing and to what standard, and whether you might be interested in joining the college choir or orchestra. St Catharine’s maintains a busy and diverse musical life: the chapel choir, an orchestra and several ensembles operate here, performing as part of regular concert series and services. For those with a lot of musical experience and who want to take it further during their college career, there is the opportunity to apply for an instrumental scholarship or to participate in the college choir. Please register your interest by Monday 23rd September. We will arrange auditions at the start of the academic year. Whether you are an experienced musician wanting to pursue music at a serious level or would like to have the opportunity to take part in less formal activities, there will be ways for you to get involved in music at St Catharine’s.

For further information about College Music, please visit the website at
http://www.caths.cam.ac.uk/about-us/music

For further information about Choral and Instrumental Scholarships, please visit the website at
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Chaplaincy
As College Chaplain I am available to all members of the College community, of any faith or none, for pastoral care, spiritual encouragement, or just as some to talk to, and am happy to hear from anyone at any time. The Chaplaincy runs various activities from the informal Monday night ‘Chill & Chat’ evenings to interfaith events and wellbeing activities. I can also help put you in touch with a local church or faith community from your own tradition.

The Chapel itself hosts a variety of services during term, from traditional Choral Evensong (with music from the Chapel Choir and organists) to less formal services of Holy Communion and Songs of Praise, and also the very beautiful candlelit Luminaria and Night Songs services. There are also opportunities to get involved with running the Chapel and helping with services, many of which come with ‘perks’ such as free dinners!

For further information about the Chapel and Chaplaincy, please visit the website at
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with best wishes

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