



The Honourable Society of
Lincoln's Inn
Chapel

CHAPEL CALENDAR

MICHAELMAS TERM 2025



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The Hon Sir Paul Morgan

Dean of the Chapel

Michael Todd KC

Preacher

The Ven Sheila Watson

MICHAELMAS TERM 2025

Welcome to the Chapel – here to serve the whole community of the Inn, members, staff, visitors, and all those who live and work here. As we re-open after the summer break a special welcome to anyone who is new this term. Our aim is to provide quiet amidst the clamour; music for the soul; stimulation for the intellect; support under pressure. Do join in or contact us if we can assist in any way. As well as events listed in this Term Calendar – to which everyone is welcome – the Chapel and the Preacher are available for baptisms, marriages and memorial services.

Our building, at the historic heart of the Inn, is a significant renaissance Chapel. In the vestibule is a portrait of John Donne, the seventeenth century poet, a student and former Preacher of Lincoln's Inn. His well-known lines, 'never send to know for whom the bell tolls: it tolls for thee', were inspired by the bell of the old chapel. The bell still tolls today – for services and to mark the death of a Benchers. Each time it reminds us of Donne's words: 'No man is an island entire of itself; every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main any man's death diminishes me.' It's the African insight, Ubuntu, that my life is inextricably bound up with yours – 'I am, because we are'. It's a reminder of how much we need each other and need to look out for each other today.

As Michaelmas Term begins, consider joining us for the two Wigs and Mitres Sermons, one by The Rt Revd Lusa Nsenga-Ngoy, the Bishop of Willesden, and the other by Sir Robert Buckland KBE KC, the Third Church Estates Commissioner and a former Lord Chancellor. More details of these and other special events – such as Remembrance Sunday and the Carol Services – are detailed in the pages of this Term Calendar.

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Preacher

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MICHAELMAS TERM SERVICES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

SUNDAY SERVICES take place **weekly from Sunday 5 October until Sunday 7 December, at 11:30** (sung according to the *Book of Common Prayer*), as in the Chapel Calendar on pp. 6–7 of this booklet. Details of our forthcoming special services and events are below:

THE FIRST SUNDAY SERVICE OF MICHAELMAS TERM

Sunday 5 October | 11:30

Choral Matins & Sermon *followed by the Baptism of Aliya Salciute*
Theme: St Francis of Assisi, Friar & Founder of the Friars Minor, d. 1226

WIGS & MITRES SERMONS

The Wigs & Mitres Sermons are preached twice a year, by a bishop and a judge, usually on a subject relating to the connection between Christian Faith and the Law.

WIGS & MITRES 1:

Sunday 12 October | 11:30

with **The Rt Revd Lusa Nsenga-Ngoy,**
Bishop of Willesden

Followed by a Drinks Reception & Lunch – please book your place at Sunday Lunch via the [Members Portal](#) as soon as possible and no later than Monday 6 October at 10:00.



WIGS & MITRES 2:

Sunday 23 November | 11:30

with **Sir Robert Buckland KBE KC,**
Third Church Estates Commissioner

Followed by a Drinks Reception & Lunch – please book your place at Sunday Lunch via the [Members Portal](#) as soon as possible and no later than Monday 17 November at 10:00.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

followed by **CHAPEL SERVICE**

on the 107th Anniversary of the
end of the First World War

Sunday 9 November | 10:50

(starting at the War Memorial on New Square)



Followed by a Drinks Reception & Lunch – please book your place at Sunday Lunch via the [Members Portal](#) no later than by Monday 3 November at 10:00.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICES

MIDWEEK CAROL SERVICE

Wednesday 3 December | 17:30

*Followed by mulled wine and
mince pies in the Old Hall.*

FAMILY CAROL SERVICE

Sunday 7 December | 11:30



*Followed by a Drinks Reception & Lunch in the Great Hall –
Followed by a Drinks Reception & Lunch – please book your place at Sunday Lunch via the [Members Portal](#) no later than Monday 1 December at 10:00. This is a very popular event, so please book as soon as possible to avoid disappointment!*

SPECIAL SERMONS DURING MICHAELMAS TERM

On certain ‘ordinary’ Sundays during Michaelmas Term, the Preacher will preach about various lesser-known holy men and women who appear in the Church’s Calendar, including **St Francis of Assisi**, **William and Catherine Booth**, and **John Mason Neale**. Full details of these sermons are available on the Chapel Calendar on pp. 6–7.

WEDNESDAY HALF HOUR BIBLE STUDIES

8, 15 & 22 October | 12, 19, & 26 November | 13:00–13:30



All are welcome to join us for these half hour periods of Bible study at the heart of the week. An **online Bible Study** will also run on the same Wednesday evenings, **from 18:00 until 18:40**. If you would be interested in participating in these, please email chapelclerk@lincolnsinn.org.uk for further details, and to be sent the readings.

SUNDAY LUNCHES

All members of the Inn and their guests are welcome to attend the Sunday Lunches which follow Chapel Services; as are Chapel Associates. To enquire about joining the Chapel Associates List, please email chapelclerk@lincolnsinn.org.uk. If you are already a member or a Chapel Associate, please book using the [Members Portal](#). The **deadline** for making your booking is **always 10:00 on the preceding Monday**.

Lunch is available following special services on Sundays
12 October, 9 November, 23 November and 7 December.

SUNDAY REFRESHMENTS

Coffee is served in the Old Hall Crypt **from 10:30** before – **as well as after** – all Sunday services. All are welcome. Whenever Sunday Lunch is served, there is always a **Drinks Reception** in either the Old Hall Crypt, or in the Bench Rooms (depending on where Lunch is to be held), after the service. All members of the congregation and visitors are welcome to join us for at the drinks receptions: you do not have to be booked into Sunday Lunch to do so!



MICHAELMAS TERM CALENDAR

Sundays with Lunch in Hall are marked with an asterisk ().
Please book your place with Member Events by the Monday prior at 10:00.*

October

5	Sunday 16 th after Trinity	11:30	Choral Matins: The Preacher <u>Theme:</u> St Francis of Assisi, Friar & Founder of the Friars Minor, d. 1226 <i>followed by the Baptism of Aliya Salciute</i>
7	Tuesday	16:30	Call Day Service
8	Wednesday	13:00	Lunchtime Bible Study
9	Thursday	16:30	Call Day Service
12*	Sunday 17 th after Trinity	11:30	Wigs & Mitres 1: The Rt Revd Lusa Nsenga-Ngoy, Bishop of Willesden <i>followed by Drinks & Lunch</i>
15	Wednesday	13:00	Lunchtime Bible Study
19	Sunday 18 th after Trinity	11:30	Choral Matins: The Preacher
22	Wednesday	13:00	Lunchtime Bible Study
26	Sunday 19 th after Trinity	11:30	Choral Matins: The Preacher <u>Theme:</u> William and Catherine Booth, Founders of the Salvation Army

November

2	Sunday All Saints/All Souls	11:30	Sung Eucharist: The Preacher
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9*	Sunday Remembrance	<u>10:50</u>	Act of Remembrance followed by Chapel Service: The Preacher <i>followed by Drinks & Lunch</i>
12	Wednesday	13:00	Lunchtime Bible Study
16	Sunday 22 nd after Trinity	11:30	Choral Matins: The Preacher <u>Theme:</u> John Mason Neale, Priest & Hymn Writer, d. 1866
19	Wednesday	13:00	Lunchtime Bible Study
23*	Sunday 23 rd after Trinity	11:30	Wigs & Mitres 2: Sir Robert Buckland KBE KC, Third Church Estates Commissioner <i>followed by Drinks & Lunch</i>
25	Tuesday	16:30	Call Day Service
26	Wednesday	13:00	Lunchtime Bible Study
27	Thursday	16:30	Call Day Service
30	Sunday Advent Sunday	11:30	Sung Eucharist: The Preacher <u>Theme:</u> Bible Sunday

December

3	Wednesday	17:30	Midweek Carol Service <i>followed by mulled wine and mince pies</i>
7*	Sunday 2 nd in Advent	11:30	Family Carol Service <i>followed by Drinks & Lunch</i>

*Services resume in Hilary Term 2026
with the Inauguration of the New Treasurer
on Monday 12 January at 18:00.*



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**The Chapel is usually open to the public daily from Monday to Friday,
09:00 to 17:00, as a place of calm, reflection and personal prayer.**

**To find out more about the life of the Chapel visit
<https://www.lincolnsinn.org.uk/about-us/chapel/>
or email chapelclerk@lincolnsinn.org.uk to be added to our Mailing List.**

Members of the Inn can now subscribe to our newsletter via the Members' Portal.



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Call 999 if someone is at immediate risk.