

The Honourable Society of
Lincoln's Inn

CHAPEL CALENDAR

HILARY TERM 2026



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Preacher

The Ven Sheila Watson

Hilary Term 2026

WELCOME to Chapel for this Hilary Term, which takes its name from Hilary of Poitiers, a bishop in the fourth century. His name comes from the Latin for happy or cheerful – encompassing the underlying hope in the Christian Gospel still so needed amidst the current turmoil of the world. Then, as now, the Christian message of hope amidst adversity – the belief that ultimately the love of God can lead us through our fears and anxieties; the message of love thy neighbour – has more importance than ever.

As Term begins, we are very glad to mark the Inauguration of Elspeth Talbot Rice KC as our 519th Treasurer. Celebrations continue on Sunday 18 January with the Epiphany Carol Service; in February look out for the special Thanksgiving in memory of those who have died; and in March, Philip West, Associate Professor of Early Modern English Literature at the University of Oxford, will speak at our celebration of John Donne, the seventeenth century poet, student and then the Preacher of Lincoln's Inn. At the end of Term, we celebrate Palm Sunday, with a Dramatic Reading of the Passion by members of the Inn. Lunch follows each of these. Do book early. Guests are very welcome.

Music in our worship plays a major part in Sunday services led by our excellent Chapel Choir and musicians. Finally, Lent begins early this year on 18 February, marked by two services for Ash Wednesday that day. Look out for the month of weekly Lent discussion groups which follow.

The Chapel is historically the spiritual heart of the Inn. It is a significant renaissance building (consecrated in 1623) with some rare Flemish stained glass as well as family memories in the 'Treasurers' shields. In the vestibule is a portrait of John Donne. His well-known lines, *'never send to know for whom the bell tolls: it tolls for thee'*, were inspired by his Christian faith and by the bell of the old chapel. The bell still tolls today – for services and to mark the death of a Bencher. 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, part of the main. ... any man's death diminishes me.'*

Sheila Watson, Preacher

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HILARY TERM SERVICES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

SUNDAY SERVICES take place **weekly at 11:30** (sung according to the *Book of Common Prayer*), as in the Chapel Calendar on pp. 6–7 of this Term Card. Details of our special services this Term are printed below:

THE FIRST SERVICE OF 2026 NEW TREASURER'S INAUGURATION

Monday 12 January | 18:00

Join us for the first Chapel Service of 2026, the **Inauguration of the 519th Treasurer of the Inn**, Elspeth Talbot Rice KC. All are very welcome.



THE FIRST SUNDAY SERVICE OF 2026 EPIPHANY CAROL SERVICE

Sunday 18 January | 11:30

followed by Drinks & Sunday Lunch



A special service of carols, hymns and readings themed around the season of Epiphanytide, celebrating the manifestation of Christ to the world. Followed by drinks and Lunch in Hall.

Sunday Lunch bookings open on Friday 12 December.

The final deadline for booking into this lunch is Monday 12 January at 10:00.

THANKSGIVING IN MEMORIAM

Sunday 8 February | 11:30



A special service providing the opportunity to remember and give thanks for loved ones who have died. Followed by a drinks reception and Lunch in Hall. *Sunday Lunch bookings open on Friday 12 December. The final deadline for booking into this lunch is Monday 2 February at 10:00.*

JOHN DONNE SERVICE & ADDRESS

Sunday 1 March | 11:30

Our 2026 John Donne Address will be given by **Professor Philip West**, Associate Professor and Tutor at Somerville College, Oxford. Followed by a drinks reception and Lunch in Hall. *Sunday Lunch bookings open on Friday 12 December. The final deadline for booking into this lunch is Monday 23 February at 10:00.*



PALM SUNDAY

SUNG EUCHARIST WITH BLESSING OF PALMS & DRAMATIC READING OF THE PASSION GOSPEL

Sunday 29 March | 11:30



On **Palm Sunday** we will celebrate our usual Sung Eucharist with the Blessing of Palms and Dramatic Reading of the Passion Gospel. Followed by a drinks reception and Lunch in Hall. *Sunday Lunch bookings open on Friday 12 December. The final deadline for booking into this lunch is Monday 23 March at 10:00.*

SUNDAY LUNCHES

All members of the Inn and their guests are welcome to attend the Sunday Lunches which follow Chapel Services; as are members of the Chapel Associates List. Please book using the Members' Portal from Friday 12 December. To enquire about joining the Associates' List, please email chapelclerk@lincolnsinn.org.uk. The **deadline** for making a booking for Sunday Lunch is 10:00 on the preceding Monday.

Lunch is available following special services on the following Sundays:
18 January | 8 February | 1 March | 29 March

WEEKDAY SERVICES & EVENTS

LUNCHTIME ORGAN RECITAL

Tuesday 20 January | 13:05–13:35

A half-hour organ recital to which all are welcome.
A programme will be released nearer the time.



ASH WEDNESDAY: 18 FEBRUARY

13:00 Holy Communion

17:30 Sung Eucharist

All are welcome at either service marking the beginning of Lent. The Imposition of Ashes will be available at both, for those who wish.

LENT LUNCHTIME HALF HOUR DISCUSSIONS

25 February | 4, 11 & 18 March

13:00–13:30

An opportunity to reflect on matters biblical and contemporary at the heart of the working week. These will be led by the Preacher and will take place in the Chapel. All are welcome.



An **online course** will also be offered on the same Wednesdays at **17:30**. Please email chapelclerk@lincolnsinn.org.uk if you are interested in joining the online sessions, and details will be sent to you directly.

The Preacher's Sunday sermons during Lent will also have **special themes**. The dates and themes are detailed in full on the Chapel Calendar overleaf, and will range from Charles de Foucauld (22 February) to Alphege (8 March) to the Melanesian Brotherhood (22 March).

HILARY TERM CALENDAR

Sundays with Lunch in Hall are marked with an asterisk ()*

January

12	Monday	18:00	Treasurer's Inauguration
18*	Sunday 2 nd after Epiphany	11:30	Epiphany Carol Service <i>followed by Drinks & Lunch</i>
19	Monday	14:00	Memorial: Paul Lonergan
20	Tuesday	13:05	Lunchtime Organ Recital
25	Sunday 3 rd after Epiphany	11:30	Choral Matins: The Preacher

February

1	Sunday Candlemas	11:30	Sung Eucharist: The Preacher
8*	Sunday Sexagesima	11:30	Thanksgiving in Memoriam <i>followed by Drinks & Lunch</i>
9	Monday	17:00	Memorial: Stephen Leslie KC <i>followed by a Reception</i>

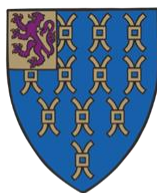
Half Term Break: the next Chapel Service is on 18 February

18	Wednesday Ash Wednesday	13:00 17:30	Said Holy Communion Sung Eucharist
22	Sunday 1 st in Lent	11:30	Choral Matins: The Preacher <i>Charles de Foucauld: prayer and sacrifice</i>
25	Wednesday	13:00	Lent Lunchtime Half Hour

March

1*	Sunday 2 nd in Lent	11:30	John Donne Service & Address: Professor Philip West <i>Associate Professor & Tutor, Somerville College, Oxford followed by Drinks & Lunch</i>
4	Wednesday	13:00	Lent Lunchtime Half Hour
8	Sunday 3 rd in Lent	11:30	Choral Matins: The Preacher <i>Alphege: mediaeval statesman & martyr</i>
11	Wednesday	13:00	Lent Lunchtime Half Hour
15	Sunday Mothering Sunday	11:30	Choral Matins: The Preacher
17	Tuesday	17:00	Memorial: Lady Fox CMG KC <i>followed by a Reception</i>
18	Wednesday	13:00	Lent Lunchtime Half Hour
22	Sunday Passion Sunday	11:30	Choral Matins: The Preacher <i>The Melanesian Brotherhood: Millennial Martyrs for Peace</i>
24	Tuesday	16:30	Call Day Service
26	Thursday	16:30	Call Day Service
29*	Sunday Palm Sunday	11:30	Sung Eucharist with Blessing of Palms & Dramatic Reading of the Passion: The Preacher <i>followed by Drinks & Lunch</i>

*Chapel Services resume in Easter Term, beginning with
Choral Matins on Sunday 19 April at 11:30.*



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09:00 to 17:00, as a place of calm, reflection and personal prayer.**

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